

# CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

## **I Socio-Economic Dialogue amongst the Governments of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam**

This dialogue was attended by more than 50 leading scholars, state officials and representatives of international and regional organizations. The main theme of the dialogue was to deliberate on the issues relating to the transition from a centrally-planned economy to a market-oriented one in general and on inflation management, resource mobilization and economic integration with ASEAN specifically. The dialogue was jointly organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Thai Government and Asian and Pacific Development Centre. It was held in Hua Hin, Thailand from 23–26 August 1993 and its programme was as follows:

*23 August 1993*

### *Welcome & Keynote Address*

Mr Apilas Osatananda  
Permanent Secretary  
Prime Minister's Office, Thailand

### *Statement by UNDP*

Dr Renu Chahil-Graf  
UNDP Regional Representative, a.i.

### *Statement by APDC*

Dr Somsak Tambunlertchai  
Coordinator, APDC

### *Plenary Session I: Macroeconomic Outlook and Key Issues*

Chairperson: Thailand

### *Economies in Transition: Cambodia, Lao PDR and Vietnam*

Dr Brian van Arkadie

### *Thai Macroeconomic Management: Policy and Performance*

Dr Arporn Chewakrengkai

### *Working Group*

Group A: Inflation Management

Facilitator: Dr Mya Than

Group B: Domestic Savings Mobilization

Facilitator: Dr Tran Van Tho

Cambodia (A): Mr Michael Ward

Cambodia (B): Ms Chantou Boua

Vietnam (A): Dr Dang Duc Dam

Vietnam (B): Dr Nguyen Thi Hien

General Discussion

*24 August 1993 (Tuesday)*

### *Working Group (continued)*

Thailand (A): Dr Bhanupong Nidhiprabha

Thailand (B): Dr Dow Mongkonsamai

Lao PDR (A): Mr Khamsook Sundara

Lao PDR (B): Dr Mark Sundberg

Indonesia (A): Dr Anwar Nasution

Philippines (B): Dr Edita Tan

General Discussion (same for Group A & B)

### *Working Group (continued)*

Group A Facilitator: Mr Toshiaki Hayashi

Group B Facilitator: Dr Manuel Montes

Discussion of Learning and Identification of Possibilities for Sub-regional Collaboration

(agenda the same for Group A & B)

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*Summary Discussion of Experiences/Lessons Learned*

*Possibilities for Sub-regional Collaboration*  
General Discussion

25 August 1993

*Plenary Session II: Working Group Reports*  
Chairperson: Cambodia

Inflation Management (Group A)

Domestic Savings Mobilization (Group B)

*Plenary Session III: Preparations for Entry into ASEAN*  
Chairperson: Lao PDR

*ASEAN Economic Co-operation and ASEAN Free Trade Area*  
Dr Suthad Setboonsarng

*The Question of Indochina Membership in ASEAN*  
Dr Mohamed Ariff

General Discussion

Country Workshops

26 August 1993

*Plenary Session IV: Country Reports*  
Chairperson: Vietnam

Cambodia  
Lao PDR  
Vietnam  
Thailand

*Press Meeting*

*Plenary Session V: Summary and Closing Statements*  
Chairperson: Thailand

Summary of Issues: Dr Manuel Montes

Closing Statement: Dr Romeo Reyes, UNDP Representative

## **II Seminar on Prospects for a Growth Triangle**

The main objective of this seminar was to explore the possibilities of the formation of a growth triangle linking Thailand's southern part with northern Sumatra in Indonesia and four Malaysian states. It was held in Hat Yai in Thailand on 12 September 1993. The seminar was officially opened by the Prime Minister of Thailand and was attended by scholars, media personnel and state officials including senior ministers from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. The programme of the one-day seminar was as follows:

*Opening Ceremony and Keynote Address*  
H.E. Chuan Leekpai  
Prime Minister of Thailand

*Ministerial Seminar on The Prospects for a Growth Triangle by Thailand*

H.E. Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Malaysia

H.E. Tun Daim Zainuddin  
Coordinating Minister of the Triangle Project  
Indonesia

H.E. Ir Sanyoto Sastrowardoyo  
Minister of Investment

Chairman of the Investment Coordinating Board of Indonesia

*Moderated by*  
Mr Suthichai Yoon  
Editor-in-Chief, Nation Publishing Group

*Luncheon Address by*  
H.E. Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim  
Minister of Finance on behalf of Prime Minister of Malaysia

*National Seminar On the Road Toward a Growth Triangle by Thailand*

Dr Pornchai Rujiprapa  
Director

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Center for Integrated Plan of Operations Office of  
the National Social and Economic Development.  
Nippon Boonyapattaro  
Deputy Permanent Secretary of Interior Ministry  
Malaysia  
H.E. Dr Koh Tsu Koon  
Chief Minister of Penang  
H.E. Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh  
Chief Minister of Perlis  
Dr Tan Sri Dato Ali Abul Hassan bin Sulaiman  
Director-General, Economic Planning Unit  
ADB  
Mr Noritada Morita  
Director, Programmes Department (WEST)  
Asian Development Bank

*Moderated by*  
Mr Sopon Ongkara  
Executive Editor, The Nation

*Rountable on Opportunities and Obstacles Facing  
a Growth Triangle*

Thailand  
Mr Praphad Phodhivorakhun  
Secretary-General  
The Federation of Thai Industries  
Dr Virachai Techavichit  
Director, Thai Chamber of Commerce  
Mr Weerapant Musigasarn  
Prince of Songkhla University  
Singapore  
Mr Sree Kumar  
Fellow, ASEAN-CCI Study Group  
Malaysia  
Dr Noordin bin Sopiee  
Director General  
Institute of Strategic and International Studies  
Mr Nazir Ariff  
Chairman of the Penang Joint-Chamber of  
Commerce  
Dr Mohamed Ariff  
Dean, Economic Faculty  
University of Malaya

*Moderated by*  
Mr Thepchai Yong  
Editor, The Nation

### **III Ninth Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC)**

The Ninth Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference was held in Singapore from 13–15 September 1993. The theme of this year's conference was "Asia: A Growing Oil Market in a Stagnant World". The conference was attended by more than 250 policy makers, state officials, oil traders and producers from all over the world. The programme of the conference was as follows:

*13 September 1993*

Introduction Lecture by Chairman

*Singapore Oil Lecture*  
*Forecasting Oil Trends: Mirrors or Telescopes?*  
Mr John H. Lichtblau  
Chairman and CEO  
Petroleum Industry Research Foundation Inc.  
USA

Question and Answer Session

*Asia Energy Lecture*  
*China – The Re-emergence of an Oil Giant*  
Dr Fereidun Fesharaki  
Director, Program on Resources  
East-West Center, and  
President, International Association for  
Energy Economics  
USA

Question and Answer Session

*14 September 1993*

*Opening Address*  
Mr S. Dhanabalan  
Minister for Trade and Industry  
Singapore

*State-of-the-Industry Address*  
*Trends and Challenges in the Asian Oil Market*  
Mr Bernard De Combret  
Senior Vice President

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International Trading, Supply and Shipping &  
Member of the Executive Management Committee  
Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine  
France

*Introduction by Session Chairman*

Mr John H. Lichtblau  
Chairman and CEO  
Petroleum Industry Research Foundation Inc.  
USA

*Keynote Address*

Mr Li Yizhong  
Managing Vice President  
China Petro-Chemical Corporation (SINOPEC)  
People's Republic of China

*Refining in Singapore: Coping with the Changes*

Mr Henry Eckhardt  
Senior Vice President  
Mobil Sales & Supply Corporation  
Singapore

Question and Answer Session

*Future Trends in the Japanese Oil Industry and its  
Relationship with the Asia-Pacific Region*

Mr Kiyoshi Takahashi  
Adviser  
Showa Shell Sekiyu K.K.  
Japan

Question and Answer Session

*Introduction by Session Chairman*

Mr Marshall Thomas  
Senior Vice President  
PVM Oil Consultants  
USA

*SABIC's Role in Future MTBE Markets*

Mr Abdulrahman Al-Garawi  
President  
Saudi European Petrochemical Company  
Saudi Arabia

Question and Answer Session

*Market Prospects and Future Developments of the  
Oil Industry in Eastern Europe*

Mr Wilhelm Bonse-Geuking  
Member of the Managing Board  
Exploration and Production  
VEBA OEL AG, Germany

Question and Answer Session

*The Role of the Asian Development Bank in the  
Development of the Hydrocarbon Sector*

Dr Shehzad Sadiq  
Director  
Energy and Industry Department  
Asian Development Bank

Question and Answer Session

*15 September 1993*

*Ministerial Address*

Mr Anatoly Vasil'yevich Fomin  
First Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Fuel and Energy  
Russian Federation

*Introduction by Session Chairman*

Mr Marshall Thomas  
Senior Vice President  
PVM Oil Consultants, USA

*Privatization Plans of the Russian Oil and Gas  
Industry*

Dr Rair Simonian  
Chairman and CEO  
Centre for Foreign Investment and Privatization  
Russian Federation

Question and Answer Session

*National Oil Companies and International  
Visions: The Statoil Approach*

Mr Sten Ake Forsberg  
Senior Vice President  
Statoil, Norway

Question and Answer Session

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*Energy Price Risk Management in the 1990s*

*Introduction by Panel Chairman*

Mr R. Patrick Thompson

President

New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX)

USA

Panelists

Mr Tan Hup Thye

Managing Director, Refco Singapore Pte Ltd

Mr Henry Kwok

Oil Trader, Singapore

Mr Bernie Vaughan

Manager, Risk Management and Processing

BP Singapore Pte Ltd

Mr Michael Hobbs

Vice President, Morgan Stanley Capital Group (S)

Pte Ltd

Question and Answer Session

*Introduction by Session Chairman*

Dr Fereidun Fesharaki

Director, Program on Resources

East-West Center, and

President, International Association for

Energy Economics

USA

*World Oil Pricing: Time for New Price Formulas*

Mr Marshall Thomas

Senior Vice President

PVM Oil Consultants

USA

Question and Answer Session

*Introduction to SIMEX Weighted Average Index*

*Price (SWIP)*

Dr Annie Koh

Senior Lecturer

Department of Finance and Banking

Faculty of Business Administration

National University of Singapore

Question and Answer Session

**IV International Conference on Southeast Asia: Challenges of the 21st Century**

The International Conference on Southeast Asia: Challenges of the 21st Century was organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies to celebrate its 25th anniversary of founding. The conference was attended by 326 participants/scholars from 24 countries. The programme of the conference was as follows:

*30 August 1993*

*Welcome and Opening Remarks*

Chan Heng Chee

Director Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Singapore

*Opening Address*

Wong Kan Seng

Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore

*Plenary Session*

*The Changing International Environment and Its Challenges for the Asian Market Economies*

Chairman

Harsja Bachtiar

Head

Office of Educational and Cultural Research and Development, Indonesia

Keynote Speaker

Ross Garnaut

Professor of Economics

Australian National University

Commentators

Noordin Sopiee

Director-General

Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia

Kazuo Nukazawa

Managing Director

KEIDANREN

(Japan Federation of Economic Organizations)

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Wang Huijiong  
Vice President  
Academic Committee  
Development Research Center of the State  
Council, Beijing

Discussion

*ASEAN Roundtable*

*ASEAN: New Strategies for Growth*

Chairman  
Ungku A. Aziz  
Former Vice-Chancellor  
University of Malaya

*Economic Regionalism: Which Way Now?*

Speaker  
Narongchai Akrasanee  
Chairman and CEO  
General Finance and Security Co Ltd  
Thailand

Commentator

Seiji Naya  
Chairman  
Department of Economics  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

*The Rising Challenge from the Rest of Asia*

Speaker  
Anne Booth  
Professor of Economics  
School of Oriental and African Studies  
University of London

Commentator

Chia Siow Yue  
Associate Professor  
Department of Economics and Statistics  
National University of Singapore

*ASEAN Economic Co-operation: Illusion or  
Reality?*

Speaker  
C.P.F. Luhulima

Senior Research Specialist  
Indonesian Institute of Sciences

Commentator  
Cayetano Paderanga, Jr  
Deputy Director-General  
National Economic and Development Authority  
Philippines

*Competing within ASEAN*

Speaker  
Ismail Md. Salleh  
Deputy Director-General  
Institute of Strategic and International Studies  
(ISIS)  
Malaysia

Commentator

Anwar Nasution  
Senior Lecturer  
Faculty of Economics  
University of Indonesia

Discussion

*31 August 1993*

*Plenary Session*

*Indochina and ASEAN: Seeking a New Balance*

Chairman  
Somsakdi Xuto  
Director  
Public Affairs Institute  
Thailand

Speaker

Michael Leifer  
Pro-Director  
London School of Economics and Political  
Science

Commentators

Kraisak Choonhavan  
Associate Professor

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Faculty of Social Science  
Kasertsart University  
Thailand  
Motoo Furuta  
Associate Professor  
College of Arts and Sciences  
University of Tokyo

Discussion

*Indochina Roundtable*

*Growth and Stability: A Socio-Political  
Perspective*

Chairman  
Chai-anan Samudavanija  
Chairman  
Chaiyong Limthongkul Foundation  
Thailand

*Laos: Big Country, Small population and the  
Disequilibrium of Growth*

Speaker  
Somphong Mongkhonvilay  
Vice-Chairman  
Committee for Planning and Co-operation  
Lao PDR

Commentator  
Ng Shui Meng  
Project Officer  
UNICEF  
Lao PDR

*Vietnam: Looking beyond Economic Pluses and  
Minuses*

Speaker  
Do Trong Hung  
Senior Expert, Labour and Social Affairs  
Ministry of Labour, War Invalids,  
and Social Affairs  
Hanoi

Commentator  
Adam Fforde  
ADUKI Pte Ltd  
Canberra, Australia

*The Cambodian Present and Whither the Future:*

Speaker  
David Chandler  
Research Director  
Center of Southeast Asian Studies  
Monash University  
Australia

Commentator  
Abdulgaffar Peang-meth  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Political Science  
University of Guam

Discussion

*1 September 1993*

*APEC Roundtable*

*APEC and ASEAN: New Roles, New Directions*

Chairman  
Jose V. Abueva  
President  
University of the Philippines

*APEC: Redefining the Region?*

Speaker  
Wendy Dobson  
Director  
Centre for International Business  
University of Toronto  
Canada

Commentator  
Lee Tsao Yuan  
Deputy Director  
Institute of Policy Studies  
Singapore

*The Region Redefined: Whither ASEAN?*

Speaker  
Mohamed Ariff  
Dean  
Faculty of Economics and Administration  
University of Malaya

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Commentator  
Hans-Christoph Rieger  
Senior Research Fellow  
South Asia Institute  
Universität Heidelberg, Germany

Discussion

*A Pacific Century: Myth or Reality?*

Chairman

Wang Gungwu

Vice-Chancellor

University of Hong Kong

Speaker

Morton Abramowitz

President

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
USA

Commentators  
Jusuf Wanandi  
Chairman  
Supervisory Board  
Centre for Strategic and International Studies  
Indonesia  
Peter Chan Jer Hing  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Singapore

Discussion

Panel Discussion on a Research Agenda for  
Southeast Asian Studies