I ASEAN Roundtable: New Directions for ASEAN Economic Co-operation

Following discussions with several individuals and organizations in the region, and in view of the current and longer-term economic requirements of ASEAN, the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies held a meeting of a select group of knowledgeable and experienced individuals — businessmen, government decision-makers, academics, and journalists — to review the state of ASEAN economic co-operation. The meeting was held in Bangkok on 7–8 April 1986. Three papers, commissioned to stimulate discussion, were prepared by:

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II ASEAN-China Economic Relations

The theme of this workshop, organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 12–14 June 1986, Singapore, was “Assessment of Existing Trends and Patterns”. The workshop programme comprised essentially of the presentation of five country papers and five thematic papers as follows:

Country Papers

1. Indonesia-China Economic Relations
   (Hadi Soesastro/Suhadi Mangkusuwondo, Centre for Strategic and International Studies/Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives, Jakarta)

2. Malaysia-China Economic Relations
   (Fu Zheng-Lo, International Trade Research Institute, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, Beijing)

3. Philippines-China Economic Relations
   (Jesus Estanislao, Centre for Research and Communications, Manila)

4. Singapore-China Economic Relations
   (Gu Yuan Yang, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing)
17 FEBRUARY Jakarta The Committee managing the Japan-ASEAN Co-operation Programme (JACPP) agrees to a study tour on land transportation for senior ASEAN officials.

17–20 FEBRUARY Kuala Lumpur The ASEAN Sub-Committee on Health and Nutrition agrees to support research on traditional medicine.

23 FEBRUARY Broadbeach 10th ASEAN-Australia Forum agrees that greater trade expansion could be achieved if trade barriers were removed or reduced.

24–25 FEBRUARY Singapore Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Power Utilities.

1 MARCH Singapore ASEAN Cableship Private Limited formed to provide maintenance for ASEAN submarine cable system.

13–14 MARCH Jakarta EC sponsored seminar on the EC’s General System of Preferences.

20–21 MARCH Brussels 6th Meeting of ASEAN-EC Joint Co-operation Committee (JCC) decides to submit report of High Level Working Group on Investment to Ministerial Meeting.

4–6 APRIL Manila 4th ASEAN Standing Committee Meeting proposes holding of an ASEAN summit in Manila in 1987.

7–8 APRIL Bangkok First ASEAN Round-table on the theme “New Directions for ASEAN Economic Co-operation”.

7–9 APRIL Kuantan 11th meeting of COSD approves ASEAN Programme on Industrial Relations and Labour Studies.

11–12 APRIL Bali 1st Meeting of ASEAN Justice and Law Ministers agrees to work for co-operation in the legal field.

21–23 APRIL Singapore 9th Experts Meeting on the environment discusses environmental management techniques, conservation, and effects of industry on the environment.
5. Thailand-China Economic Relations
   (Pang Yong Qian/Zhang Jing, International Trade Research Institute, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, Beijing)

**Thematic Papers**

1. An Overview of ASEAN-China Economic Relations
   (John Wong, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore)

2. ASEAN-China Trade in Manufactured Goods
   (Chia Siow Yue, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore)

3. ASEAN-China Trade in Industrial Raw Materials
   (Guo Pei Xing, International Trade Research Institute, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, Beijing)

4. ASEAN-China Trade in Food
   (Narongchai Akrasanee/Umphon Phanchet, Industrial Finance Corporation of Thailand/UN-ESCAP, Bangkok)

5. Institutional Factors in ASEAN-China Economic Relations
   (Cheng Bifan/Zhang Nan Sheng, Institute of World Economics and Politics/Institute of International Studies, Beijing)

**III Islam and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia: Islamic Banking**

This workshop, sponsored by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, was held from 24–26 June 1986 in Singapore. The following papers were presented:

1. Islam in Southeast Asia: A Profile
   (Omar Farouk Sheik Ahmad)

2. Islamic Banking: Theory and Practice
   (Nejatullah Siddiqi)

3. Islamic Development Bank and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia
   (Abdul Mannan)

4. Islamic Banking and Economic Development: A Southeast Asian Perspective
   (M. Fahim Khan)

5. Thailand: Feasibility of Islamic Banking
   (Surin Pitsuwan)

   (Datu Michael O. Mastura)

7. Islamic Banking: The Malaysian Experience
   (Zakariya Man)

8. From ZIS to Islamic Bank: Indonesian Case Study
   (Dawam Rahardjo)

**IV Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment**

This international conference was jointly sponsored by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, and the North-South Institute, Canada, from 29 September to 1 October 1986 in Singapore. Three industries were chosen as foci of this joint research project, namely: 1. Vegetable Oils; 2. Textiles and Garments; and 3. Consumer Electronics.

The conference was organized into four sessions:

**SESSION I:** Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Consumer Electronics Industry

- Overview: Mohamed Ariff
- North America: Glenn Jenkins
- ASEAN: Osman Rani Hassan
- Singapore: Tan Loong-Hoe/Linda Low
- East Asia: T.B. Lin/Tuan Chyau
- South Korea: Kim Wan Soon

**SESSION II:** Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Vegetable Oils Industry

- Overview: Florian Alburow
- North America: Tim Hazeldine
ASEAN Indonesia: Sjahir/Erna Z. Ruzman
Malaysia: Sahathavnan Meyanathan
Philippines: Dante B. Canlas/Florian Albuero
Thailand: Narongchai Akrasanee/Chalermpoj Iamkamala

SESSION III: Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Garments Industry
Overview: Narongchai Akrasanee
North America: Jaleel Ahmad
Hong Kong: T.B. Lin/Alan K. Siu
South Korea: Kwak Sang Kyung

ASEAN Indonesia: Anwar Nasution
Philippines: Bienvenido P. Alano, Jr.
Singapore: Pang Eng Fong
Thailand: Juanjai Ajanant

SESSION IV: Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Conclusions of Conference
North American Perspective: Bernard Wood
Asian Perspective: Chia Siow Yue

V ASEAN-U.S. Economic Relations Project
This workshop, jointly organized by the Center for Asia Pacific Affairs, the Asia Foundation, and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, was held on 29 September–1 October 1986 in San Francisco. In line with the theme “Changes in ASEAN-U.S. Economic Environment: Constraints and Opportunities”, the following papers were presented:

2. Increasing Trade Protectionism and its Impact on ASEAN-U.S. Economic Relations (Burnham Campbell, Asian Development Bank, Manila)
4. Structural Adjustment in ASEAN: Some Policy Recommendations (J. Estanislao, Centre for Research and Communications, Manila)
5. U.S.-ASEAN Trade in Services: American Viewpoint (Seiji Naya, East-West Center, Honolulu)
6. ASEAN-U.S. Trade in Services: ASEAN Viewpoint (Tsao Yuan, National University of Singapore)
7. The Role of U.S. Official Development Assistance in ASEAN (A. Mooy, BAPPENAS, Jakarta)
8. The Role of Private Enterprise in the Development of ASEAN-U.S. Economic Relations. (Narongchai Akrasanee and Mingsarn Kaosaard, The Industrial Management Co Ltd, Bangkok, and Chiangmai University)