



IOE Asia Regional Digital Conference COVID-19 Business Response

Friday 27 March 2020, 8:00- 9:30 am CET

Agenda

8:00 – 8:10	Welcome remarks by Mr. Hiro Matsui , IOE Asia Regional Vice-President, Senior Adviser, Japan Business Federation (KEIDANREN)
8:10 – 8:15	IOE COVID-19 initiative by Mr. Roberto Suárez Santos , IOE Secretary General
8:15 – 9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>New Zealand:</i> Mr. Paul Mackay, Manager of Employment Relations Policy, BusinessNZ• <i>Singapore:</i> Mr. Stephen Yee, Assistant Executive Director, Singapore National Employers' Federation (SNEF)• <i>Malaysia:</i> Mr. Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan, Executive Director, Malaysia Employers Federation (MEF)• <i>Bangladesh:</i> Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Secretary General, Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF)• <i>Maldives:</i> Mr Janah Mohamed Ali, President, National Federation of Maldivian Employers (NFME)
9:00 – 9:25	Tour de table
9:25 – 9:30	Concluding remarks by Hiro Matsui, IOE Asia Regional Vice-President

Welcome Remarks

Mr. Hiro Matsui, IOE Asia Regional Vice-President,
Senior Adviser, Japan Business Federation
(KEIDANREN)

KEIDANREN (Japan Business Federation) is a comprehensive economic organization with a membership comprised of 1,412 representative companies of Japan, 109 nationwide industrial associations and 47 regional economic organizations.



IOE COVID-19 Initiative

Mr. Roberto Suárez Santos, IOE Secretary-General

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<https://www.ioe-emp.org/en/policy-priorities/covid-19/>



New Zealand

Mr. Paul Mackay, Manager of Employment Relations Policy, BusinessNZ

BusinessNZ is New Zealand's largest business advocacy body which is committed to New Zealand's success – sustainable growth through free enterprise.

It advocates for enterprise and promoting the voice of thousands of businesses across New Zealand, we work for positive change through new thinking, productivity and innovation.



Singapore

Mr. Stephen Yee, Assistant Executive Director,
Singapore National Employers' Federation
(SNEF)

The Singapore National Employers Federation (SNEF) was established in 1980 through the amalgamation of the SEF and the NEC. Before the merger, SEF had 591 members and NEC had 226 members. To date, membership figures total to more than 3,300.



Malaysia

Mr. Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan, Executive Director,
Malaysia Employers Federation (MEF)

Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) is the central organisation of private sector employers in Malaysia recognised nationally, regionally and internationally. Established in 1959, MEF promotes and safeguards the rights and interests of employers. MEF provides a forum for consultation and discussion among members on matters of common interest, and seeks for the adoption of sound principles and practices of human resource and industrial relations through information, advice, research and information, training and other activities.



Bangladesh

Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Secretary General, Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF)

Since its founding in 1998, Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF) now stands as an all-country organization representing all sectors of industry, trade, and services. The Federation represents nearly 90 percent of the established employers in the private sector, all the Sector Corporations and autonomous bodies, such as, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, Bangladesh Power Development Board, etc., individual enterprises, and sectoral line associations of specific industries, i.e., ready made garments, leather, agro-processing, frozen food, etc



Maldives

Mr Janah Mohamed Ali, President, National Federation of Maldivian Employers (NFME)

He is the owner and Chairman of Hotels and Resort Construction Pvt Ltd, currently developing several of his own resorts, and is also a partner in developing the 5-island resort of the Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi.



Hiro Matsui

IOE Asia Regional Vice-President

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