

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

I Conference on Southeast Asia and Latin America: Regional Bridge Building

The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore and the Chile Pacific Foundation, Santiago, co-organized the above conference in Singapore from 25–26 May 1999. The aim of the conference was to exchange experience of respective financial crises in both Southeast Asia and Latin America, and to promote trade and investment linkages between the two regions. Academics and representatives from leading research and academic institutions from ASEAN member countries and Latin America attended the above conference. The programme of the conference was as follows:

Tuesday, 25 May 1999

Opening Remarks

Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

Session I: Southeast Asian Financial Crisis

Chairperson: Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

Overview

Dr Jesus Estanislao, Professor, University of Asia and the Pacific, Makati City

Thailand

Dr Wisarn Puppavesa, Dean, School of Development Economics, National Institute of Development Administration, Bangkok

Singapore

Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Discussion

Malaysia

Professor Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, Kuala Lumpur

Mr Azidin Wan Abdul Kadir, Senior Research Officer, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, Kuala Lumpur

Indonesia

Dr Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Discussion

Session II: The Latin American Experience

Chairperson: Prof. Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Overview

Professor Vittorio Corbo, Professor of Economics, Catholic University of Chile

Mexico

Professor Oscar Fernandez, Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies, Mexico

Discussion

Chile
Professor Vittorio Corbo, Professor of
Economics, Catholic University of Chile

Brazil
Dr Pedro da Motta Veiga, Chairman, Brazilian
Association for the Study of Transnational
Companies and Economic Globalization
(SOBEET)

Discussion

Wednesday, 26 May 1999

Session III: Regional Cooperation Experiences
Chairperson: Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive
Director, Chile Pacific Foundation

ASEAN
Dr Mya Than, Senior Research Fellow, Institute
of Southeast Asian Studies
Dr Nick Freeman, Fellow, Institute of Southeast
Asian Studies

MERCOSUR and the Americas
Dr Pedro da Motta Veiga, Chairman, Brazilian
Association for the Study of Transnational
Companies and Economic Globalization
(SOBEET)

Discussion

*Session IV: Bridge Building between Southeast
Asia and Latin America*
Chairperson: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director,
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Trade and Investment Linkages: Southeast Asian
Perspective
Dr Nick Freeman, Fellow, Institute of Southeast
Asian Studies

Panel Discussion: Towards Mutual Cooperation
and Consultation
Moderator: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director,
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Panelists:
Professor Sieh-Lee Mei Ling, Deputy Dean,
Faculty of Business and Accountancy, University
of Malaya
Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile
Pacific Foundation

Closing Remarks
Dr Manfred Wilhelmy, Executive Director, Chile
Pacific Foundation
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of
Southeast Asian Studies

II Workshop on Accelerating Competitiveness in a Context of Trade Liberalization

This workshop was jointly sponsored by the
Central Institute for Economic Management
(CIEM), Hanoi, and the Swedish International
Development Agency (SIDA) and it was held in
Hanoi, Vietnam, from 31 May–1 June 1999. The
above workshop was part of the training pro-
gramme in collaboration with the Institute of
Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore and funded by
SIDA. The theme of the workshop was to explore
means and ways to accelerate international
competitiveness in a context of trade liberalization
for Vietnam, and to learn lessons from the
experienced ASEAN nations. Participants included
policy makers, senior officials and academics from
various institutions from Vietnam. The programme
was as follows:

31 May 1999

Morning session
Opening remarks
Dr Le Dang Doanh, President of CIEM
Ms Henny Aderson, SIDA

Issues of International Integration for Vietnam
Dr Le Dang Doanh, President of CIEM
Comments: Dr Carolyn Gates, ISEAS

Macroeconomic Environment to Enhance
Competitiveness
Dr Vo Tri Thanh, CIEM

Comments: Dr Vu Quoc Huy, NEU

Afternoon session

International Competitiveness: The ASEAN Experience

Dr Mya Than, ISEAS

Comments: Dr Nguyen Minh Tu, CIEM

Case Studies of Competitiveness in Several Sectors of the Economy

Mrs Phan Thanh Ha, Deputy Director of Macroeconomic Policy Department, CIEM

Comments: Mr Dao Huy Giam, Deputy Director, Department of Multinational Trade, MOT

1 June 1999

Global Integration, Competitiveness and Reform of the International Financial Architecture

Dr Carolyn Gates, ISEAS

Comments: Dr Le Khac Tri, State Bank

Discussions

Conclusions and closing remarks

Dr Le Dang Doanh, President of CIEM

III Ministerial Roundtable on Beyond the Asian Crisis: Sustainable Agricultural Development and Poverty Alleviation in the New Millennium

This Roundtable, organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, was held in Bangkok from 14–15 June 1999. Its objective was to synthesize ministerial views, experiences and advice in seeking to meet the major concerns and challenges of sustainable agricultural development and poverty alleviation in the next millennium. On the heels of the Asian crisis, the Roundtable served as a forum to exchange experiences and perspectives, and identified lessons for the future, considering the history and record of economic progress in the region.

In conjunction, a policy workshop was held to discuss country papers on the Asian crisis, policy reforms and agricultural sector performance.

Participants included Agriculture Ministers, senior officials, academics and policy institutes and centers from Asia. The programme of the above Roundtable was as follows:

Monday, 14 June 1999

Welcome Speech

Dr Prem Nath, Assistant Director-General and Regional Representative, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Opening Remarks

H.E. Pongpol Adireksarn, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Keynote Presentations

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Regional Perspectives

Dr Prem Nath, ADG/RR

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century, Experience and Perspectives from Thailand and ASEAN Transition Economies

H.E. Pongpol Adireksarn, Minister for Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

H.E. Maj. Gen. Nyunt Tin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar

H.E. Ngo The Dan, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Experience and Perspectives from the ASEAN

Hon. Edgardo Angara, Secretary for Agriculture, Philippines

H.E. Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Haji Daud, Minister for Agriculture, Malaysia

H.E. Prof. Soleh Solahuddin, Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Experience and Perspectives from North East Asia

H.E. Liu Jian, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, China

Prospects and Challenges for Asian Agriculture in the 21st Century: Experience and Perspectives from South Asia

H.E. Mian Abdul Sattar Leleka, Minister for Food, Agriculture and Livestock, Pakistan

Presentations/Messages Read for Ministers
Dr R.S. Paroda, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), India
Mr Phouvieng Laddavong, Director General, Laos

Panel Discussions and Open Forum
Dr Nipon Poangposakorn, TDRI, Thailand
Dr Jikun Huang, CCAP, China
Dr Suthad Setboonsang, Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN
Professor V.S. Vyas, PRAG, India

Closing Remarks by Dr Prem Nath

Tuesday, 15 June 1999

Presentation of Country Case Study
China (1): Dr Feng Lu, DRC
China (2): Dr Jikun Huang, CCAP
India: Dr Vijay S. Vyas, PRAG
Pakistan: Dr Sarfraz Khan Qureshi, PIDE

Open Forum
Continuation of Presentation of Country Case Study
Philippines: Dr Cristina C. David, PIDS
Thailand: Dr Nipon Poangposakorn, TDRI
Indochina: Dr Mya Than, ISEAS

Open Forum

Continuation of Presentation of Country Case Study
Indonesia: Dr Delima H. Azahari Darmawan, CIPS
Malaysia: Dr Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman, CPS
Korea (Rep): Dr Kyeong-Duk Kim, KREI

Open Forum

Concluding Remarks by Mr Dong Qingson, Deputy Regional Representative (DRR)

IV East Asian Development Network Inaugural Forum

This Forum was co-organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, and the World Bank, Washington in Singapore from 28–29 June 1999. This was part of the World Bank's project on Global Development Network. The forum's purpose is to explain the growth experience of the seven regions participating in the Global Development Network — East Asia, South Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Former Soviet Union, Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Major think tanks and research institutes were invited to the above forum. The programme of the forum was as follows:

Monday, 28 June 1999

Opening Remarks
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy Office, World Bank

Session I: Role of Think-Tanks and Research Institutes in East Asia

Short presentations from each member on their institute and challenges they face

Session II: The Global Development Network Global Research Project

Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy Office, World Bank

Discussion

Session III: The East Asian Development Network

Discussion of networking mechanism
Discussion of research proposals for funding
Discussion of other training and research facilitation

Tuesday, 29 June 1999

Proposals on common and individual research facilitation

V Second Intellectual Dialogue on Building Asia's Tomorrow: Promoting Sustainable Development and Human Security

The Japan Center for International Exchange (JCIE) and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies organized the above conference in Singapore from 12–13 July 1999. This conference was the follow-up of the first conference held in Tokyo in November 1998. The aim was to exchange views among the intellectuals in Asia, focusing on Asia's future in the light of promoting sustainable development and human security. Academics and representatives from leading think tanks from the Asia-Pacific region attended the meeting. In conjunction, Professor Amartya Sen, 1998 Nobel Laureate for Economics, gave the Second Asia and Pacific Lecture on "Beyond the Crisis: Development Strategies in Asia". The programme of the meeting was as follows:

Monday, 12 July 1999

Opening Remarks

Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Mr Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange

Session I: Good Governance: Is There an Asian Model?

Moderator: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Presenter: Dr Anggito Abimanyu, PAU Studi Ekonomi, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta

Commentators: Prof. Akihiko Tanaka, Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo

Mr Jusuf Wanandi, Chairman, Supervisory Board, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Session II: Social Safety Net: How Desirable, How Feasible?

Moderator: Prof. Jesus P. Estanislao, University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines

Presenter: Assoc Prof. Mukul G. Asher, Department of Economics, National University of Singapore

Commentators: Dr Le Dang Doanh, President, Central Institute for Economic Management, Hanoi

Mr Kyoji Komachi, Director, General Affairs Department, Japan International Cooperation Agency

Session III: Human Resource Development: Where to Invest in the Future?

Moderator: Prof. Anh Byung-joon, Yonsei University, Seoul

Presenter: Dr Somkiat Tangkitvanich, Research Specialist, Thailand Development Research Institute

Commentators: Dr Dante B. Canlas, Enrique Virata Professor of Economics, University of the Philippines

Prof. Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research

Session IV: Protecting the Environment: How to Balance Economic Needs?

Moderator: Dr Chalongsob Sussangkarn, President, Thailand Development Research Institute

Presenter: Prof. Hiroya Ichikawa, Sophia University, Tokyo

Commentators: Prof. Carolina G. Hernandez, President, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, University of the Philippines

Dr Lorraine Elliott, Research Fellow, Department of International Relations, Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies, Canberra

Second Asia and Pacific Lecture

by Prof. Amartya K. Sen
1998 Nobel Laureate for Economics

Tuesday, 13 July 1999

Panel Discussion: Cross-Sectoral Cooperation in Addressing Human Security Issues

Moderator: Mr Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange

Panelists: Mr Keizo Takemi, State Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo

Prof. Tommy Koh, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore

Mr Shivsharan Someshwar, Assistant Director, Office of the Vice President, The Rockefeller Foundation, New York

Dr M.G. Quibria, Assistant Chief Economist, Asian Development Bank, Philippines

Session V: The Roles of Global and Regional Institutions

Moderator: Mr Jusuf Wanandi, Chairman, Supervisory Board, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Presenters: Prof. Jesus P. Estanislao, University of Asia and the Pacific, Philippines

Dr Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Commentators: Mr Hiroaki Fujii, President, The Japan Foundation

Prof. Tommy Koh, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore

Session VI: The Role of Civil Society

Moderator: Prof. Mohamed Ariff, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research

Presenter: Ms Erna Witoelar, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium, Jakarta

Commentators: Prof. Jung Ku-Hyun, Dean, Graduate School of Business Administration, Yonsei University, Seoul

Mr Simon Tay, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs

Session VII: Conclusions: Defining an Intellectual Agenda for the Future

Moderator: Prof. Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Presenter: Dr Zhang Yunling, Director, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Commentators: Mr Arun Mahizhnan, Deputy Director, The Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore

Dr Charles Morrison, President, East-West Center, Honolulu

Closing Remarks

Mr Tadashi Yamamoto, President, Japan Center for International Exchange

Prof. Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies