CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I Conference on Asia’s New Growth Circles

The Conference on Asia’s New Growth Circles, held on 3–6 March 1994 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, achieved its goals. The goals were to recognize the emergence of Asia’s new growth circles (the Myanmar-Laos-Thai-Yunnan Quadrangle and the Lower Mekong Basin), and to highlight several rarely discussed dimensions of new growth circles that deserved to be addressed together with the dialogue on business opportunities. Among the hundred participants at the conference, organized by the Bangkok-based Chaiyong Limthongkul Foundation, were government officials, diplomats, scholars and businessmen. The programme was as follows:

3 March 1994

Keynote address by HE Supachai Panitchpakdi
Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand

Slide Presentation on Asia’s New Growth Circles

4 March 1994

Geopolitics and Asia Growth Circles: An Example in between Southeast Asia and China
Lim Joo-Jock, Author of Territorial Power Domains, Southeast Asia, and China

Growth Circles in Burma, Thailand, Yunnan, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam: Opportunities, Challenges and Constraints in Transnational Business Networks
Timothy J. Holzer, Baker & McKenzie

Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation
Somkiat Osothsap’a, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University

The Mekong Corridor/Economic Quadrangle: Who Benefits?
E.C. Chapman, Faculty of Asian Studies
Australian National University
Peter Hinton, Department of Anthropology
University of Sydney

Border Trade in the Golden Quadrangle: An Overview from Myanmar’s Perspective
Mya Than, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Group discussion on topics presented in the morning session

5 March 1994

Economic Linkages through New Highways: Implications of Different Land Routes
HE Charas Puachuay, Transport & Communications Deputy Minister of Thailand
Eustace A. Nonis, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Department, Asian Development Bank

Managing the Mekong: Opportunities in Transportation and Energy Production
HE John McCarthy, Australian Ambassador to Thailand

Languages: The Tool of Trade in the New Circles of Growth
David Bradley, Department of Linguistics
La Trobe University
Group discussion on topics presented in the morning session

6 March 1994

Capturing Opportunities and Managing Constraints in the New Growth Circles
Sondhi Limthongkul, President/CEO
The Manager (Public) Co., Ltd.
Chai-Anan Samudavanija, President/CEO
The Chaiyong Limthongkul Foundation

The Significance of Sub-Regional Economic Development in the Asia-Pacific Region
Yoshihisa Tabuchi, Senior Advisor
The Nomura Securities Co., Ltd

Opening Keynote Address
Satrio Budiardjo Joedono, Minister of Trade for Indonesia

Session I
Chairman
Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, CSIS, Indonesia

Common Foundations of East Asian Success
Peter Petri, Professor and Director, Lemberg Program in International Economics and Finance, Brandeis University, Massachusetts
Comments
Mari Pangestu, Head, Department of Economics, CSIS, Jakarta
Sil Han, Director, Economic Research Institute, Hallym University, Korea
Pearl Imada, Program on International Economics, East-West Center, Honolulu
Kym Anderson, Director, Centre for International Economic Studies

Open Discussion
Luncheon Address
New AID Development Strategies: The Role of Economic Growth and Sustainable Development
Malcolm Purvis, Director, Economic Policy Support Office, USAID, Indonesia

Session II
Chairman
Suhadi Mangkusuwondo, Indonesian Member, APEC Eminent Persons Group

Economic Interdependence and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in the Post-Uruguay Round
John Whalley, Professor of Economics, University of Western Ontario, Canada
Comments
Mohamed Ariff, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
Rong-I Wu, President, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research

II Third Biennial Conference of the IECG Asian Correspondent Institutes

Held on 6–9 April 1994 in Jakarta, the Third Biennial Conference was the international meeting ground of the correspondent institutes of the International Center for Economic Growth (IECG). The conference was organized by IECG in collaboration with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta. Discussions were focused on the theme of Asian Economic Growth: Policies, Problems and Cooperative Endeavors. In addition, communication of future studies among the correspondent institutes was also discussed. Participants included IECG’s correspondent institutes from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and its programme was as follows:

7 April 1994

Opening Ceremony
Chairman
Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, CSIS, Indonesia

Remarks
Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, IECG
Seiji Naya, Senior Advisor, IECG and Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii

Economic Interdependence and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in the Post-Uruguay Round
John Whalley, Professor of Economics, University of Western Ontario, Canada
Comments
Mohamed Ariff, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
Rong-I Wu, President, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research

ASEAN Economic Bulletin 124 July 1994
Sumimaru Odano, Chair, Department of Economics, Osaka International University

Open Discussion

Session III
Chairman
R.N. Malhotra, Chairman, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi

Economic Liberalization: South Asia as a Dynamic Partner
S.P. Gupta, Director, ICRIER, India
William James, Chief Fellow, TIP Project, Ministry of Trade, Indonesia; Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu
Comments
Mohammed Ali Rashid, Director, Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
Wasim Azhar, Dean, Center for Management and Economic Research, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan
Eynard de S. Wyeratne, Senior Associate, Marga Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Open Discussion

Session IV
Chairman
Seiji Naya, Senior Adviser, ICEG, and Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii

Human Resource Development and Economic Growth in Asia: Some Fundamental Issues
Hakchung Choo, Director, Center for Economic Education, Korea Development Institute
Comments
Joseph Lee, Vice President, Chunghua Institute for Economic Research, Taipei

ICEG Participation in the World Summit for Social Development
Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICEG

8 April 1994

Session V

Moderator
Joseph Tan, Coordinator, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore

Asian Transitional Economies: The Pace and Problems of Economic Reform
Panel
Chanthavong Saignasith, Director, Committee for Planning and Cooperation, Laos
Le Dang Doanh, Senior Official, Central Institute for Economic Management, Vietnam
Mya Than, Fellow and Co-Coordinator, Indochina Unit, ISEAS, Singapore
T. Batbayer, Director, Institute of International and Oriental Studies, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Mongolia

Open Discussion

Session VI
Chairman
Wang Huijiong, Professor and Vice President, Development Research Center, State Council, China

China’s Economic Development Experience
Luo Yuanzheng, Professor and Executive Chairman and Secretary General, All China Union of Associations for Economic Studies, Beijing
Comments
Tzong-biau Lin, Professor of Economics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
Shelley Mark, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii; Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu

Open Discussion

Session VII
Chairman
II Sakong, Chairman and CEO, Institute for Global Economics, South Korea

The Political Economy of Policy Reform
John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.
Comments
Helen Hughes, Academic Adviser, ICEG
Open Discussion

Privatization: Lessons from Latin America
Rolf Lüders, Chief Economist and Director, Latin American Program, ICG

Open Discussion

Session VIII
Chairman
Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICG

Transferring Capital from Developed to Developing Countries: Lessons from the African Experience
Mohammed Sadli, Professor, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indonesia and Board of Overseers, ICG

Comments
Andrew Mullel, Director, Africa Program, ICG
Joseph Yao, Director, CIRES, Côte d'Ivoire
Ibbo Mandaza, SAPES Trust, Zimbabwe
N.C. Ngwasiri, PRISERI, Cameroon
Patrick Ailia, IDS, Kenya
Silas Ita, Director, Export Processing Zones Authority, Kenya
Bax Nomvete, Director, AIPA, and Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Open Discussion

9 April 1994

Session IX
Chairman: Suk Bum Yoon, Professor and Editor-in-Charge, Yonsei Economics Institute, Korea

Stabilization, Adjustment, and Reform: The State vs. Markets
T.N. Srinivasan, Samuel C. Park, Jr. Professor of Economics, Yale University, Connecticut

Comments
Ponciano Intal, President, Philippine Institute for Development Studies, Manila
Kenneth Clements, Professor, Economic Research Center, University of Western Australia

Open Discussion

Session X
Chairman
K.S. Parikh, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Bombay

Sustainable Development and Economic Growth
Theodore Panayotou, Professor of Economics, Harvard University

Comments
Mary Norris, Program Economist, USAID, Indonesia
James Roumasset, Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Open Discussion

Session XI
ICG Correspondent Institute Meeting

Chairman
Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICG

ICG official business and consultation

III Interim Workshop on Asian Transitional Economies

The Interim Workshop on Asian Transitional Economies, held from 9–10 April 1994 in Jakarta, was jointly organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) back-to-back with the Third Biennial Conference of the International Centre for Economic Growth (ICCG) Asian Correspondent Institutes.

Four draft country papers on transitional economies were presented and discussed. It was decided to convene the final conference in Osaka on 29–30 October 1994. The workshop is part of the ongoing Asian Transitional Economies Project jointly sponsored by ISEAS, ICCG and the University of Hawaii. The workshop programme was as follows:
9 April 1994

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Chair: Seiji Naya

Session I: Mongolia
Paper-presenter: T. Batbayer

Discussion

Session II: Laos
Paper-presenter: Chanthavong Saigansith

10 April 1994

Chair: Mohamed Ariff

Session III: Vietnam
Paper-presenter: Le Dang Doanh

Discussion

Session IV: Myanmar
Paper-presenter: Mya Than

Discussion

Session V: General Discussion — Concepts and Issues on Transitional Economies
Japan’s Perspectives on Transitional Economies in Asia and Beyond
Yasuo Uchida

Closing Remarks

IV ISEAS/ICRIER/DRC Joint Workshop on China’s Special Economic Zones

The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, and the Development Research Centre of the State Council, People’s Republic of China sponsored the Workshop on China’s Special Economic Zones (SEZs), held on 11 March 1994 in Singapore. The workshop discussed the experience of comparable successful economic reform measures in China in general, and China’s SEZs in particular. The aim of the workshop was to identify the key features in Chinese economic reforms that had contributed to its successful economic performance. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

11 March 1994

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Chan Heng Chee, Director, ISEAS
R.N. Malhotra, Chairman, ICRIER
Lu Bai Fu, Vice President, DRC

Session I
Project Findings: Overall Views and Macro Economic Observations
S.P. Gupta, Director, ICRIER

On Open Coastal Cities Experiences
S.K. Bahl

On Special Economic Zones Experiences
Shahul Hameed

Session II
Comments and General Discussion
Tan Kong Yam, Acting Head, Department of Business Policy, NUS
Zhang Xiaoji, Vice Director, DRC
A.K. Kundra, Development Commissioner, India’s Export Processing Zones

Session III
Summary Statement
S.P. Gupta

Closing Remarks
Chan Heng Chee

IV International Conference on Waves of the Future—ASEAN, Vietnam and China: Opportunities for World Business

This international conference, held in Singapore from 17–19 May 1994, brought together Asian leaders, U.S. officials and corporate executives to examine the outlook in those key countries whose
economic dynamism is central to Asia's sustained growth. For executives doing business in Asia, the conference offered a valuable opportunity to meet with and hear the views of the policy-makers and business leaders who are shaping Asia's future. The conference was organized by The Asia Society, Dow Jones and Company Inc., and the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore. The programme of the conference was as follows:

17 May 1994

Welcoming Remarks

Session I
Opening Address
HE Goh Chok Tong
Prime Minister, Republic of Singapore

18 May 1994

Session II  Global Economic Trends and Developments

Session III  ASEAN: New Opportunities and Challenges

19 May 1994

Session IV  China: The Next Ten Years

Session V  Vietnam: Strategies for Growth

Session VI  The Rise of East Asia in the World Economy: Geo-political and Geo-Economic Implications

V  Workshop on APEC: Challenges and Opportunities

The programme for the workshop was as follows:

20 June 1994

Opening Remarks
Chan Heng Chwee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Session I
Chairman
Tommy Koh, Director, Institute of Policy Studies

The Asia-Pacific Region: Confidence Building in the Post-Cold War Era
Paul Wolfowitz, Dean, The Paul H. Nitz School of Advanced International Studies, United States

Discussants
Juwon Sudarsono, Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Science, University of Indonesia
Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Dynamism of East Asian Economies: Retrospect and Prospect
Sueo Sekiguchi, Director, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Seikei University

Discussants
Wan-Soon Kim, Dean and Professor of International Business, Graduate School of Business Administration, Korea University
Tan Kong Yam, Head, Department of Business Policy, National University of Singapore

Luncheon Address: Reflections on APEC
Ambassador William Bodde, Jr., First Executive Director of APEC Secretariat, Singapore

Session II
Chairman
Ross Garnaut, Head, Department of Economics, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University

The Institutional Framework for APEC: An ASEAN Perspective
Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
Discussants
Wendy K. Dobson, Director, Centre for International Business, University of Toronto
Lee Tsao Yuan, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore

A Post-Uruguay Round Agenda for APEC: A North American Perspective
Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu
Pearl I. Imada, Fellow, Program on International Economics and Politics, East-West Center, Honolulu
Discussants
Shi Min, Director, Asia-Africa Development Research Institute, Beijing
Peter Adams, Director, Economics Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand

21 June 1994

Session III
Chairman
Shojo Imanishi, Deputy Executive Director, APEC Secretariat, Singapore

Asia-Pacific Trade Relations and Options for Intra-Regional Trade Liberalization
Ross Garnaut, Head, Department of Economics, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University
Discussants
Florian A. Alburo, School of Economics, University of the Philippines
Akira Hirata, Visiting Fellow, OECD Development Centre, Paris

Asia-Pacific Investment Relations and Options for Intra-Regional Investment Co-operation
Chia Siow Yue, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore
Discussants
Chung H. Lee, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu
Mari E. Pangestu, Head, Economics Department, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

APEC and ASEAN: Complementing or Competing?
Mohamed Arif, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
Discussants
Mitsuru Taniuchi, Deputy Director, Economic Planning Agency, Tokyo
Chen Tain-Jy, Chang-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taipei

Session IV
Chairman
Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

AFTA and NAFTA: Complementing or Competing? (Prospects of AFTA-NAFTA Linkage and Co-operation)
Wisarn Pupphavesa, Thailand Development Research Institute, Bangkok
Discussants
Chee Peng Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Development Research and Policy Analysis Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok
Pearl I. Imada, Fellow, Program on International Economics and Politics, East-West Center, Honolulu

Panel Discussion: Asia-Pacific — Business Opportunities and Strategies
Panelists
Wendy K. Dobson, Director, Centre for International Business, University of Toronto
Narongchai Akrasamee, Chairman and CEO, General Finance & Securities Public Co. Ltd, Bangkok
Ho Kwon Ping, President, Wah-Chang International Group, Singapore

VI Workshop on OECD and ASEAN: Search for Coherent Policies
The Paris-based OECD Development Centre and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore were the organizers of the above workshop held in Singapore from 22–24 June 1994. Academics from OECD member countries and
ASEAN countries together with the officials from international agencies participated in this workshop. A study tour to Batam Island was included in the workshop agenda. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

22 June 1994
Opening Remarks
Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Jean Bonvin, President, OECD Development Centre, Paris

Session I: European Union and ASEAN
Chairman
Jean Bonvin, President, OECD Development Centre, Paris

On the Coherence of EU Policies
Rolf J. Langhammer, The Kiel Institute of World Economics
Discussants
Florian A. Alburo, School of Economics, University of the Philippines
Pearl I. Imada, Fellow, Program on International Economics and Politics, East-West Center, Honolulu

EU External Policies and ASEAN
Mari E. Pangestu, Head, Economics Department, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
Raymond Atje, Department of Economic Affairs, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta
Discussants
Adrian Hewitt, Deputy Director, Overseas Development Institute, London
Chen Tain-Jy, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taipei

Open Discussion

Session II Japan and ASEAN
Chairman
Augustine H.H. Tan, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore

Japan's Macroeconomic Adjustment and External Policies
Mitsuru Taniuchi, Deputy Director, Economic Planning Agency, Tokyo
Discussants
Joe L.H. Tan, Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Chung H. Lee, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu

Japan's External Policies and ASEAN
Pang Eng Fong, Department of Business Policy, National University of Singapore
Discussants
Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu
Wisarn Pupphavesa, Thailand Development Research Institute, Bangkok

Open Discussion

23 June 1994
Session III United States and ASEAN
Chairman
Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

U.S. Commercial Policy and ASEAN Economic Development
Michael G. Plummer, Department of Economics, Brandeis University
Discussants
Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu
Chee Peng Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Development Research and Policy Analysis Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok
Akira Hirata, Visiting Fellow, OECD Development Centre, Paris

U.S.-ASEAN Economic Relations
Mohamed Ariff, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
Discussants
Wendy K. Dobson, Director, Centre for International Business, University of Toronto
Tharman K. Shanmugaratnam, Director, Economics Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Open Discussion

Session IV: OECD and ASEAN—The Challenge of Policy Coherence
Chairman
Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Manoa, Honolulu

OECD Countries’ Policies and ASEAN
Kiichiro Fukasaku, Senior Economist, OECD Development Centre, Paris
Akira Hirata, Visiting Fellow, OECD Development Centre, Paris
Discussants
Chia Siow Yue, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore
Rolf J. Langhammer, The Kiel Institute of World Economics

Rapporteur
Chung H. Lee, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu

VII Fourth Southeast Asian Roundtable on Economic Development

The Fourth Southeast Asian Roundtable on Economic Development (RED 4), held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 27–28 June 1994, was organized by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia. The theme of RED 4 was growth triangles in Southeast Asia and their strategies for development. The programme of the roundtable was as follows:

27 June 1994
Opening Address
Competition, Co-operation and Opportunities of Economic Development in Southeast Asia
Dato’ Mustafa Mohd., Deputy Minister of Finance

Session 1: Overview on Regional Economic Independence
Chairman
Ismail Muhd. Salleh

Challenges of Growth Triangles for Regional Institutions
George Abonyi

Security Implications of Transnational Economic Activities Associated with Growth Triangles
Amitav Acharya

Discussion

Chairman
Vincente T. Paterno

Role of AFTA in the Context of Growth Triangles
Mahadi Wasli

Discussion

Session 2: Growth Triangles/Quadrangles in ASEAN
Chairman
Kosim Gandataruna

The East ASEAN Growth Quadrangle: Problems, Perspectives and Opportunities
Perceptions by:
Indonesia: H.S. Dillon
Malaysia: Annuar Maaruf
Philippines: Paul G. Dominguez

Discussion

28 June 1994

Session 3: Growth Triangles in ASEAN (Continued)
Chairman
H.S. Dillon

The North Sumatra-North Malaysia-South Thailand Growth Triangle: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategic Response
Perceptions by
Indonesia: Kosim Gandataruna
Malaysia: Ismail Muhd. Salleh
Thailand: Orapin Werawut

Discussion

Chairman
Paul G. Dominguez

The Singapore-Johore-Indonesia Growth Triangle: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategic Response
Perceptions by
Indonesia: Polin L.R. Pospos
Singapore: Chia Siow Yue
Malaysia: Datuk Paduka Hajjah Fatimah Bt. Abdullah