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# Panel discussion organized by the Korean Mathematical Society (KMS)

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## Challenges and Difficulties for Mathematicians in Asia

*Date : 11:00 am-12:10 pm, December 18 (Fri), 2009*

*Organizer : Hyungju Park, POSTECH*

*Panelists : Presidents of the Mathematical Societies in Asia*

- Hyungju Park, the chair of the KMS International Exchanges Committee (moderator)*
- Wanida Hemakul, the president of the Mathematical Association of Thailand (panelist)*
- Le Tuan Hoa, the president of the Vietnam Mathematical Society (panelist)*
- Nalini Joshi, the president of the Australian Mathematical Society (panelist)*
- Dohan Kim, the president of the Korean Mathematical Society (panelist)*
- Zhi-Ming Ma, the president of the Chinese Mathematical Society (panelist)*
- Fidel R. Nemenzo, the president of the Mathematical Society of the Philippines (panelist)*
- Mohd Salmi Md Noorani, the president of the Malaysian Mathematical Sciences Society (panelist)*
- Chan Roath, the president of the Cambodian Mathematical Society (panelist)*
- Takashi Tsuboi, the president of the Mathematical Society of Japan (panelist)*

In many countries in Asia, mathematical research, by modern standards, has a relatively short history. This panel discussion attempts to discuss the challenges and difficulties that the mathematicians in these countries face, and to plan possible joint efforts to remedy the situation. The activities of the European Mathematical Society (EMS) could be carefully looked at in this regard.

Each of the presidents of the nine participating mathematical societies in Asia will briefly describe the ongoing activities and the plans of his/her society, and will discuss a range of issues and explore concrete measures to increase joint activities in the region.