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# The Future in East Asia, the Pacific and Beyond

With **Sir John Key** GNZM, AC  
and other invited guests

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# Welcome

The University of Edinburgh is delighted to host this event in association with WSD. The Charity is a cherished partner of the University through support of the Handa Chair in Japanese-Chinese Relations, and I am particularly pleased that Professor Aaron Moore, the newly appointed Handa Chair, will join us tonight as a speaker.

As a distinguished leader both at home and abroad, Sir John Key is a fitting speaker to open this event on **The Future in East Asia, the Pacific and Beyond**. His achievements as New Zealand's Prime Minister for more than eight years have drawn accolades from political and economic pundits. His lecture 'Engaging with China: A view from the Neighbourhood' will be an opportunity for participants to hear and learn from his perspective as a former leader, who has interacted with key individuals in China, at the highest level.



**Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea**

Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh



As Founder and Chairman of Worldwide Support for Development (WSD), it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the next talk in our Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted this evening at the University of Edinburgh. Titled '**The Future in East Asia, the Pacific and Beyond**', tonight's symposium will provide a platform for some of the most unique perspectives on the future of the Asia-Pacific region – with a panel hailing from the highest realms of politics, economics and academia.



In particular, I am delighted that former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Patron of WSD, Sir John Key, has agreed to travel to Edinburgh to share his insights into this fascinating subject. His keynote address promises to reinforce the impactful work that the University is undertaking, all the while providing profile to the important research carried out by the Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations.

I am also incredibly grateful to the Principal of Edinburgh University, Sir Timothy O'Shea, with whom I have enjoyed many engagements over the years. The friendship extended by Sir Timothy has been the cornerstone in the relationship between WSD and his venerable institution. I hope this bond will continue to act as the inspiration for our organisation's support for the University of Edinburgh in the years to come.

Finally, I would like to thank Sir Timothy's excellent team for organising this event and wish Sir John and all of tonight's visiting panel a wonderful time in exploring this beautiful city.

**Dr Haruhisa Handa**

## Biography

Dr Haruhisa Handa is recognised for his commitment to improving the lives of disadvantaged people around the world. His philanthropic and humanitarian work has included the founding of a free emergency hospital in Cambodia. He is Honorary Chairman of the Japanese Blind Golf Association, Honorary Patron of the World Blind Golf Association and Vice-President of the UK's Royal National Institute of Blind People. Dr Handa has an economics degree from Doshisha University in Kyoto and a masters degree in creative arts from Edith Cowan University, a PhD in literature from Tsinghua University and a PhD in literature from Zhejiang University.

In 2010 Dr Handa established the Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations at the University of Edinburgh, and in 2016 he was awarded the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from the University, in recognition of his support for education, health, the arts and sport.

# Synopsis

## Engaging with China: A View from the Neighbourhood

with Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Patron of WSD,  
**Sir John Key** GNZM, AC

The transformation of China in the last few decades is having a significant impact not only on its people but on the world. This is felt in particular in the region in which China is located. The Chinese Government's commitment to rise peacefully is one which its neighbours watch with great interest. For example, New Zealand has built up a strong relationship with China and has proactively engaged with it as it transforms itself from a command economy into one which attracts more foreign direct investment than nearly everyone else. Other countries look on this development with anxiety, however, wondering what a future featuring a strong China will look like. In this lecture I shall draw upon the experience of engaging with China when I served in the government of New Zealand to share insights and lessons learnt.

# Programme

## Welcome

**Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, the University of Edinburgh

## Engaging with China: A View from the Neighbourhood

**Sir John Key** GNZM, AC, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and WSD Patron

## China's future engagement in Asia and beyond: the Belt and Road Initiative

**Dr Natascha Gentz**, Assistant Principal, China, the University of Edinburgh

## Japan's Changing Visions of the Future

**Professor Aaron Moore**, Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations

## Three Tigers; One Mountain:

## China, Japan and the US in the Pacific Century

**Richard McGregor**, author and journalist

## Panel discussion

Chaired by **Sir Tim Lankester**, Vice-Chairman, Worldwide Support for Development

## Closing remarks

**Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea**, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, the University of Edinburgh

## Reception

# Biographies

## Keynote speaker

**Sir John Key** GNZM, AC

**Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and  
Patron, Worldwide Support and Development**



Sir John Key was Prime Minister of New Zealand from 2008 to 2016, where he won three general elections as leader of the centre-right National Party. He led the country through the aftermath of the global financial crisis and a series of devastating earthquakes in New Zealand's second biggest city. When he retired from office, New Zealand enjoyed one of the best fiscal positions and highest growth rates of any advanced economy.

Sir John was well respected in international affairs. He became head of the International Democrat Union and, in 2016, chaired the United Nations Security Council.

Prior to entering politics in 2002, Sir John worked in investment banking. In a career spanning 20 years, he held positions at the Bankers Trust in New Zealand and for Merrill Lynch in their Singapore, London and Sydney offices. His posts included heading Merrill Lynch's global foreign exchange business, alongside responsibility for European derivative trading and e-commerce. In 1999, Sir John was invited to join the Foreign Exchange Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

He grew up in Christchurch, New Zealand, where he gained a degree in accountancy and later undertook short course studies at Harvard University.

## Chair

**Sir Tim Lankester**

**Vice-Chairman, Worldwide Support and Development**

Sir Tim held senior positions in the British Treasury, was Britain's representative on the boards of the IMF, World Bank and the European Investment Bank, and served as Permanent Secretary in Britain's international aid and education ministries. Earlier, he served as Private Secretary (Economic Affairs) to Prime Ministers Callaghan and Thatcher. From 1996 to 2001 he was Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies in the University of London, and from 2001 to 2009 he was President of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. From 2007 to 2015 he was chairman of the governing body of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



## Speakers

### Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea FAcSS, FRSE, FEng Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh

A computer scientist, Professor O'Shea is a graduate of the Universities of Sussex and Leeds. He became Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh in 2002, holds a personal chair in Informatics and Education and is a Visiting Professor of Learning Teaching Innovation, Open University.

Professor O'Shea is Chair of the Board of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, Coursera University Advisory Board and Universities Scotland Research Knowledge Exchange Committee. He is Convener of the Scottish Government's Further and Higher Education Sector Oversight Board for Information and Communications Technology. He holds honorary degrees from Heriot-Watt University, the University of Strathclyde, McGill University and Saint Petersburg University of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Professor O'Shea was awarded a knighthood in the Queen's 2008 New Year's Honours List in recognition of his services to higher education.



### Professor Natascha Gentz Assistant Principal China, the University of Edinburgh

Assistant Principal China and Director of the University's Confucius Institute for Scotland, Professor Gentz will expand on the above theme by discussing China's new massive Belt and Road Initiative and its implications for our future engagement with China.

Natascha joined the University in 2006 as Chair of Chinese and as the founding Director of the Confucius Institute for Scotland. In 2008 she was appointed Dean International China, becoming Assistant Principal China in 2015.

She received her MA and PhD from Heidelberg with residences at Fudan University, Shanghai; People's University, Beijing; and Tokyo University. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and Honorary Fellow of the 48 Club, she is an executive board member of a number of China-focused organisations.



### Professor Aaron William Moore Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations, the University of Edinburgh

Aaron Moore will introduce the history of changing Japanese visions of the future, from its emergence as a rapidly modernising nation in the nineteenth century to WWII, and its post-war embrace of peaceful technological innovations such as robotics and bullet trains.

American-born Aaron Moore was appointed to the post of Handa Chair in September 2017. Before coming to the University of Edinburgh, he held the post of Senior Lecturer in Japanese and East Asian History in the University of Manchester. Prior to taking up his post at Manchester, Professor Moore worked at Princeton, the University of Virginia, and Oxford University.

Aaron was a recipient of the Leverhulme Prize in 2014, and his first book, *Writing War: Soldiers Record the Japanese Empire*, published in 2013, was positively received in the *Financial Times* and the *London Review of Books*, as well as more specialist journals.



### Richard McGregor Journalist and author

Richard McGregor is an award-winning journalist and author with unrivalled experience in reporting on the top-level politics and economies of east Asia, primarily China and Japan, and also in Washington on national security issues.

He was the *Financial Times* bureau chief in Beijing and Shanghai between 2000 and 2009, and headed the Washington office for four years from 2011. Prior to that, he headed the Tokyo and Hong Kong offices for *The Australian*, and established the paper's first Beijing bureau in 1996. He was also political correspondent for *The Australian* in Canberra from 1998 to 2000. His book on the Chinese Communist Party published in 2010, *The Party*, won numerous awards in the US and overseas.

He was a fellow at the Wilson Center in 2015 and a visiting scholar at the Sigur Center at George Washington University in 2016.



## The University of Edinburgh

Founded in the beautiful historic city of Edinburgh in 1583, the University of Edinburgh is consistently ranked one of the top 25 universities in the world. It is the UK's leading research centre in disciplines ranging from engineering, environment science, agricultural, veterinary and food science to sociology and computer science.

Alumni of the University include some of the major figures of modern history, including physicist James Clerk Maxwell, naturalist Charles Darwin, philosopher David Hume, mathematician Thomas Bayes, surgeon Joseph Lister, Nobel Prize winner Professor Peter Higgs, inventor Alexander Graham Bell, and many famous authors such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Sir Walter Scott.

## Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations

Dr Handa established the Handa Chair of Japanese-Chinese Relations at the University of Edinburgh in 2010.

Based in the Department of Asian Studies within the School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, the post-holder works closely with the Confucius Institute for Scotland in the University of Edinburgh.

## Confucius Institute for Scotland

The Confucius Institute for Scotland in the University of Edinburgh is a national centre to promote educational, economic and cultural ties between Scotland and China.

Set up with Sino-Scottish Government backing and partnered with Fudan University in Shanghai, since being established in 2006 it has become a hub and a catalyst for Sino-Scottish engagement in education, business and culture.

## Worldwide Support for Development

The Worldwide Support for Development (WSD) is a Japanese not-for-profit organisation, founded by Dr Haruhisa Handa, which is committed to assisting disadvantaged people and communities throughout the world.

The aim of WSD is to help create a world where people – no matter where they live – can be safe and happy and enjoy economically, socially and culturally high standards of living. WSD works to facilitate international cooperation and support in social welfare and education, as well as academia, and to assist people who are experiencing social and financial need.