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Additional Secretary (Asia Pacific) from Ambassador

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Subject: **Invitation for the Prime Minister of Pakistan to attend the 31st Future of Asia Conference, 10-11 June 2026**

The President and CEO of Nikkei Inc., a media and publishing company, Mr. Tsuyoshi Hasebe, has extended an invitation to the Prime Minister of Pakistan, to attend the 31st Future of Asia Conference, to be held in Tokyo from 10-11 June 2026 (invitation attached).

2. Nikkei Inc. has been organizing the Future of Asia Conference on annual basis since 1995. In its reporting and framing of the context, Nikkei Asia sometimes seems to lean in favour of the Quad, particularly India. This is an international event where leading personalities from academia, politics, economy and media, from regional countries engage in intellectual discussions and present their respective ideas. The media interaction also takes place at the forum to present and advocate issues of international importance. This forum can be effectively utilized to portray our perspective and present our policy initiatives.

3. Historically, this event has been attended by former Ministers, CEOs, journalists, leading think-tanks, media personnel, bureaucracy and academia from regional countries of Asia Pacific. Only occasionally, a current office holder attends this event.

4. Keeping in view the academic and journalistic scope of the event and geo-strategic dynamics of the region, the Mission proposes that any head of Pakistan's think-tanks/institutes (e.g., Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad or Institute of Regional Studies) or any other appropriate spokesperson of the government may be considered for attending this event.

Encl: As above

With regards,

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November 10, 2025

H.E. Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif
Prime Minister
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Your Excellency,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Tsuyoshi Hasebe and I am the president and CEO of Nikkei Inc., Japan's largest business media group. Before I go any further, I would like to thank you for all the support and understanding that you have extended to Nikkei.

With the aim of fostering peace, stability and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region, Nikkei has convened the Future of Asia (<https://nikkeiforum.com/foa25en/index>) forum annually since 1995. Future of Asia is a two-day event where political, business, and academic leaders gather to offer their opinions frankly and openly on regional and global issues, and the role of Asia in a turbulent world. Honored by the presence of countless distinguished speakers since its inauguration, it is considered to be one of the most influential international forums in Asia.

Today, with this letter, I would like to invite Your Excellency to the 31st Future of Asia which will be held on Wednesday, June 10, and Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Imperial Hotel Tokyo. My invitation is for you to give a speech and interact with the moderator/audience on one of the two days, and also to join me at the Welcoming Dinner scheduled on the evening of June 10 where we expect the Japanese prime minister to deliver a key foreign policy message.

I can assure you that the forum, which will be covered extensively by Nikkei's Japanese and English media, will be a fitting platform for you to deliver your message not just to the people of Japan but also to people across the globe. Please refer to the enclosed forum outline for the main theme of the 31st Future of Asia.

Thank you so much for taking your time to consider this invitation. I look forward to welcoming you to Tokyo next June.

Respectfully yours,

Tsuyoshi HASEBE
President & CEO
Nikkei Inc.

NIKKEI FORUM 31st FUTURE OF ASIA Outline

November 10, 2025

FUTURE OF ASIA is an international gathering where political, business and academic leaders from the Asia-Pacific region offer their opinions frankly and freely on regional issues and the role of Asia in the world. Held by Nikkei every year since 1995 with the aim of fostering peace, stability and sustainable development, it is one of the most important global conferences in Asia.

Please visit our website for further information and the full list of speakers from past conferences:
<https://nikkeiforum.com/foa25en/>

Date & Venue:

Wednesday, June 10, and Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo

Welcoming Dinner to be held on the evening of June 10

*We expect the Japanese Prime Minister to deliver a key foreign policy message at the dinner.

Organizer: Nikkei Inc.

Main Theme: "Working together for a more resilient and prosperous Asia"

80 years since the end of the war, the world has entered a volatile period of transition. The global order faces multiple challenges, and Asia must find its own answers to navigate through rough waters. The 31st Future of Asia will discuss and offer valuable ideas on how Asia can work closely together for a much more resilient and prosperous Asia.

Format of the forum:

In-person speeches and discussions with live streaming in both English and Japanese

Headline Speakers in 2025:

Muhammad Yunus, Chief Advisor of the Interim Government, Bangladesh; Thongloun Sisoulith, President, Laos; Hun Manet, Prime Minister, Cambodia; Surangel Whipps Jr., President, Palau; Mahathir bin Mohamad, Former Prime Minister, Malaysia; Gan Kim Yong, Deputy Prime Minister, Singapore; Nguyen Chi Dung, Deputy Prime Minister, Vietnam; Shigeru Ishiba, Prime Minister, Japan

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