

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I ASEAN-Round Workshop: Strategic Perspectives and Governance

The aim of this programme was to foster long-term strategic thinking on governance issues by both the private and public sectors in the Asia-Pacific region. The programme networks with policy makers in the private and public sectors in co-operation with academics, think tanks and researchers interested in promoting economic and social development in the region. This workshop was organized by the Tokyo-based Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and held from 11–12 November 1998, in Singapore. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

Wednesday, 11 November

Opening remarks by the Dean, Dr. Estanislao, Discussion Chair

Session I: Expected Future Scenarios

What current trends are likely to continue into the future? What shifts in trends due to external forces can be expected? Given these trends and shifts in trends, what scenarios are probable in the next 10–20 years given the current financial crisis and economic instability in the region? What actions can be taken now to ensure that the identified probable future scenarios can be oriented more positively for the benefit of the entire region?

Presentation 1: Lessons to be Learned from Financial Crises

Presentation 2: Implications for Labor Markets of Demographic Trends and Labour Mobility

Open Discussion

Session II: Strategic Responses to Future Scenarios

What responses are required by the key sectors, e.g., foreign trade, industry, finance, education and health? How should one plan for the future taking into account the main trends involved with globalization? How should governance, i.e. the manner in which strategies are formulated, adjust to ensure that institutions and organizations develop in response to the changed dynamic environment?

Presentation 3: Responses by Businesses

Presentation 4: Responses by Governments

Open Discussion

Thursday, 12 November

Session III: Inter-Relations and Co-operative Endeavours

What co-operative arrangements are needed at various levels to adjust to, and perhaps control, the global market forces? How do the private and public sectors have to interact differently in the future? What best corporate practices need to be shared and put into practice?

Presentation 5: Arrangements at the Global and Regional Levels

Presentation 6: Arrangements at the Sub-National Level

Open Discussion

Session IV: Strategies to Strengthen Civil Society

How do we bring in, and give more importance to, local governments and social enterprises to provide a more open, participatory governance mechanism?

Presentation 7: Unemployment Rates in ASEAN
Presentation 8: NGO Participation Strategies
Open Discussion
Summary and Closing Remarks

II The 1999 Regional Outlook Forum

This forum was one of the annual events of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, organized for the public on 8 January 1999, as part of its continuing effort to contribute to a better understanding of developments in, and challenges facing, the region. Distinguished economists from the region, along with speakers and panelists drawn from the ranks of scholars, financial analysts, and businessmen based in Singapore were invited to speak on economic and financial outlooks for various East and Southeast Asian countries. An ISEAS research team presented the political outlook for the region. More than 400 people from the private and public sector, academia and mass media attended the forum. The forum programme was as follows:

Introductory Remarks

Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, ISEAS

Regional Political Outlook 1999

Politics of Change and Uncertainty

Speakers: ISEAS Research Team

Mr Daljit Singh, Senior Research Fellow

Dr John Funston, Senior Fellow

Professor C.P.F. Luhulima, Visiting Research Fellow

Regional Economic Outlook 1999

East Asian Economies: On the Recovery Path?

Speakers:

Japan

Dr C.H. Kwan, Senior Economist, Nomura Research Institute, Tokyo

South Korea

Professor Ahn Choong Yong, Dean, Graduate School of International Studies, Chung-Ang University, Seoul, South Korea
China and Hong Kong

Professor Edward K.Y. Chen, President,

Lingnan College, Hong Kong

Indonesia

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

Malaysia

Dr Zainal Aznam Yusof, Deputy Director-General, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Kuala Lumpur

Thailand

Dr Chalongphob Sussangkarn, President, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

Economic Outlook for Singapore

Moderator: Mr Graham G. Hayward, Executive Director, Singapore International Chamber of Commerce

Presenters:

Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap, Head, Central Banking Policy Research Unit, and Associate Professor Chen Kang, Head, Econometric Modelling Unit — both from Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University

Panelists:

Mr George Abraham, Executive Director, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Dr Bernhard Eschweiler, Head, Economic Research, Asia Pacific, J.P. Morgan

Mr Stephen Lee, President, Singapore National Employers Federation

Stock Market Outlook

Moderator: Mr Vikram Khanna, Regional Economic Editor, Business Times

Panelists:

Mr Kim Teo, Managing Director, Nicholas-Applegate, Singapore

Mr Daniel Lo, Vice-President, DBS Private Banking

Mrs Pansy Phua, Vice-President, Investment, Citibank Private Banking, Singapore

Concluding Remarks

Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, ISEAS

III World Development Report (WDR) 2000: Singapore Workshop

The World Bank and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies co-hosted the above workshop in Singapore from 11–12 January 1999. The theme of the Report is “Entering the Twenty-first Century: Development Imperatives”. The objective of the workshop was to discuss the draft chapters of the WDR 2000 and get feedback from academics and policy makers from the private and public sectors in East Asia. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

Tuesday, 12 January 1999

Opening Remarks

Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

WDR Outline

Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Session 1: Global Trade and WTO

Moderator: Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Presenter: Professor Kym Anderson, School of Economics, Director, Centre for International Economic Studies, University of Adelaide
Commentator: Professor Augustine H.H. Tan, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore

Session 2: Regional Economic Integration in East Asia

Moderator: Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Presenter: Professor Yak-yeow Kueh, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Lingnan College, Hong Kong
Commentator: Professor Chia Siow Yue, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Session 3: Finance and Economic Policy in Malaysia

Moderator: Dr Marianne Fay, Economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Presenter: Dr Mohd Hafilah Piei, Deputy Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Kuala Lumpur
Commentator: Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Session 4: Impact of Globalization on the Chinese Economy

Moderator: Dr Weiping Wu, Consultant, World Development Report 2000 and Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond
Presenter: Dr Guo Shuqing, Vice Governor, Guizhou Province Government, Guiyang
Commentator: Professor John Wong, Research Director, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore

Session 5: Telecommunications and Transportation and Urban Growth

Moderator: Dr Marianne Fay, Economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Presenter: Professor Peter J. Rimmer, Department of Human Geography, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Canberra
Commentator: Professor Masahisa Fujita, Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University, Kyoto

Session 6: Foreign Investment and Urban Growth

Moderator: Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Presenter: Professor Victor F.S. Sit, Chair, Department of Geography and Geology, The University of Hong Kong
Commentator: Mr Rajiv Lall, Managing Director, E.M. Warburg, Pincus and Co Asia Ltd., Hong Kong

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Session 7: Thailand's Urban System Under Globalization

Moderator: Dr Weiping Wu, Consultant, World Development Report 2000 and Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond

Presenters: Dr Utis Kaothien, Assistant Secretary General, National Economic and Social Development Board, Bangkok

Dr Douglas Webster, Senior Urban Planning Advisor, National Economic and Social Development Board, Bangkok, and currently Visiting Scholar, Stanford University

Commentator: Dr David Satterthwaite, Director, Human Settlements Programme, International Institute for Environment and Development, London

Session 8: Urban Transportation and Land Regulations in Singapore

Moderator: Dr Marianne Fay, Economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Presenter: Professor Phang Sock Yong, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore

Commentator: Mr Charles Kenny, Consultant, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Session 9: Urban Poverty Alleviation and Social Policies

Moderator: Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Presenter: Dr David Satterthwaite, Director, Human Settlements Programme, International Institute for Environment and Development, London

Commentator: Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Session 10: Decentralization and Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in India

Moderator: Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director,

World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Presenter: Dr Rakesh Mohan, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi

Commentator: Dr Marianne Fay, Economist, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Session 11: Local Governance and Metropolitan Coordination in the Philippines

Moderator: Dr Weiping Wu, Consultant, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C. and Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond

Presenter: Dr Romeo B. Ocampo, Center for Policy and Administrative Development, College of Public Administration, University of the Philippines

Commentator: Dr Shankar Acharya, Chief Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi

Closing Remarks

Dr Lyn Squire, Director, Development Policy, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Dr Shahid Yusuf, Staff Director, World Development Report 2000, The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

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

IV Policy Workshop on Asian Crisis, Reform Measures and Agricultural Response

This one day workshop was jointly sponsored by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) in Manila, on 22 January 1999. The objective of the workshop was to explore and analyse the impact of the Asian crisis in the region, particularly on the agricultural sector, and its policy responses to the crisis. Policy recommendations and research agenda were also discussed. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

Moderator: Dr Arsenio M. Balisacan
Master of Ceremonies: Ms Jennifer P.T. Liguton

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Dr Mario B. Lamberte, Acting President, PIDS
and
Mr. Vrander K. Sibal, FAO Representative

Speech
Director Romeo S. Recide, Bureau of Agricultural
Statistics, Department of Agriculture, Philippines

Overview of Comparative Study
Dr Donato B. Antiporta, Chief, Policy Assistance
Branch, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the
Pacific and
Professor Arsenio M. Balisacan, School of
Economics, University of the Philippines

Country Papers
Indonesia Dr Delima H. Azahari Darmawan
Malaysia Dr Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman
Philippines Dr Cristina C. David
Thailand Dr Intravitak Chedtha

Open Forum
South Korea Dr Kyeong-Duk Kim
China Dr Feng Lu and Dr Linxiu Zhang
South Asia Dr Sarfaz Khan Qureshi
Indochina Dr Mya Than

Open Forum
Plans Dr Antiporta/Dr Balisacan

Closing Remarks Dr Antiporta