CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

I Conference on Southeast Asia and Latin America: Regional Bridge Building

The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore and the Chile Pacific Foundation, Santiago, co-organized the above conference in Singapore from 25–26 May 1999. The aim of the conference was to exchange experience of respective financial crises in both Southeast Asia and Latin America, and to promote trade and investment linkages between the two regions. Academics and representatives from leading research and academic institutions from ASEAN member countries and Latin America attended the above conference. The programme of the conference was as follows:

Tuesday, 25 May 1999

Opening Remarks
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

Session I: Southeast Asian Financial Crisis
Chairperson: Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

Overview
Dr Jesus Estanislao, Professor, University of Asia and the Pacific, Makati City

Thailand
Dr Wisarn Pupphavesa, Dean, School of Development Economics, National Institute of Development Administration, Bangkok

Singapore
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Discussion

Malaysia
Professor Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, Kuala Lumpur
Mr Azidin Wan Abdul Kadir, Senior Research Officer, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, Kuala Lumpur

Indonesia
Dr Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Discussion

Session II: The Latin American Experience
Chairperson: Prof. Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Overview
Professor Vittorio Corbo, Professor of Economics, Catholic University of Chile

Mexico
Professor Oscar Fernandez, Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies, Mexico

Discussion
Chile
Professor Vittorio Corbo, Professor of Economics, Catholic University of Chile

Brazil
Dr Pedro da Motta Veiga, Chairman, Brazilian Association for the Study of Transnational Companies and Economic Globalization (SOBEET)

Discussion

Wednesday, 26 May 1999

Session III: Regional Cooperation Experiences
Chairperson: Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

ASEAN
Dr Mya Than, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Dr Nick Freeman, Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

MERCOSUR and the Americas
Dr Pedro da Motta Veiga, Chairman, Brazilian Association for the Study of Transnational Companies and Economic Globalization (SOBEET)

Discussion

Session IV: Bridge Building between Southeast Asia and Latin America
Chairperson: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Trade and Investment Linkages: Southeast Asian Perspective
Dr Nick Freeman, Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Panel Discussion: Towards Mutual Cooperation and Consultation
Moderator: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Panelists:
Professor Sieh-Lee Mei Ling, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business and Accountancy, University of Malaya
Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

Closing Remarks
Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

II Workshop on Accelerating Competitiveness in a Context of Trade Liberalization

This workshop was jointly sponsored by the Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Hanoi, and the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and it was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 31 May–1 June 1999. The above workshop was part of the training programme in collaboration with the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore and funded by SIDA. The theme of the workshop was to explore means and ways to accelerate international competitiveness in a context of trade liberalization for Vietnam, and to learn lessons from the experienced ASEAN nations. Participants included policy makers, senior officials and academics from various institutions from Vietnam. The programme was as follows:

31 May 1999

Morning session
Opening remarks
Dr Le Dang Doanh, President of CIEM
Ms Henny Aderson, SIDA

Issues of International Integration for Vietnam
Dr Le Dang Doanh, President of CIEM

Comments: Dr Carolyn Gates, ISEAS

Macroeconomic Environment to Enhance Competitiveness
Dr Vo Tri Thanh, CIEM
Comments: Dr Vu Quoc Huy, NEU

Afternoon session
International Competitiveness: The ASEAN Experience
Dr Mya Than, ISEAS
Comments: Dr Nguyen Minh Tu, CIEM

Case Studies of Competitiveness in Several Sectors of the Economy
Mrs Phan Thanh Ha, Deputy Director of Macroeconomic Policy Department, CIEM
Comments: Mr Dao Huy Giam, Deputy Director, Department of Multinational Trade, MOT

1 June 1999

Global Integration, Competitiveness and Reform of the International Financial Architecture
Dr Carolyn Gates, ISEAS
Comments: Dr Le Khac Tri, State Bank

Discussions
Conclusions and closing remarks
Dr Le Dang Doanh, President of CIEM

III Ministerial Roundtable on Beyond the Asian Crisis: Sustainable Agricultural Development and Poverty Alleviation in the New Millennium

This Roundtable, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, was held in Bangkok from 14–15 June 1999. Its objective was to synthesize ministerial views, experiences and advice in seeking to meet the major concerns and challenges of sustainable agricultural development and poverty alleviation in the next millennium. On the heels of the Asian crisis, the Roundtable served as a forum to exchange experiences and perspectives, and identified lessons for the future, considering the history and record of economic progress in the region.

In conjunction, a policy workshop was held to discuss country papers on the Asian crisis, policy reforms and agricultural sector performance.

Participants included Agriculture Ministers, senior officials, academics and policy institutes and centers from Asia. The programme of the above Roundtable was as follows:

Monday, 14 June 1999

Welcome Speech
Dr Prem Nath, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Opening Remarks
H.E. Pongpol Adireksarn, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Keynote Presentations
Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Regional Perspectives
Dr Prem Nath, ADG/RR

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century, Experience and Perspectives from Thailand and ASEAN Transition Economies
H.E. Pongpol Adireksarn, Minister for Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
H.E. Maj. Gen. Nyunt Tin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar
H.E. Ngo The Dan, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Experience and Perspectives from North East Asia
H.E. Liu Jian, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, China
Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Experience and Perspectives from South Asia
H.E. Mian Abdul Sattar Leleka, Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Pakistan

Presentations/Messages Read for Ministers
Dr R.S. Paroda, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India
Mr Phouvieng Laddavong, Director General, Laos

Panel Discussions and Open Forum
Dr Nipon Poangposakorn, TDRI, Thailand
Dr Jikun Huang, CCAP, China
Dr Suthad Setbooonsarng, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN
Professor V.S. Vyas, PRAG, India

Closing Remarks by Dr Prem Nath

Tuesday, 15 June 1999
Presentation of Country Case Study
China (1): Dr Feng Lu, DRC
China (2): Dr Jikun Huang, CCAP
India: Dr Vijay S. Vyas, PRAG
Pakistan: Dr Sarfraz Khan Qureshi, PIDE

Open Forum
Continuation of Presentation of Country Case Study
Philippines: Dr Cristina C. David, PIDS
Thailand: Dr Nipon Poangposakorn, TDRI
Indochina: Dr Mya Than, ISEAS

Open Forum
Continuation of Presentation of Country Case Study
Indonesia: Dr Delima H. Azahari Darmawan, CIPS
Malaysia: Dr Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, CPS
Korea (Rep): Dr Kyeong-Duk Kim, KREI

Open Forum

Concluding Remarks by Mr Dong Qingson,
Deputy Regional Representative (DRR)

IV East Asian Development Network Inaugural Forum
This Forum was co-organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, and the World Bank, Washington in Singapore from 28–29 June 1999. This was part of the World Bank’s project on Global Development Network. The forum’s purpose is to explain the growth experience of the seven regions participating in the Global Development Network — East Asia, South Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Former Soviet Union, Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Major think tanks and research institutes were invited to the above forum. The programme of the forum was as follows:

Monday, 28 June 1999
Opening Remarks
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy Office, World Bank

Session I: Role of Think-Tanks and Research Institutes in East Asia
Short presentations from each member on their institute and challenges they face

Session II: The Global Development Network
Global Research Project
Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy Office, World Bank

Discussion

Session III: The East Asian Development Network
Discussion of networking mechanism
Discussion of research proposals for funding
Discussion of other training and research facilitation
Tuesday, 29 June 1999

Proposals on common and individual research facilitation

V Second Intellectual Dialogue on Building Asia’s Tomorrow: Promoting Sustainable Development and Human Security

The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies organized the above conference in Singapore from 12–13 July 1999. This conference was the follow-up of the first conference held in Tokyo in November 1998. The aim was to exchange views among the intellectuals in Asia, focusing on Asia’s future in the light of promoting sustainable development and human security. Academics and representatives from leading think tanks from the Asia-Pacific region attended the meeting. In conjunction, Professor Amartya Sen, 1998 Nobel Laureate for Economics, gave the Second Asia and Pacific Lecture on “Beyond the Crisis: Development Strategies in Asia”. The programme of the meeting was as follows:

Monday, 12 July 1999

Opening Remarks
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Mr Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange

Session I: Good Governance: Is There an Asian Model?
Moderator: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Presenter: Dr Anggito Abimanyu, PAU Studi Ekonomi, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta

Commentators: Prof. Akihiko Tanaka, Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo
Mr Jusuf Wanandi, Chairman, Supervisory Board, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Session II: Social Safety Net: How Desirable, How Feasible?
Moderator: Prof. Jesus P. Estanislao, University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines
Presenter: Assoc Prof. Mukul G. Asher, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore
Commentators: Dr Le Dang Doanh, President, Central Institute for Economic Management, Hanoi
Mr Kyoji Komachi, Director, General Affairs Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency

Session III: Human Resource Development: Where to Invest in the Future?
Moderator: Prof. Anh Byung-joon, Yonsei University, Seoul
Presenter: Dr Somkiat Tangkitvanich, Research Specialist, Thailand Development Research Institute
Commentators: Dr Dante B. Canlas, Enrique Virata Professor of Economics, University of the Philippines
Prof. Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research

Session IV: Protecting the Environment: How to Balance Economic Needs?
Moderator: Dr Chalongphob Sussangkarn, President, Thailand Development Research Institute
Presenter: Prof. Hiroya Ichikawa, Sophia University, Tokyo
Commentators: Prof. Carolina G. Hernandez, President, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, University of the Philippines
Dr Lorraine Elliott, Research Fellow, Department of International Relations, Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies, Canberra

Second Asia and Pacific Lecture by Prof. Amartya K. Sen
1998 Nobel Laureate for Economics
Tuesday, 13 July 1999

Panel Discussion: Cross-Sectoral Cooperation in Addressing Human Security Issues
Moderator: Mr Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange
Panelists: Mr Keizo Takemi, State Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo
Prof. Tommy Koh, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore
Mr Shivsharan Someshwar, Assistant Director, Office of the Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation, New York
Dr M.G. Quibria, Assistant Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank, Philippines

Session V: The Roles of Global and Regional Institutions
Moderator: Mr Jusuf Wanandi, Chairman, Supervisory Board, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
Presenters: Prof. Jesus P. Estanislao, University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines
Dr Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
Commentators: Mr Hiroaki Fujii, President, The Japan Foundation
Prof. Tommy Koh, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore

Session VI: The Role of Civil Society
Moderator: Prof. Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research
Presenter: Ms Erna Witoelar, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium, Jakarta
Commentators: Prof. Jung Ku-Hyun, Dean, Graduate School of Business Administration, Yonsei University, Seoul
Mr Simon Tay, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs

Session VII: Conclusions: Defining an Intellectual Agenda for the Future
Moderator: Prof. Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Presenter: Dr Zhang Yunling, Director, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Commentators: Mr Arun Mahizhnan, Deputy Director, The Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore
Dr Charles Morrison, President, East-West Center, Honolulu

Closing Remarks
Mr Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange
Prof. Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies