

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

Workshop on Southeast Asian Communities and Community Networks, 13-14 March 1989, Singapore

An awards programme, designated as the Southeast Asian Communities and Community Networks Awards (SeaCCNA) Programme at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, was established in 1985 with support from the Volkswagen Foundation. Its objectives were to strengthen the research capabilities of young Southeast Asian social scientists, and to provide them with technical assistance and guidance; to increase the quantity and quality of social science research on communities and community networks in Southeast Asia; and to facilitate the flow of information developed in the programme through regional workshops. The research interests of the programme were defined as broadly as possible so as to enable applicants to work independently on topics of their own choosing.

An Advisory Committee comprising senior Southeast Asian social scientists was established to guide the programme, as well as assist in the selection of awardees. It includes Manasse Malo (Indonesia), Shamsul Amri Baharuddin (Malaysia), Jesucita Sodusta (Philippines), Pang Eng Fong (Singapore), Somboon Suksamran (Thailand), Kernial S. Sandhu (Director, ISEAS), Sharon Siddique (Senior Fellow, ISEAS), and Ananda Rajah (Fellow, ISEAS).

The recipients of awards come from almost all of Southeast Asia, reflecting the fully regional nature and scope of the programme. In carrying out their respective research projects, many of the award recipients have sought affiliation with the Institute and have based themselves at ISEAS.

The research undertaken by the successful candidates cover a wide

range of topics, research perspectives, and approaches. With several projects completed and the rest at various stages of completion, it was considered appropriate to hold a workshop to conclude the programme. This was held on 13–14 March 1989 at which a number of final and work-in-progress reports were presented for discussion. Senior scholars were also invited to participate in the workshop, so that the paper presenters would have the benefit of their experience and expertise.

ISEAS is pleased to have been able to pioneer this programme and would like to express its appreciation of the support it has received for the SeaCCNA Programme from the Volkswagen Foundation.

The programme of the workshop on Southeast Asian Communities and Community Networks, which was held at the Institute over two days, was as follows:

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Opening Remarks

K.S. Sandhu
Sharon Siddique
Ananda Rajah

ETHNIC GROUPS, ENCAPSULATED COMMUNITIES, AND ECONOMIC NETWORKS

SESSION I

“Ethnic Relations in a Residential Community in Singapore — Some Research Notes on the Management of Ethnic Differences”

Lai Ah Eng
Wolfson College
University of Cambridge
U.K.

Discussion

SESSION II

“The Economic Success of Indian Minorities in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Study of the Chettiars and the Sindhis of Singapore”

Jayarani Pavadarayan

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Discussion

SESSION III

“The Relationship between School Performance and Socio-Economic Backgrounds of Malay Secondary School Students”

Sha’ari Tadin

Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Singapore

Discussion

SESSION IV

“The Integration of Chinese Youths in Thailand: Politics, Change, and Development”

Polsuk Jirakraisiri

Srinakharinwirot University

Thailand

Discussion

SESSION V

“Chinese Traders in Belaga Town, Sarawak, East Malaysia: Geography, Indebtedness, and Appropriation”

Yao Souchou

University of Adelaide

Australia

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COMMUNITIES AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATIONS

SESSION VI

“Kasepuhan: Ecological Influences on Traditional Agriculture and Social Organization in West Java”

Kusnaka Adimihardja
Padjajaran University
Indonesia

Discussion

SESSION VII

“‘Weaving’ a Development Strategy — Cottage Industries in the Philippines”

Suriani Suratman
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Singapore

Discussion

SESSION VIII

“The Urban Poor: The Case of Rangoon”

Naing Oo
Department of Health
Rangoon
Burma

Discussion

RELIGION AND SOCIETY

SESSION IX

“Religion in Society: A Study of Myths, Rituals, and Social Change in Mt. Banahaw”

Guillermo Pesigan
Ateneo de Manila University
Philippines

Discussion

SESSION X

“The Karen and the Khru Ba Khao Pi Movement in Northern Thailand”

Kwanchewan Srisawat

Thai-German Highland Development Programme

Chiang Mai

Thailand

Discussion

LANGUAGE COMMUNITIES AND THE WORK OF TRANSLATION

SESSION XI

“Translation in the Malay-Speaking World: Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore”

Cesar Hidalgo

Language Centre

University of Malaya

Malaysia

Discussion

Concluding Remarks

K.S. Sandhu

Sharon Siddique

Ananda Rajah

**International Conference on Territorial Claims in the South China Sea,
4-6 December 1990, Hong Kong**

The Centre of Asian Studies, University of Hong Kong, will hold an international conference on “Territorial Claims in the South China Sea” on 4-6 December 1990 in Hong Kong.

This multi-disciplinary conference will include an overview of the history of the territorial claims especially since World War II, potential and actual resource use, strategic considerations, relevant international legal norms, case-studies, conflict and conflict resolution, and prospects

in the near and long term. The keynote speech on the Law of the Sea will provisionally be by Professor Tommy Koh, Singapore Ambassador to the United States and a noted international lawyer. Other prominent scholars and government representatives have been or shortly will be invited to attend.

Those who are interested in participating in the conference should contact:

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