CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I Socio-Economic Dialogue amongst the Governments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam

This dialogue was attended by more than 50 leading scholars, state officials and representatives of international and regional organizations. The main theme of the dialogue was to deliberate on the issues relating to the transition from a centrally-planned economy to a market-oriented one in general and on inflation management, resource mobilization and economic integration with ASEAN specifically. The dialogue was jointly organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Thai Government and Asian and Pacific Development Centre. It was held in Hua Hin, Thailand from 23–26 August 1993 and its programme was as follows:

23 August 1993

Welcome & Keynote Address
Mr Apilas Osatananda
Permanent Secretary
Prime Minister’s Office, Thailand

Economies in Transition: Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam
Dr Brian van Arkadie

Thai Macroeconomic Management: Policy and Performance
Dr Arporn Chewakrengkai

Working Group
Group A: Inflation Management
Facilitator: Dr Mya Than
Group B: Domestic Savings Mobilization
Facilitator: Dr Tran Van Tho
Cambodia (A): Mr Michael Ward
Cambodia (B): Ms Chantou Boua
Vietnam (A): Dr Dang Duc Dam
Vietnam (B): Dr Nguyen Thi Hien

General Discussion

24 August 1993 (Tuesday)

Working Group (continued)
Thailand (A): Dr Bhanupong Nidhiprabha
Thailand (B): Dr Dow Mongkonsamai
Lao PDR (A): Mr Khamsouk Sundara
Lao PDR (B): Dr Mark Sundberg
Indonesia (A): Dr Anwar Nasution
Philippines (B): Dr Edita Tan

General Discussion (same for Group A & B)

Working Group (continued)
Group A Facilitator: Mr Toshiaki Hayashi
Group B Facilitator: Dr Manuel Montes

Discussion of Learning and Identification of Possibilities for Sub-regional Collaboration
(agenda the same for Group A & B)
II  Seminar on Prospects for a Growth Triangle

The main objective of this seminar was to explore the possibilities of the formation of a growth triangle linking Thailand’s southern part with northern Sumatra in Indonesia and four Malaysian states. It was held in Hat Yai in Thailand on 12 September 1993. The seminar was officially opened by the Prime Minister of Thailand and was attended by scholars, media personnel and state officials including senior ministers from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The programme of the one-day seminar was as follows:

Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address
H.E. Chuan Leekpai
Prime Minister of Thailand

Ministerial Seminar on The Prospects for a Growth Triangle by
Thailand
H.E. Dr Supachai Pnitchpakdi
Deputy Prime Minister
Malaysia
H.E. Tun Daim Zainuddin
Coordinating Minister of the Triangle Project
Indonesia
H.E. Ir Sanyoto Sastrowardoyo
Minister of Investment
Chairman of the Investment Coordinating Board of Indonesia

Moderated by
Mr Suthichai Yoon
Editor-in-Chief, Naton Publishing Group

Luncheon Address by
H.E. Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim
Minister of Finance on behalf of Prime Minister of Malaysia

National Seminar On the Road Toward a Growth Triangle by
Thailand
Dr Pornchai Rujiprapa
Director

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III Ninth Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC)

The Ninth Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference was held in Singapore from 13–15 September 1993. The theme of this year’s conference was “Asia: A Growing Oil Market in a Stagnant World”. The conference was attended by more than 250 policy makers, state officials, oil traders and producers from all over the world. The programme of the conference was as follows:

13 September 1993
Introduction Lecture by Chairman

Singapore Oil Lecture
Forecasting Oil Trends: Mirrors or Telescopes?
Mr John H. Lichtblau
Chairman and CEO
Petroleum Industry Research Foundation Inc.
USA

Question and Answer Session

Asia Energy Lecture
China – The Re-emergence of an Oil Giant
Dr Fereidun Fesharaki
Director, Program on Resources
East-West Center, and
President, International Association for Energy Economics
USA

Question and Answer Session

14 September 1993
Opening Address
Mr S. Dhanabalan
Minister for Trade and Industry
Singapore

State-of-the-Industry Address
Trends and Challenges in the Asian Oil Market
Mr Bernard De Combret
Senior Vice President
International Trading, Supply and Shipping & Member of the Executive Management Committee Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine France

Introduction by Session Chairman
Mr John H. Lichtblau Chairman and CEO Petroleum Industry Research Foundation Inc. USA

Keynote Address
Mr Li Yizhong Managing Vice President China Petro-Chemical Corporation (SINOPEC) People’s Republic of China

Refining in Singapore: Coping with the Changes
Mr Henry Eckhardt Senior Vice President Mobil Sales & Supply Corporation Singapore

Question and Answer Session

Future Trends in the Japanese Oil Industry and its Relationship with the Asia-Pacific Region
Mr Kiyoshi Takahashi Adviser Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K. Japan

Question and Answer Session

Introduction by Session Chairman
Mr Marshall Thomas Senior Vice President PVM Oil Consultants USA

Privatization Plans of the Russian Oil and Gas Industry
Dr Rair Simonian Chairman and CEO Centre for Foreign Investment and Privatization Russian Federation

Question and Answer Session

SABIC’s Role in Future MTBE Markets
Mr Abdulrahman Al-Garawi President Saudi European Petrochemical Company Saudi Arabia

Question and Answer Session

Market Prospects and Future Developments of the Oil Industry in Eastern Europe
Mr Wilhelm Bonse-Geuking Member of the Managing Board Exploration and Production VEBA OEL AG, Germany

Question and Answer Session

The Role of the Asian Development Bank in the Development of the Hydrocarbon Sector
Dr Shehzad Sadiq Director Energy and Industry Department Asian Development Bank

Question and Answer Session

15 September 1993

Ministerial Address
Mr Anatoly Vasil’yevich Fomin First Deputy Minister Ministry of Fuel and Energy Russian Federation

Question and Answer Session

Introduction by Session Chairman
Mr Marshall Thomas Senior Vice President PVM Oil Consultants USA

National Oil Companies and International Visions: The Statoil Approach
Mr Sten Ake Forsberg Senior Vice President Statoil, Norway

Question and Answer Session

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Energy Price Risk Management in the 1990s
Introduction by Panel Chairman
Mr R. Patrick Thompson
President
New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)
USA

Panelists
Mr Tan Hup Thye
Managing Director, Refco Singapore Pte Ltd
Mr Henry Kwok
Oil Trader, Singapore
Mr Bernie Vaughan
Manager, Risk Management and Processing
BP Singapore Pte Ltd
Mr Michael Hobbs
Vice President, Morgan Stanley Capital Group (S) Pte Ltd

Question and Answer Session

IV International Conference on Southeast Asia: Challenges of the 21st Century

The International Conference on Southeast Asia: Challenges of the 21st Century was organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies to celebrate its 25th anniversary of founding. The conference was attended by 326 participants/scholars from 24 countries. The programme of the conference was as follows:

30 August 1993

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Chan Heng Chee
Director Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Singapore

Opening Address
Wong Kan Seng
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Plenary Session

The Changing International Environment and Its Challenges for the Asian Market Economies
Chairman
Harsja Bachtiar
Head
Office of Educational and Cultural Research and Development, Indonesia

Keynote Speaker
Ross Garnaut
Professor of Economics
Australian National University

World Oil Pricing: Time for New Price Formulas
Mr Marshall Thomas
Senior Vice President
PVM Oil Consultants
USA

Question and Answer Session

Introduction to SIMEX Weighted Average Index Price (SWIP)
Dr Annie Koh
Senior Lecturer
Department of Finance and Banking
Faculty of Business Administration
National University of Singapore

Question and Answer Session

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Wang Huijiong  
Vice President  
Academic Committee  
Development Research Center of the State Council, Beijing

Discussion

ASEAN Roundtable

ASEAN: New Strategies for Growth  
Chairman  
Ungku A. Aziz  
Former Vice-Chancellor  
University of Malaya

Economic Regionalism: Which Way Now?  
Speaker  
Narongchai Akrasane  
Chairman and CEO  
General Finance and Security Co Ltd  
Thailand

Commentator  
Seiji Naya  
Chairman  
Department of Economics  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

The Rising Challenge from the Rest of Asia  
Speaker  
Anne Booth  
Professor of Economics  
School of Oriental and African Studies  
University of London

Commentator  
Chia Siow Yue  
Associate Professor  
Department of Economics and Statistics  
National University of Singapore

ASEAN Economic Co-operation: Illusion or Reality?  
Speaker  
C.P.F. Luhulima

Senior Research Specialist  
Indonesian Institute of Sciences

Commentator  
Cayetano Paderanga, Jr  
Deputy Director-General  
National Economic and Development Authority  
Philippines

Competing within ASEAN  
Speaker  
Ismail Md. Salleh  
Deputy Director-General  
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)  
Malaysia

Commentator  
Anwar Nasution  
Senior Lecturer  
Faculty of Economics  
University of Indonesia

Discussion

31 August 1993

Plenary Session

Indochina and ASEAN: Seeking a New Balance  
Chairman  
Somsakdi Xuto  
Director  
Public Affairs Institute  
Thailand

Speaker  
Michael Leifer  
Pro-Director  
London School of Economics and Political Science

Commentators  
Kraisak Choonhavan  
Associate Professor
Faculty of Social Science
Kasetsart University
Thailand
Motoo Furuta
Associate Professor
College of Arts and Sciences
University of Tokyo

Discussion

Indochina Roundtable
Growth and Stability: A Socio-Political Perspective
Chairman
Chai-anan Samudavanija
Chairman
Chaiyong Limthongkul Foundation
Thailand

Laos: Big Country, Small population and the Disequilibrium of Growth
Speaker
Somphong Mongkhonvilay
Vice-Chairman
Committee for Planning and Co-operation
Lao PDR

Commentator
Ng Shui Meng
Project Officer
UNICEF
Lao PDR

Vietnam: Looking beyond Economic Pluses and Minuses
Speaker
Do Trong Hung
Senior Expert, Labour and Social Affairs
Ministry of Labour, War Invalids, and Social Affairs
Hanoi

Commentator
Adam Fforde
ADUKI Pte Ltd
Canberra, Australia

The Cambodian Present and Whither the Future:
Speaker
David Chandler
Research Director
Center of Southeast Asian Studies
Monash University
Australia

Commentator
Abdulgaffar Peang-meth
Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
University of Guam

Discussion

1 September 1993

APEC Roundtable

APEC and ASEAN: New Roles, New Directions
Chairman
Jose V. Abueva
President
University of the Philippines

APEC: Redefining the Region?
Speaker
Wendy Dobson
Director
Centre for International Business
University of Toronto
Canada

Commentator
Lee Tsao Yuan
Deputy Director
Institute of Policy Studies
Singapore

The Region Redefined: Whither ASEAN?
Speaker
Mohamed Ariff
Dean
Faculty of Economics and Administration
University of Malaya

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Commentator
Hans-Christoph Rieger
Senior Research Fellow
South Asia Institute
Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Discussion

A Pacific Century: Myth or Reality?
Chairman
Wang Gungwu
Vice-Chancellor
University of Hong Kong
Speaker
Morton Abramowitz
President
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
USA

Commentators
Jusuf Wanandi
Chairman
Supervisory Board
Centre for Strategic and International Studies
Indonesia
Peter Chan Jer Hing
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Singapore

Discussion

Panel Discussion on a Research Agenda for Southeast Asian Studies