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PREFACE

This book is the result of a workshop of the ASEAN Studies Centre (ASC) held in July 2010. The primary objective is to raise important “talking points” in ASEAN-U.S. relations, in the hope that the workshop would produce a set of recommendations on how to improve their intricate ties. The ASC hopes that any findings as a result of this workshop would be considered by ASEAN in discussions at the subsequent ASEAN-U.S. Meeting and at other ASEAN-U.S. policy forums. We came up with three crucial themes: political cooperation, strategic issues, and economic and technical assistance between the United States and ASEAN. In each session, attention was paid to contemporary issues that have generated an impact on the ASEAN-U.S. relationship, such as maritime security, the U.S. military presence in this region, the inexorable relations between the United States and China and how both powers interact with ASEAN, the Myanmar issue, as well as the U.S. technical assistance, through the ASEAN Development Vision, to the Advance National Cooperation Programme, known as the ADVANCE project.

Ambassador K. Kesavapany, Director of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), earlier shared his thoughts on why the United States mattered to ASEAN and vice versa. His thoughts partly inspired the organization of this workshop. He encouraged the ASC to make this workshop a reality, stressing that it was time

both ASEAN and the United States take their relationship more seriously than before, considering that the regional and international environment has greatly changed since the end of the Cold War. On behalf of Ambassador Rodolfo C. Severino, head of the ASC, we would like to sincerely thank Ambassador Kesavapany for his unfailing encouragement and support. We are grateful that Ambassador Kesavapany delivered the keynote speech at the workshop, highlighting the inseparable links between ASEAN and the United States.

This book is divided into two parts. The first part hosts a collection of essays which present an overview of ASEAN-U.S. relations. The second part contains papers which discuss specific issues presented by scholars and government officials during the workshop, plus a paper by Scot Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State of the United States, and U.S. Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs. This paper is based on his speech delivered at ISEAS on 9 December 2009 as part of the ASC's ASEAN Ambassadors Seminar Series.

The ASC would like to thank two other distinguished keynote speakers: Louis Mazel, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Singapore, and Ambassador Minda Calaguian-Cruz of the Philippines Embassy in Singapore. Despite having just arrived in Singapore, Mazel agreed to give his keynote address on behalf of the U.S. Government. We are delighted to learn that his appearance at the workshop was his first official function on arriving in the city state. The ASC would like to thank Ambassador Cruz for representing the Philippines Government as the ASEAN country-coordinator for the United States. Appreciation also goes to all the paper presenters. I would particularly like to express my thanks to Michael Satin, Stephen C. Ma, Lam Peng Er, Neal Imperial, Jane Chan Git Yin, Michael Dembrosky, Yeong T. Pak, Patrick Kane, and Joshua Ho. I would also like to thank Ambassador Severino for contributing his short essay for inclusion in this volume and for spending his time to read

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AADMER	ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response
ADM	ASEAN Data Model
ADMM	ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting
ADVANCE	ASEAN Development Vision to Advance National Cooperation and Economic Integration
AEP	ASEAN-U.S. Enhanced Partnership
AFTEX	ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries
AICHR	ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights
APC	Asia-Pacific Community
APSC	ASEAN Political-Security Community
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ASC	ASEAN Studies Centre
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASG	Abu Sayyaf Group
ASW	ASEAN Single Window
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
BTA	Bilateral Trade Agreement
CARAT	Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training

COMLOGWESTPAC	Command Logistics Group Western Pacific
CSI	Container Security Initiative
DoC	ASEAN-China Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea
DoD	Department of Defense
DPRK	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
EAC	East Asia Community
EAF	East Asia Forum
EAS	East Asia Summit
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EPG	Eminent Persons Group
FTA	Free Trade Agreement
GWOT	Global War on Terror
G-20	Group of Twenty
HADR	Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Initiative for ASEAN Integration
IAI	Initiative for ASEAN Integration
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
ISEAS	Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Ji	Jemaah Islamiyah
MSP	Malacca Strait Patrols
NLD	National League for Democracy
NSWs	National Single Windows
NTS	Non-Traditional Security
PACOM	Pacific Command
PLAN	People's Liberation Army Navy
PMC	Post Ministerial Conference
PRC	People's Republic of China
PSI	Proliferation Security Initiative
QDR	Quadrennial Defense Review
RIMPAC	Rim of the Pacific
RMSI	Regional Maritime Security Initiative
SAFSA	Source ASEAN Full Service Alliance

SEACAT	Southeast Cooperation against Terrorism
SLD	Shangri-La Dialogue
SLOCs	Sea Lines of Communication
SME	Small and Medium Enterprises
SPDC	State Peace and Development Council
TAC	Treaty of Amity and Cooperation
TATF	Technical Assistance and Training Facility
TIFA	Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNGA	United Nations General Assembly
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
UNSG	United Nations Secretary-General
UPOV	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
USCG	United States Coast Guard
USN	The United States' Navy
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WTO	World Trade Organization