

# CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

## **I Indochina Seminar on Promoting Women's Participation in Economic Development**

This seminar, held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 22–24 January 1996, was jointly sponsored by UN/ESCAP and the Vietnam Women's Union (V.W.U.), Hanoi. The theme of the seminar was to examine opportunities and challenges of Indochinese women in this period of economic reform (and political reform in Cambodia). In addition, it aimed at creating an action plan for women's economic development issues, which would guide international donors in project priorities. The programme of the seminar was as follows:

*22 January 1996*

### *Opening ceremony*

— Opening speech by Her Excellency Mme Truong My Hoa—President of V.W.U.

— Speech by His Excellency Mr Do Muoi, General Secretary of Viet Nam Communist Party

— Speech by Her Excellency Madam Nguyen Thi Binh, Vice President of State

— Speech by His Excellency Mr Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to Viet Nam

— Speech by Ms Thelma Kay, Chief, Women in Development Section, ESCAP

— Speech by the representative of UNDP Hanoi

— Speech by Ms Rima Salah, Representative of UNICEF

Chairperson

His Excellency Mr Tran Xuan Nhi, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Education

Key note speech

*Promoting women's economic participation in transitional economy*

Dr Valentine Moghadam, Senior Researcher WIDER, United Nations University, Finland

Speech by a representative of Lao's Government

Speech by a representative of Cambodia Government

Speech by Vice Minister of Ministry of Planning and Investment of Vietnam

Chairperson

Ms Thelma Kay, ESCAP

*Introduction of the WID initiative of the Japanese Government*

Ms Yoko Suzuki, WID Expert, JICA

Panel Forum:

- Women's worker (Dr Moghadam)
- Skill training (Dr Carolyn Gates, Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore)
- Access to credit and financial sources (Mr Aris Alip-CASHPOR, Philippines)
- Entrepreneurship (Ms Claudine Van Remoortere, Project Coordinator, UNIDO, Viet Nam)

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*Introduction of a draft Plan of Action*

Ms Hiroko Hashimoto, Social Affairs Officer,  
WID Section, ESCAP

*23 January 1996*

*Group discussion (divided into four groups)*

Chairpersons of group discussion: one each from  
Cambodia and Lao PDR and two from Viet Nam

*Group discussion*

Presentation of the group discussion

Chairperson

Cambodian Representative

Secretariat and resource persons: Reformulation  
of a draft plan of action.

*24 January 1996*

*Adoption of the plan of action*

Chairperson

Mme Khampet, Lao PDR

Closing ceremony

Her Excellency Mme Truong My Hoa-President  
of V.W.U

Ms Thelma Kay, ESCAP

**II Seminar on Singapore and Emerging  
Asian Markets: Economic Outlook and  
Investment Opportunities**

This seminar, organized by the National University of Singapore Econometric Studies Unit, Department of Economics and Statistics, was held on 9 February 1996 in Singapore. The objective of this seminar was to provide concrete indicators of economic outlook and investment opportunities in the region for the next year. Fruitful discussions emerged from this day-long seminar, which was attended by representatives of business, academia and media. The programme of the seminar was as follows:

*Welcome Address*

*Assoc. Prof. Basant K. Kapur*

Head, Department of Economics and Statistics,  
National University of Singapore

*The Singapore Economy: Quarterly and Annual  
Outlook*

*Outlook and Annual Forecast*

Drs, Tan Lin Yeok, Ng Hock Guan, and David  
Owyong

*Quarterly GDP Forecasts*

Dr Tilak Abeysinghe

*China*

*Economic Outlook*

Mr Joe Zhang, Associate Director & Economist,  
W. I. Carr (Far East), Hong Kong

*Investment Opportunities*

Mr Allen Ng, Head, China Equities Research,  
SBC Warburg (Shanghai)

*India*

*Economic Outlook*

Assoc. Prof. Bhanoji Rao,

Department of Economics and Statistics, National  
University of Singapore

*Investment Opportunities*

Mr K. Sadashiv, Resident Representative, Exim  
Bank of India (Singapore)

*Vietnam*

*Economic Outlook*

Dr Carolyn Gates, Fellow,

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

*Investment Opportunities*

Dr Nick Freeman, Research Fellow,

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, (formerly  
Baring Securities, Vietnam)

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*Closing Remarks*

Dr Hui Weng Tat, Co-ordinator, Econometric Studies Unit, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore

**III The World Trade Congress, Singapore 1996: A Dialogue Between Government and Business on the Future Direction of International Trade**

The congress, jointly sponsored by International Herald Tribune and Singapore Trade Development Board, was held in Singapore from 24–25 April 1996. About 700 government officials, including ministers, businessmen, academics and media people actively participated in the meeting. The main focus was on the future of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the future direction of international trade. The programme of the above congress was as follows:

*Wednesday, 24 April 1996*

*Moderators*

Richard McClean, Chief Executive and Publisher, International Herald Tribune, France  
Barry Desker, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Trade Development Board

*Keynote Address: Global Trade in the 21st Century: Prospects and Issues*

Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister, Singapore

*Implications for Trade in a Borderless World*

Renato Ruggiero, Director-General, WTO

*Panel Discussion*

*Debating the Merits of Free Trade*

Discussion Chair

Sylvia Ostry, Chairman, Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto

Panelists

Peter S. Watson, Chairman, The United States International Trade Commission

Victor K. Fung, Chairman, Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Ross Garnaut, Professor of Economics and Convenor of Division of Economics, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University

Lee Tsao Yuan, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies and Nominated Member of Parliament, Singapore

*Beyond the Uruguay Round*

C. Fred Bergsten, Director, Institute for International Economics, U.S.A.

*Panel Discussion*

*The Present and Future Agenda of the WTO: A View of the Business Community*

Discussion Chair

Arthur Dunkel, Chairman, Commission on International Trade and Investment Policy, International Chamber of Commerce

Private Sector Leaders

Edgardo Boeninger, Chair, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, Chile

Avijit Mazumdar, Chairman, TIL Limited, India

David Hawes, General Manager Government Affairs, Qantas Airways Limited, Australia

David E. Wakeford M.B.E., International Trade Manager, Imperial Chemical Industries p.l.c., U.K.

*The Role of the Rapidly Developing World in International Trade*

Ruben Ricupero, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

*Panel Discussion*

*Regional Trading Arrangements and the Future of the Multilateral Trading System*

Discussion Chair

Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Executive Director, Singapore International Foundation

Panelists

Luiz Felipe Lampreia, Minister of External Relations, Brazil

Jae Yoon Park, Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, Republic of Korea

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Roy MacLaren, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Canada on International Trade

Mats Hellström, Former Cabinet Member, Minister for Foreign Trade, E.U. Affairs and Nordic Cooperation, M.P., Ambassador Designate of Sweden to Germany

*The Challenges Faced by the WTO*

Sir Leon Brittan, Vice President, The Commission of the European Communities

*Thursday, 25 April 1996*

*Moderators*

Rolf D. Kranepuhl, Managing Director-Asia/Pacific, International Herald Tribune, Hong Kong  
Kishore Mahbubani, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

*The Emerging South-East Asian Marketplace*

Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Deputy Prime Minister, Thailand

*Panel Discussion*

*Trade and Investment Liberalization: The Road Ahead*

Discussion Chair

Donald J. Johnston, Secretary-General Designate, OECD

Panelists

Jeffrey M. Lang, Deputy Trade Representative, U.S.A.

Tejendra Khanna, Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, India

Alastair Bisley, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand

Jean-Pierre Landau, Under Secretary for External Economic Relations, Ministry of Economy and Finance, France

Tadakatsu Sano, Director-General, International Economic Affairs Department, International Trade Policy Bureau, MITI, Japan

John Anthony Miller, J.P. Director-General of Trade and Chief Trade Negotiator, Trade Department, Hong Kong Government

*Panel Discussion*

*Practical Implications of the Post-GATT Order*  
Discussion Chair

Peter S. Watson, Chairman, The United States International Trade Commission

Private Sector Leaders: Steven J. Green, Chairman and C.E.O., Samsonite Corporation, U.S.A.

Rahmi M. Koç, Chairman, Koç Holding A.S., Turkey

Qin Xiao, Executive Director and President, CITIC, China

Mathew Samuel, Director Corporate Affairs, Singapore Airlines

Graham Davey, Regional Managing Director, South East Asia, DHL International (S) Pte. Ltd., Singapore

Shekhar Datta, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

*Panel Discussion*

*ASEAN: Entering the 21st Century*

Discussion Chair

S. Dhanabalan, Senior Advisor, Nuri Holdings (S) Pte. Ltd. and Chairman, Singapore Airlines

Panelists

Pehin Dato' Abdul Rahman Taib, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam

Tunky Ariwibowo, Minister of Industry and Trade, Republic of Indonesia

Dato' Seri Rafidah Aziz, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia

Yeo Cheow Tong, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore

Le Van Triet, Minister of Trade, Vietnam

Rizalino S. Navarro, Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines

*Balancing Domestic and International Trade Concerns*

Dr Hartono Sastrosoenarto, Coordinating Minister for Production and Distribution, Republic of Indonesia

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*Closing Address: Looking Ahead to the Inaugural WTO Ministerial Conference*  
Yeo Cheow Tong, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore

#### **IV Workshop on Ethnic Chinese as Southeast Asians**

After the introduction of the open-door policy in China, many Chinese entrepreneurs overseas have begun to invest in mainland China. Attention has again been paid to the Chinese all over the world, including the Chinese in Southeast Asia. Under this situation, the perception of the Southeast Asian Chinese themselves in terms of their position in their respective Southeast Asian countries, their relationship with China, their identity, as well as the perception of “indigenous” Southeast Asians towards the ethnic Chinese, needs discussion.

Hence, it was the main focus of the workshop which was organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore. It was held from 26–27 April in Singapore. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

*26 April 1996 (Friday)*

##### *Opening Remarks*

Professor Chan Heng Chee  
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Associate Professor Leo Suryadinata  
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

*Session 1: The Ethnic Chinese in Southeast Asia: Overseas Chinese, Chinese Overseas or Southeast Asians?*

Chairperson  
Professor Chan Heng Chee  
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Paperwriter  
Associate Professor Leo Suryadinata  
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore  
Discussant  
Associate Professor Tan Chee Beng  
Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya

*Session 2: The Identity of the Malaysian Chinese*  
Chairperson

Professor Wang Gungwu  
Distinguished Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Chairman, The Institute of East Asian Political Economy, Singapore

Paperwriter  
Professor Lee Kam Hing  
Department of History, University of Malaya  
Discussant  
Professor Ahmat Adam  
Dean, Centre for General Studies, Universiti Malaysia Sabah

*Session 3: The Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia: Issues of Identity*

Chairperson  
Associate Professor Leo Suryadinata  
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

Paperwriter  
Dr Mely G. Tan  
Center for Social and Cultural Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences [PMB-LIPI], Jakarta  
Discussant  
Dr A. Dahana  
Executive Director, The Fulbright Commission of Indonesia (American-Indonesian Exchange Foundation — AMINEF), Jakarta

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*Session 4: Ethnic Chinese in the Philippines and their Identity*

Chairperson

Dr Theresa C. Carino

Executive Director, Philippine-China Development Resource Center, Metro Manila

Paperwriter

Ms Teresita Ang-See

Executive Director, Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran, Inc, Manila

Discussant

Associate Professor Renato S. Velasco

Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of the Philippines, Quezon City

27 April 1996

*Session 5: Ethnic Chinese in Thailand and their Identity*

Chairperson

Dr Mely G. Tan

Senior Researcher, Center for Social and Cultural Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences [PMB-LIPI], Jakarta

Paperwriter

Associate Professor Supang Chantavanich

Head, The Asian Research Center for Migration, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University

Discussant

Associate Professor Anusorn Limmanee

Department of Government, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University

*Session 6: Ethnic Chinese in Singapore and their Identity*

Chairperson

Dr Diana Wong

Deputy Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Paperwriter

Dr Chiew Seen Kong

Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

Discussant

Dr A. Mani

Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore

*Session 7: Ethnic Chinese in Vietnam and their Identity*

Chairperson

Ms Teresita Ang-See

Executive Director, Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran, Inc, Manila

Paperwriter

Dr Tran Khanh

Co-ordinator, Programme of Contemporary Issues in Southeast Asia, National Center for Social Sciences and Humanities of Vietnam, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies, Hanoi

Discussant

Associate Professor Ta Huu Phuong

Department of Decision Sciences, National University of Singapore

*Session 8: Ethnic Chinese in Myanmar and their Identity*

Chairperson

Professor Lee Kam Hing

Department of History, University of Malaya

Paperwriter

Dr Mya Than

Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Discussant

Dr Khin Maung Kyi

Department of Business Policy, National University of Singapore

Closing Remarks

Associate Professor Leo Suryadinata

Visiting Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Place</i>
JANUARY 1996		
6–12	ASEAN Tourism Forum 1996	Surabaya
8–10	2nd Meeting of the 27th ASEAN Senior Economic Officials (SEOM)	Jakarta
8–10	2nd ASEAN — SOM	Bali
8–10	12th Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the ASEAN Institute of Forest Management (AIFM)	Johor Bahru
9–1	ASEAN Expert Group Meeting on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (NRSE)	Jakarta
*10–11	<i>Ministerial Meeting on HRD</i>	<i>Manila</i>
10–12	12th Meeting of the ASEAN Power Utilities/ Authorities (HAPUA)	Bali
10–12	3rd Japan-ASEAN Intellectual Property Experts Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
13–15	1st Meeting of ASEAN Negotiating Group on Services	Bandung
15–17	7th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)	Bandar Seri Begawan
*15–19	<i>12th Meeting of Electronic Data Information Advisory Group</i>	<i>Brussels</i>

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16–17	Preparatory Meeting for the 17th ASEAN-Australia Forum	Bandar Seri Begawan
17–19	Special Meeting of the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board (AFSRB)	Bangkok
18–24	Marine Ecology Camp	Trang Prov & Phe Island
18–19	6th ASEAN-Australia Economic Cooperation Programme Joint Planning Committee (AAECP JPC)	Bandar Seri Begawan
29–30	ASEAN Transport Officials Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
29–30	3rd Meeting of the Board of Advisors of the Masterplan on Natural Gas Development and Utilisation in the ASEAN Region	Bangkok
29–31	2nd Meeting of the 29th ASEAN Standing Committee	Jakarta
29–31	5th Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Labour Affairs (ASCLA)	Singapore
31 Jan – 3 Feb	Second Meeting of the ASEAN Coal Network and Site Visits on Low Grade Coal Utilization Technologies	Bangkok

FEBRUARY 1996

1	8th ASEAN-ROK Joint Management Committee Meeting	Jakarta
2–3	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting for the Preparation of Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM)	Phuket
5–6	1st Meeting of the Coordinating Committee and Sectoral Negotiating Groups on Services	Jakarta
5–7	10th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Industrial Cooperation	Jakarta
7–11	DGs' Visit to Cambodia	Cambodia
11–14	DGs' Visit to Laos	Laos
13–14	1st Meeting of ASEAN Exports Working Group on WTO	Chiang Rai



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14–16	ASEAN-10 Ministerial Meeting	Chiang Rai
14–16	Visit at request of Government of Pakistan to Finalize Study on ASEAN Sectoral Relations	Pakistan
15–16	ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM) 7+3 for the Preparation of ASEM	Chiang Rai
28–29	SOM-ASEM	Bangkok
28 Feb– 2 Mar	Working Group to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Cooperation in Intellectual Property	Chiang Mai
MARCH 1996		
28 Feb– 2 Mar	Working Group to Implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Cooperation in Intellectual Property	Chiang Mai
1–2	11th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC)	Jakarta
4–6	1st National Organizing Committee Meeting for the 2nd ASEAN Skills Competition	Manila
5–6	1st Meeting of the Coordinating Committee for the Implementation of CEPT for AFTA	Jakarta
7–8	5th Meeting of the Experts Group on Tariff Nomenclature	Jakarta
8–9	2nd Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Investment Cooperation and Promotion (WGICP)	Bandar Seri Begawan
11–13	3rd Meeting of the 27th ASEAN Senior Economic Officials (SEOM), SEOM-CER and SEOM-MITI	Bandar Seri Begawan
12–13	ASEAN-EU Eminent Persons Group (EPG) Meeting	Manila
12–13	Special Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)	Ho Chi Minh City
15–16	2nd Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Bali
12–13	ASEAN-EU Eminent Persons Group (EPG) Meeting	Manila
12–13	Special Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)	Ho Chi Minh City

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15–16	2nd Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Bali
17–19	1st ASEAN Transportation Ministers Meeting	Bali
23	Working Group on Economic Cooperation in Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar	Bangkok
25–27	ASEAN Workshop on Customs Valuation	Lombok, Indonesia
26–17	12th Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC)	Bangkok
27	Meeting of the Japan-ASEAN Cooperation Promotion Programme Committee (JACPP)	Jakarta
28–29	3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Customs Procedures	Lombok, Indonesia
29–30	Workshop on Automobile Industry Studies	Bangkok
APRIL 1996		
2–4	3rd Meeting of the 29th ASEAN Standing Committee	Manado
8–9	ASEAN Workshop the National Level Studies on Trade and the Environment	Bangkok
8–10	Special SOM	Surabaya
8–10	Training Course on Integrated Urban Energy Planning Approach and Methodology	Baguio, Philippines
9–10	3rd Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Investment Cooperation and Promotion (WGICP)	Singapore
9–11	50th ASEAN - CCI Council Meeting	Jakarta
10–12	Working Group on Intellectual Property Committee (WGIPC)	Udon Thani, Thailand
11-12	ASEAN Workshop on National Level Studies on Trade and the Environment	Kuala Lumpur
15–16	ASEAN Workshop the National Level Studies on Trade and the Environment	Manila
15–16	1st Meeting of National Focal Points Working Group	Jakarta

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Joint Approaches in Agriculture and Forest  
Products Promotion

15	6th Meeting of the Joint SEOM-SOM AMAF Working Group on the Inclusion of Unprocessed Agricultural Products into the CEPT Scheme for AFTA	Jakarta
16–17	ASEAN Preparatory Meeting for the 10th ASEAN-Canada Dialogue JCC	Pulau Pinang
16–19	3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Services	Jakarta
17–20	Workshop on Mekong Basin Development Cooperation	Bangkok
18–19	14th Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Non-Conventional Energy Research	Manila
18–19	ASEAN Workshop on National Level Studies on Trade and the Environment	Singapore
23	Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Coordinators on Crops, Livestock, Forestry	Singapore
22–23	ASEAN Workshop on National Level Studies on Trade and the Environment	Jakarta
22–23	4th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Management	Singapore
23–24	11th ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (ASLOM)	Bangkok
24–25	SEOM Preparatory Meeting for the 9th Meeting of the AFTA Council and the AEM Retreat	Singapore
24–26	Special SOM-ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting	Singapore
25–26	11th ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	Bangkok
26	9th AFTA Council	Singapore
27	AEM Retreat	Singapore
29	Informal Meeting of the ASEAN Finance Ministers	Manila

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