

APEC Voices of the Future

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A Special Report on the APEC Voices of the Future's Participation at the APEC Summit 2012, Vladivostok, Russia



Leaders from 21 APEC Member Economies gathered at the Far Eastern Federal University at Russky Island, Vladivostok, Russia for the APEC Leaders' Week 2012 hosted by H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation.

The APEC Leaders' Week 2012 was held in Vladivostok, Russia for the first time since the establishment of the APEC. The event brought together Heads of Government of the 21 APEC Member Economies and global business leaders for a candid and multi-faceted discussion on issues related to policies, international trade, opportunities and constraints. Within the broad framework of collaboration and partnership, the APEC Summit provides a platform for frank discussions on the limits and unintended consequences of economic integration, as well as the challenges globalization poses to economic and political instability. The APEC meeting also examined ways to address limitations of resources, to ensure energy security, to improve the reliability and robustness of global supply chains, and to realise the untapped potential that each economy has to offer.



H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, sharing his vision at the APEC CEO Summit 2012. With President Putin is Andrey Kostin, Chairman, APEC CEO Summit 2012.



H.E. Hillary Rodham Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State addressing the APEC CEO Summit 2012.



H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia addressing the APEC CEO Summit 2012.

"The APEC Summit 2012 provides an excellent platform for the APEC Voices delegates to be active participants, which allow them to learn about international trade, and have a more comprehensive view towards the working of APEC."

The Honourable Vladimir Miklushevsky
Governor of Primorsky Region
Russian Federation



APEC Leaders Meeting held at Russky Island, Vladivostok, Russia.

The annual APEC Voices Program is an excellent platform for youth leaders from the 21 APEC Member Economies to learn about free market, international trade and cooperation among the APEC Member Economies. APEC Voices delegates will gain a better understanding of the complexity of trade issues and to support the policies of the APEC leaders, as they ensure that economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region is consistent and sustainable.

Twenty-four outstanding youth leaders from the 11 APEC Member Economies representing the APEC Voices of the Future attended the APEC Summit 2012 at the invitation of the Russian APEC Host Committee. During their visit to Vladivostok, the APEC Voices delegates also participated in the inaugural APEC Youth Festival 2012 organised by the Far Eastern Federal University at its campus from 2 to 4 September 2012.

APEC Youth Festival 2012

The APEC Youth Festival provided youth representatives from the APEC Member Economies a platform to discuss issues within the Asia Pacific region from the current context of the economies including the youth's perspectives on APEC policies and the development of a final youth declaration with recommendations and practical solutions. The Youth Declaration was presented to H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation during the APEC Leaders' Meeting held at the Far Eastern Federal University Campus at Russky Island.



The Honourable Vladimir Miklushevsky, Governor of Primorsky Region addressing the opening of the APEC Youth Festival 2012 at the Far Eastern Federal University.



APEC Voices delegates with youth representatives from the APEC Member Economies at the SME Working Group during the APEC Youth Festival 2012.

ABAC Meetings

After the APEC Youth Festival, the APEC Voices delegates moved on to attend the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Meetings, where senior business leaders from the Asia Pacific region and the world discussed issues pertaining to trade and policies and addressed various concerns. It was indeed an eye-opener for many of the APEC Voices delegates who had the opportunity to interact and discuss issues and their concerns with business leaders.



APEC Business Advisory Council Meeting on board the cruise ship 'Legend of the Seas' in Vladivostok, Russia.

APEC CEO Summit 2012

One of the highlights of the annual APEC Summit is the APEC CEO Summit. At the APEC CEO Summit 2012, APEC Voices delegates had the opportunity to attend the various sessions addressed by APEC leaders such as H.E. Hu Jintao, President of the Republic of China, H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia, H.E. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, H.E. John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand, H.E. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State of the United States of America, H.E. Felipe Calderón, President of the United Mexican States, H.E. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia, H.E. Sebastián Piñera, President of Chile, and from the Host Economy, H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation.



Ho Meng Kit, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Business Federation and Singapore ABAC Member with James Soh, Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council and Rear Admiral Chew Men Leong, Chief Executive, PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency at the APEC CEO Summit 2012.

"The decision made by the APEC Leaders of today will influence the next generation. Therefore, it is crucial for us to provide more opportunities and suitable platforms for the youth leaders of today. This will encourage and motivate them to engage the APEC and business leaders on policies that will shape the future."

***James Soh PBM MBE
Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council***



Members of the APEC Voices Delegation at the APEC CEO Summit 2012 at Russky Island, Vladivostok, Russia.



Australian APEC Voices delegates Anania Tagaro, Hannah Glass and Byron Hewson with H.E. Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia in Vladivostok, Russia.



APEC Voices delegate Aleksandra Tatomir presenting the APEC Youth Declaration on behalf of the APEC Youth Festival 2012 to H.E. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation.

The APEC Voices delegates also had the opportunity to interact with their respective ABAC members and hear their perspectives.

During the APEC Leaders' Week, many APEC Voices delegates also had the opportunity to meet their Heads of Government at the sideline of the APEC Summit 2012, to raise their concern and present their youth perspective to their political leaders.



James Soh, Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council meeting The Honourable Vladimir Miklushevsky, Governor of Primorsky Region, Russian Federation at the Governor's office in Vladivostok, Russia at the sideline of the APEC Summit 2012.

Besides hearing from the APEC leaders, the APEC Voices delegates also benefited from the sharing of key business leaders such as Andrey Kostin, President and Chairman of the Management Board, VTB Bank and Chairman, APEC CEO Summit 2012, Scott Price, President and CEO of Walmart Asia, Dominic Barton, Managing Director of McKinsey & Company, Dennis Nally, Chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers International, Peter Voser, CEO of Royal Dutch Shell Plc, Ziyavudin Magomedov, Chairman of the Board of Summa Group and ABAC Chair 2012, and political leaders from the Russian Federation, H.E. Igor Shuvalov, First Deputy Prime Minister, and The Honourable Vladimir Miklushevsky, Governor of Primorsky Region.

"I was indeed fortunate to be a Voices of the Future delegate at the APEC Summit 2012. This event not only encouraged me to reflect on my own challenges, but it also spurred me on to think about the possibilities within the Asia-Pacific region. It gave me a greater perspective to the accessible opportunities within the emerging APEC economies."

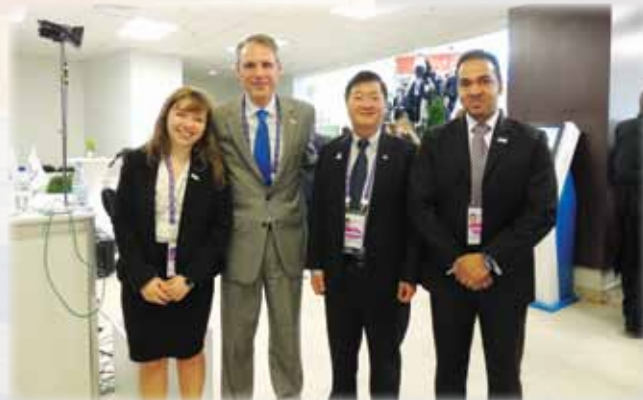
Tim McCready
APEC Voices delegate from New Zealand.



APEC Voices delegates from Canada, Zachary Alexander McCue and Matthijs van Gaalen with H.E. Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada.



New Zealand APEC Voices delegates Emily Swan, Sarah Fagan and Tim McCready with H.E. John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand.



Scott Price, Walmart Executive Vice-President, President and CEO Asia, with James Soh, Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council and Anna Vinogradova, Corporate Affairs Manager and Anthony Rose, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Walmart Asia.



At the closing ceremony held at Russky Island, Andrey Kostin, Chairman, APEC CEO Summit 2012, passed the gavel, the event's symbol to Karen Agustiawan, President and CEO, Pertamina, Indonesia. Indonesia will be the APEC Chair for 2013.



Tan Sri Azman Hashim, Chairman, AmBank Group of Malaysia and Malaysia ABAC Members and his wife, YM Tunku Arishah Tunku Maamor with James Soh, Co-Chair, APEC Voices Leadership Council, Aileen Yap, Chair, APEC Voices Working Committee at the APEC Summit 2012 Welcome Reception at Russky Island.



APEC Voices delegates at the APEC Summit 2012 closing dinner on board the cruise ship 'Legend of the Seas' in Vladivostok.

Exploring the Russian Far Eastern Frontier

Apart from the serious meetings, APEC Voices delegates also had the opportunity to visit various places of interest in Vladivostok during their stay. The participation of the APEC Voices delegates at the APEC Summit 2012 has opened up new opportunities and possibilities for these youth leaders as they further develop themselves in their respective fields of studies and interest. With the backdrop of a very successful event in Vladivostok, Russia the APEC Voices delegates returned home with new found friends and a deeper understanding of what APEC is all about. In addition, they brought home fond memories of the Russian culture and the scenic beauty of the Russian Far East.

The APEC Voices Leadership Council would like to thank the Government of the Russian Federation, Primorsky Regional Government, Russia APEC Host Committee, APEC Business Advisory Council of Russia and the National Youth Achievement Award Council of Singapore for making the APEC Voices of the Future 2012 in Vladivostok, Russia a success.



APEC Voices delegates enjoying Russian ice cream at the Vladivostok sea front after the APEC Summit 2012.



APEC Voices delegates with their Russian friends visiting the old Russian Fortress in Vladivostok after the APEC Summit 2012.

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