

Public policy expert foresees shift of world power to Asia

Kishore Mahbubani, a well-known expert on Asian and World affairs, said the world has entered a new era marked by the end of western domination of world history and the rise of Asia, during his book launch Friday.

Kishore Mahbubani, Dean and Professor of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the University of Singapore, talked about his views of today's world during the ceremony to introduce the Chinese translation of his new book "The New Asian Hemisphere: The Irresistible shift of Global Power to the East."

"I have absolutely no doubt that China will have a larger economy than the US in less than two decades, and India will be No. 2. in a short time," he said.

The reason why Asian societies are doing well is that they understand the importance of absorbing Western wisdom, he added, "But the problem with the western minds is that they could not even conceive of the possibility of that other societies could become more successful than they are."

On the perception of China's rise by its neighbors, Mahbubani said it's natural that as China grew faster, its neighbors were becoming concerned. "China, so far, has done a good job. China has shared prosperity with its neighbors, and signed free-trade agreements with its neighbors. And these are all good signs."

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