

Invitation



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requests the honour of your presence
at
the Inaugural Lecture of the APEC Study Centre
by

Mr. Dominic Barton

Chairman of the Asia Region, McKinsey & Company
on

**Power Shift towards Asia in the Global Financial
System and its Implications for Financial Centres**



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4:00pm – 5:30pm

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Reception after lecture

Synopsis

Today, after a remarkable ten years of transformation, Asia's financial system is substantially deeper and more robust than it was in 1997. Sitting atop an enormous rising economic tide, it is poised to benefit from a host of factors -- including the rise of China and India, the re-emergence of Japan, robust intra-regional trade, enormous infrastructure-financing needs and the opportunities presented by increasingly powerful Asian sources of capital. Asia appears set to play an important role in the world's financial system over the coming decade -- a true third partner in the global triad, along with Europe and the United States.

McKinsey's bionote on Mr Barton:

“McKinsey & Company’s Chairman of Asia is a leading thinker on financial sector reform, sustainability and corporate governance in both the public and private sector. His advisory in such areas as consumer finance, banking and securities, private equity, and insurance has transformed clients from local and regional players into global leaders and top performers.

Mr. Barton is a keen global observer and often amongst the first to identify new trends and factors that will shape global markets. His seminal work, *Dangerous Markets: Managing in Financial Crises* (published by John Wiley & Sons, 2002), has become a best-seller that identifies the warning signs of impending financial crises. His bylined article in the *Financial Times* in 2006 was key to launching public awareness of the “New Silk Road” phenomenon of budding trade and alliances between the Gulf States and China.

He is one of McKinsey’s most sought-after public speakers and is frequently cited in such publications as *The Asian Wall Street Journal*, *The Financial Times*, *Fortune*, *Institutional Investor*, *Daily Telegraph*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Maeil Business Newspaper*, *Caijing Magazine*, *South China Morning Post* and *Korea’s Hankook Ilbo*. His most recent published book is *China Vignettes: An Inside Look at China* (Talisman, 2007). He is one of the founders of China’s first social venture philanthropy fund.

Mr. Barton is a Rhodes Scholar with an MPhil in economics from Oxford University.