CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I  International Symposium for the 20th Anniversary of the International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ)

The theme of this symposium was Asian Development and Issues for International Cooperation: Focus on Thailand and Indonesian Experiences. The Symposium, held in Tokyo from 3–4 December 1991, was divided into four sessions as follows:

3 December 1991

Opening Ceremony
Opening Speech
Mr Hideo Monden, President, IDCJ
Keynote Speech
Mr Saburo Kawai, Chairman, IDCJ

Session I  Structural Changes in Asian Economy
Chairperson
Dr Jinichiro Yabuta, IDCJ
Presenter
Mr Kenji Domoto, IDCJ

Presenters
Dr Paitoon Wiboonchutikula
Thailand Development Research Institute Foundation
Associate Prof. Teerana Bhongmakapat
Chulalongkorn University

Commentators
Mr Osamu Yasuda,
Economic Planning Agency
Dr Mya Than
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Session III  Regional Development Experience of Indonesia
Chairperson
Dr Kunio Takase, IDCJ

Presenters
Dr Sugijanto Soegijoko
Associate Professor Takahiro Akita
International University of Japan

Commentators
Dr Takashi Shirasu
Sasakawa Peace Foundation
Dr Fu-chen Lo
United Nations University

Session II  Thailand's Structural Transformation: The Balancing of Agricultural Development and Industrialization
Chairperson
Dr Sugijanto Soegijoko
BAPPENAS, Government of Indonesia

4 December 1991

Session IV  Role of Japan in International Cooperation in Asia
Chairperson
Dr Kunio Takase
II The Free Trade Agreement between Mexico and the United States and Canada, and its Likely Effects in the Pacific Basin

The main objective of this seminar, organized by the Center for Asian and African Studies, El Colegio De Mexico, was to examine what the Free Trade Agreement is expected to become, in its actual existence and practice, for the three economies concerned, as well as for the advanced and developing economies of the Asia-Pacific area. The programme of the seminar, held in Mexico City from 25–27 November, was as follows:

25 November 1991
Opening Session
Chair and Presentation
Flora Bottón Beja
Director, CEAA, Colmex

Welcome Address
Mario Ojeda Gómez
President
El Colegio de Mexico

The Negotiations on the Free Trade Agreement between Mexico, the United States and Canada
Hermínio Blanco
Mexico's Chief negotiator of the FTA Agreement

NAFTA and its Member Countries
NAFTA and Mexico
Chair
Dr José Juan de Olloqui
Director
Fondo Nacional para la Vivienda de los Trabajadores

Papers
Horacio Sobarzo
CEE, Colmex
Gustavo Vega
CEI, Colmex

Comments
Victor L. Urquidi, Colmex

NAFTA and the United States
Chair
Soledad Loaeza
Director, CEI, Colmex

Papers
Clark Reynolds
Stanford University
Robert McCleery
East West Center, University of Hawaii

Comments
Michael Glover
United States Embassy to Mexico

NAFTA and Canada
Chair
Alvaro Baillot
Director, International Trade
Ministry of Trade

Paper
Murray Smith
Director
Center for Trade Policy and Law
Carleton University, Canada

Comments
H. Edward English,
Department of Economics
Carleton University, Canada
NAFTA and the Pacific: Points of View on the Political, Strategic, Security and Institutional Cooperation in the Region

Chair
Sandra Fuentes
Director General for the Pacific
Ministry of External Affairs

Papers
José Thiago Cintra
CEAA, Colmex
Carlos Rico
CEI, Colmex
H. Edward English
Department of Economics
Carleton University, Canada

Comments
Hector Cuadra, UNAM
Leopoldo Solis
Director
Institute of Economic Investigations “Lucas Alamán”

26 November 1991

Sectoral Analysis

Trade and Trade Policies
Chair
Pedro Noyola
Undersecretary of Trade
Ministry of Trade

Papers
Antonio Yúnez
CEE, Colmex
Mitsuhiro Kagami
Institute of Developing Economies, Japan
Takashi Nohara
Institute of Developing Economies
Japan
Mari Pangestu
CSIS, Jakarta, Indonesia

Comments
Gerardo Bueno

CEI, Colmex
Carlos Bazdresch
President, CIDE
Armando Labra Manjarrez
Representing the Oaxaca’s Government

Financial Flows
Chair
Marco Provencio
Ministry of Trade

Papers
Javier Guzmán
Banco de México
Ippei Yamazawa
Hitosubashi University, Japan

Comments
German Seijas
El Colegio de México
Ramón Lecuona Valenzuela
Latin American Center for Monetary Studies
Clemente Ruiz Durán
Department of Economics
UNAM

Foreign Direct Investment
Chair
Adalberto Garcia Rocha
Director
Economics Studies Center, Colmex

Papers
Juan José Palacios Lara
U. de Guadalajara
Sean Randolph
PBEC Internac
Ravi Sawhney
Int. Trade & Tourism
ESCAP-ONU, Thailand
Joseph L.H. Tan
AERU-ISEAS, Singapore

Comments
Jorge Amigo
Director, Foreign Direct Investment
Ministry of Trade
In-Bond Industries (Maquiladoras)
Chair
Oscar Espinoza Villarreal
Director General, NAFIN

Papers
Bernardo González Aréchiga
COLEF
Soo-young Kim
Departments of Economics, Sogang University
Republic of Korea

Comments
Bok-Hyung Lee
Ambassador
Korea's Embassy to Mexico
Jorge Carrillo Viveros
El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Tijuana

27 November 1991 (Sectoral Analysis Cont'd)
Transfer of Technology
Chair
Hugo Aréchiga
President
Scientific Investigation Academy

Papers
José Luis Solleiro
Technological Innovation Center
UNAM
Miguel Alvarez Uriarte
CEAA, Colmex
Charles H. Davis
Science Council, Canada

Comments
Luis Eugenio Todd
Undersecretary of Superior Education and Scientific Investigation
Ministry of Public Education
Jorge Padua, CES, Colmex

Transnational Industries
Chair
Julio Millán
PBEC, México

Papers
Nicholas B. Scheele
Ford Mo.Co. de Mexico
Torben Huss
Transnational Office
UN, Nueva York

Comments
Juan Gallardo Thurlow
Coordinador Empresarial para el Tratado de Libre Comercio entre Mexico Canada y Estados Unidos
Pal-am Park
Samsung de Mexico

Communications and Transport
Chair
Carlos Mier y Terán
Undersecretary of Communications and Transport Communications and Transport Ministry

Papers
Victor Islas
PROCIENTEC, Colmex
Anthony Chin
National University, Singapore
Bijit K. Bora
The Flinders University of South Australia

Comments
Francisco López Barredo
TMM
Fernando Gutierrez Saldivar
CEMAI

Closing Session
Chair
Flora Botton
Director
CEAA, Colmex

Final Report
Omar Martinez Legorreta, CEAA, Colmex

Closing Remarks
Prof Mario Ojeda
Presidente
El Colegio de México
III Workshop on Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia in Transition: Reconstruction and Economic Development

The objective of this workshop was to examine the recent domestic conditions of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, identify the problems, define the sectoral strategy, and explore the possibility of reconstruction and economic development.

The programme of the workshop, organized by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) and held from 8–10 November in Tokyo, was as follows:

8 November 1991

Opening Remarks
Mr Saburo Kawai
SPF President

Session I Dynamism in Transition
Chairman
Dr Kazuo Takahashi
Programme Director, SPF

(A) Recent Policy Changes and Prospect for Growth and Development: Laos
Speaker: Dr Bounheuang Mounlasy
Ministry of External Economic Relations
Discussant: Mr Kenji Domoto
IDCJ

(B) Doi Moi: Vietnam’s Way to Economic Renovation
Speaker: Dr Nguyen Van Hung
Director
Institute of International Relations and Programs
Discussant: Professor Osamu Nariai
Reitaku University

(C) Cambodia: Its Potential for Reconstruction and Development
Speaker: Dr Lao Mong Hay
Director
Institute of Public Administration KPNLF
Discussant: Dr Mya Than
Research Fellow
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

(D) Luncheon Speech
Mr Masaharu Kohno
Director
First Southeast Asian Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Session II Asian Contribution to Indochina’s Reconstruction and Development
Chairman
Professor Atsushi Murakami
Kobe University

(A) Some Implications for Development of Indochina Countries: Development Experiences of NIEs and ASEAN Countries
Speaker: Professor Nobuyuki Kasai
Yachiyo International University

(B) Perspectives of Asian Cooperation
Thailand
Speaker: Professor Chira Hongladarom
Thammasat University

Malaysia
Speaker: Professor Lee Poh Ping
University of Malaya

Korea
Speaker: Dr Eul Yong Park
Director
Korean Development Institute

Dinner Speech
Honorable Koji Kakizawa
Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs
Member of the House of Representatives
Liberal Democratic Party

9 November 1991

Session III Issues for Reconstruction and Development
Chairman
Professor Yonosuke Hara
University of Tokyo
(A) Agriculture
Speaker: Professor Retangguiep Kuriki
Josai University

(B) Industrial Development
Speaker: Mr Kenji Domoto
IDCJ

Session V Prospects of International Cooperation
Chairman
Dr Kazuo Takahasi
Programme Director, SPF

(A) Role of Mekong Committee
Speaker: Mr Chuck Lankester
Executive Agent
Mekong Secretariat

(B) Role of the United Nations Development Programme
Speaker: Mr Fritz Leobus
Senior Area Officer, UNDP

(C) Role of Asia and Japan
Speaker: Professor Atsushi Murakami
Kobe University

Closing Remarks
Mr Yohei Sasakawa
President
The Sasakawa Foundation (JSBF)

Session IV Framework for Reconstruction and Development
Chairman
Mr Yasushi Yashida
Vice-Director
Economic Research Institute
Economic Planning Agency

(A) Options for Development Strategies
Speaker: Professor Yonosuke Hara
University of Tokyo

(B) Resource Requirements for Reconstruction and Development
Speaker: Professor Osamu Nariai
Reitaku University