

SPECIAL SEMINAR by

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of ASEAN



# "Is ASEAN Still Relevant Today?"

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16:00-17:00

Middle-sized Meeting Room (No.332),  
3rd Floor, Inamori Building, Kyoto University  
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DETAIL/ACCESS

The 21st century is witnessing a surge in tensions between the United States and China, where Southeast Asia holds a significant place. Southeast Asian countries may even risk becoming the venue for proxy wars between the two powers, and they also diverge with their foreign affairs in that some countries are approaching China while others do so with the United States. If the solidarity of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) wavers, their significance as a community may also weaken. In these circumstances, what path would ASEAN follow, and how should Japan interact with Southeast Asia or ASEAN? This seminar provides an opportunity to think about these issues with the Secretary General of ASEAN.

## H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn

Dr. Kao Kim Hourn is the 15th Secretary-General of ASEAN. Prior to assuming his current position on 9 January 2023, Dr. Kao had served as a two-term Minister Delegate attached to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, from 2013 to 2022, and Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, from 2004 to 2013. Dr. Kao's career has focused on strengthening Cambodia's international relations, particularly in ASEAN, driving policy advocacy and promoting research, education, and development. He has authored dozens of books and articles on Cambodia and ASEAN. Dr. Kao received BA in Asian Studies from Baylor University, MA in Political Science and MA in International Studies from Ohio University, and PhD in Political Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

## ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No Fee to Participate

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## PROGRAM

**Moderator** Prof. Chachavalpongpun, Pavin Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

15:30-16:00 **Venue Open**

16:00-16:05 **Opening Remarks** Prof. MIENO Fumiharu Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University

16:05-16:35 **Lecture** H.E. Dr. Kao Kim Hourn Secretary-General of ASEAN

16:35-16:55 **Q&A**

16:55-17:00 **Closing Remarks** Prof. Chachavalpongpun, Pavin