

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I Conference on Asia's New Growth Circles

The Conference on Asia's New Growth Circles, held on 3–6 March 1994 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, achieved its goals. The goals were to recognize the emergence of Asia's new growth circles (the Myanmar-Laos-Thai-Yunnan Quadrangle and the Lower Mekong Basin), and to highlight several rarely discussed dimensions of new growth circles that deserved to be addressed together with the dialogue on business opportunities. Among the hundred participants at the conference, organized by the Bangkok-based Chaiyong Limthongkul Foundation, were government officials, diplomats, scholars and businessmen. The programme was as follows:

3 March 1994

Keynote address by HE Supachai Panitchpakdi
Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand

Slide Presentation on *Asia's New Growth Circles*

4 March 1994

Geopolitics and Asia Growth Circles: An Example in between Southeast Asia and China
Lim Joo-Jock, Author of *Territorial Power Domains, Southeast Asia, and China*

Growth Circles in Burma, Thailand, Yunnan, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam: Opportunities, Challenges and Constraints in Transnational Business Networks
Timothy J. Holzer, Baker & McKenzie

Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation
Somkiat Osothsapha, Faculty of Economics,
Chulalongkorn University

The Mekong Corridor/Economic Quadrangle: Who Benefits?

E.C. Chapman, Faculty of Asian Studies
Australian National University
Peter Hinton, Department of Anthropology
University of Sydney

Border Trade in the Golden Quadrangle: An Overview from Myanmar's Perspective
Mya Than, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Group discussion on topics presented in the morning session

5 March 1994

Economic Linkages through New Highways: Implications of Different Land Routes
HE Charas Puachuay, Transport & Communications Deputy Minister of Thailand
Eustace A. Nonis, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Department, Asian Development Bank

Managing the Mekong: Opportunities in Transportation and Energy Production
HE John McCarthy, Australian Ambassador to Thailand

Languages: The Tool of Trade in the New Circles of Growth
David Bradley, Department of Linguistics
La Trobe University

Group discussion on topics presented in the morning session

6 March 1994

Capturing Opportunities and Managing Constraints in the New Growth Circles

Sondhi Limthongkul, President/CEO

The Manager (Public) Co., Ltd.

Chai-Anan Samudavanija, President/CEO

The Chaoyong Limthongkul Foundation

The Significance of Sub-Regional Economic Development in the Asia-Pacific Region

Yoshihisa Tabuchi, Senior Advisor

The Nomura Securities Co., Ltd

II Third Biennial Conference of the ICEG Asian Correspondent Institutes

Held on 6–9 April 1994 in Jakarta, the Third Biennial Conference was the international meeting ground of the correspondent institutes of the International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG). The conference was organized by ICEG in collaboration with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta. Discussions were focused on the theme of Asian Economic Growth: Policies, Problems and Cooperative Endeavors. In addition, communication of future studies among the correspondent institutes was also discussed. Participants included ICEG's correspondent institutes from Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and its programme was as follows:

7 April 1994

Opening Ceremony

Chairman

Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, CSIS, Indonesia

Remarks

Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICEG

Seiji Naya, Senior Advisor, ICEG and Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii

Opening Keynote Address

Satrio Budihardjo Joedono, Minister of Trade for Indonesia

Session I

Chairman

Hadi Soesastro, Executive Director, CSIS, Indonesia

Common Foundations of East Asian Success

Peter Petri, Professor and Director, Lemberg Program in International Economics and Finance, Brandeis University, Massachusetts

Comments

Mari Pangestu, Head, Department of Economics, CSIS, Jakarta

Sil Han, Director, Economic Research Institute, Hallym University, Korea

Pearl Imada, Program on International Economics, East-West Center, Honolulu

Kym Anderson, Director, Centre for International Economic Studies

Open Discussion

Luncheon Address

New AID Development Strategies: The Role of Economic Growth and Sustainable Development

Malcolm Purvis, Director, Economic Policy Support Office, USAID, Indonesia

Session II

Chairman

Suhadi Mangkusuwondo, Indonesian Member, APEC Eminent Persons Group

Economic Interdependence and

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in the

Post-Uruguay Round

John Whalley, Professor of Economics, University of Western Ontario, Canada

Comments

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

Rong-I Wu, President, Taiwan Institute of Economic Research

Sumimaru Odano, Chair, Department of Economics, Osaka International University

Open Discussion

Session III

Chairman

R.N. Malhotra, Chairman, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi

Economic Liberalization: South Asia as a Dynamic Partner

S.P. Gupta, Director, ICRIER, India

William James, Chief Fellow, TIP Project, Ministry of Trade, Indonesia; Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu

Comments

Mohammed Ali Rashid, Director, Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Wasim Azhar, Dean, Center for Management and Economic Research, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan

Eynard de S. Wyjeratne, Senior Associate, Marga Institute, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Open Discussion

Session IV

Chairman

Seiji Naya, Senior Adviser, ICEG, and Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii

Human Resource Development and Economic Growth in Asia: Some Fundamental Issues

Hakchung Choo, Director, Center for Economic Education, Korea Development Institute

Comments

Joseph Lee, Vice President, Chunghua Institute for Economic Research, Taipei

ICEG Participation in the World Summit for Social Development

Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICEG

8 April 1994

Session V

Moderator

Joseph Tan, Coordinator, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore

Asian Transitional Economies: The Pace and Problems of Economic Reform

Panel

Chanthavong Saignasith, Director, Committee for Planning and Cooperation, Laos

Le Dang Doanh, Senior Official, Central Institute for Economic Management, Vietnam

Mya Than, Fellow and Co-Coordinator, Indochina Unit, ISEAS, Singapore

T. Batbayer, Director, Institute of International and Oriental Studies, Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Mongolia

Open Discussion

Session VI

Chairman

Wang Huijiong, Professor and Vice President, Development Research Center, State Council, China

China's Economic Development Experience

Luo Yuanzheng, Professor and Executive Chairman and Secretary General, All China Union of Associations for Economic Studies, Beijing

Comments

Tzong-biau Lin, Professor of Economics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Shelley Mark, Professor Emeritus, University of Hawaii; Fellow, East-West Center, Honolulu

Open Discussion

Session VII

Chairman

II Sakong, Chairman and CEO, Institute for Global Economics, South Korea

The Political Economy of Policy Reform

John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.

Comments

Helen Hughes, Academic Adviser, ICEG

Open Discussion

Privatization: Lessons from Latin America

Rolf Lüders, Chief Economist and Director, Latin American Program, ICEG

Open Discussion

Session VIII

Chairman

Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICEG

Transferring Capital from Developed to Developing Countries: Lessons from the African Experience

Mohammed Sadli, Professor, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indonesia and Board of Overseers, ICEG

Comments

Andrew Mullei, Director, Africa Program, ICEG

Joseph Yao, Director, CIRES, Côte d'Ivoire

Ibbo Mandaza, SAPES Trust, Zimbabwe

N.C. Ngwasiri, PRISERI, Cameroon

Patrick Alila, IDS, Kenya

Silas Ita, Director, Export Processing Zones Authority, Kenya

Bax Nomvete, Director, AIPA, and Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Open Discussion

9 April 1994

Session IX

Chairman: Suk Bum Yoon, Professor and Editor-in-Charge, Yonsei Economics Institute, Korea

Stabilization, Adjustment, and Reform: The State vs. Markets

T.N. Srinivasan, Samuel C. Park, Jr. Professor of Economics, Yale University, Connecticut

Comments

Ponciano Intal, President, Philippine Institute for Development Studies, Manila

Kenneth Clements, Professor, Economic Research Center, University of Western Australia

Open Discussion

Session X

Chairman

K.S. Parikh, Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, Bombay

Sustainable Development and Economic Growth

Theodore Panayotou, Professor of Economics, Harvard University

Comments

Mary Norris, Program Economist, USAID, Indonesia

James Roumasset, Professor of Economics, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Open Discussion

Session XI

ICEG Correspondent Institute Meeting

Chairman

Nicolás Ardito-Barletta, General Director, ICEG

ICEG official business and consultation

III Interim Workshop on Asian Transitional Economies

The Interim Workshop on Asian Transitional Economies, held from 9–10 April 1994 in Jakarta, was jointly organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) back-to-back with the Third Biennial Conference of the International Centre for Economic Growth (ICEG) Asian Correspondent Institutes.

Four draft country papers on transitional economies were presented and discussed. It was decided to convene the final conference in Osaka on 29–30 October 1994. The workshop is part of the ongoing Asian Transitional Economies Project jointly sponsored by ISEAS, ICEG and the University of Hawaii. The workshop programme was as follows:

9 April 1994

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair: *Seiji Naya*

Session I: Mongolia

Paper-presenter: *T. Batbayer*

Discussion

Session II: Laos

Paper-presenter: *Chanthavong Saignasith*

10 April 1994

Chair: *Mohamed Ariff*

Session III: Vietnam

Paper-presenter: *Le Dang Doanh*

Discussion

Session IV: Myanmar

Paper-presenter: *Mya Than*

Discussion

Session V: General Discussion — Concepts and Issues on Transitional Economies

Japan's Perspectives on Transitional Economies in Asia and Beyond

Yasuo Uchida

Closing Remarks

IV ISEAS/ICRIER/DRC Joint Workshop on China's Special Economic Zones

The Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, and the Development Research Centre of the State Council, People's Republic of China sponsored the Workshop on China's Special Economic Zones (SEZs), held on 11 March 1994 in Singapore. The workshop discussed the experience of comparable successful economic reform measures in China in general,

and China's SEZs in particular. The aim of the workshop was to identify the key features in Chinese economic reforms that had contributed to its successful economic performance. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

11 March 1994

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chan Heng Chee, Director, ISEAS

R.N. Malhotra, Chairman, ICRIER

Lu Bai Fu, Vice President, DRC

Session I

Project Findings: Overall Views and Macro Economic Observations

S.P. Gupta, Director, ICRIER

On Open Coastal Cities Experiences

S.K. Bahl

On Special Economic Zones Experiences

Shahul Hameed

Session II

Comments and General Discussion

Tan Kong Yam, Acting Head, Department of Business Policy, NUS

Zhang Xiaoji, Vice Director, DRC

A.K. Kundra, Development Commissioner, India's Export Processing Zones

Session III

Summary Statement

S.P. Gupta

Closing Remarks

Chan Heng Chee

IV International Conference on Waves of the Future—ASEAN, Vietnam and China: Opportunities for World Business

This international conference, held in Singapore from 17–19 May 1994, brought together Asian leaders, U.S. officials and corporate executives to examine the outlook in those key countries whose

economic dynamism is central to Asia's sustained growth. For executives doing business in Asia, the conference offered a valuable opportunity to meet with and hear the views of the policy-makers and business leaders who are shaping Asia's future. The conference was organized by The Asia Society, Dow Jones and Company Inc., and the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore. The programme of the conference was as follows:

17 May 1994

Welcoming Remarks

Session I

Opening Address

HE Goh Chok Tong

Prime Minister, Republic of Singapore

18 May 1994

Session II Global Economic Trends and Developments

Session III ASEAN: New Opportunities and Challenges

19 May 1994

Session IV China: The Next Ten Years

Session V Vietnam: Strategies for Growth

Session VI The Rise of East Asia in the World Economy: Geo-political and Geo-Economic Implications

V Workshop on APEC: Challenges and Opportunities

This workshop was organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, and held on 20–21 June 1994. The topics discussed at the workshop included confidence-building, the institutional framework for APEC, a post-Uruguay Round agenda for APEC, Asia-Pacific trade and investment relations and options for co-operation.

The programme for the workshop was as follows:

20 June 1994

Opening Remarks

Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Session I

Chairman

Tommy Koh, Director, Institute of Policy Studies

The Asia-Pacific Region: Confidence Building in the Post-Cold War Era

Paul Wolfowitz, Dean, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, United States
Discussants

Juwono Sudarsono, Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Science, University of Indonesia

Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Dynamism of East Asian Economies: Retrospect and Prospect

Sueo Sekiguchi, Director, Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, Seikei University

Discussants

Wan-Soon Kim, Dean and Professor of International Business, Graduate School of Business Administration, Korea University

Tan Kong Yam, Head, Department of Business Policy, National University of Singapore

Luncheon Address: Reflections on APEC

Ambassador William Bodde, Jr., First Executive Director of APEC Secretariat, Singapore

Session II

Chairman

Ross Garnaut, Head, Department of Economics, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University

The Institutional Framework for APEC: An ASEAN Perspective

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

Discussants

Wendy K. Dobson, Director, Centre for International Business, University of Toronto
Lee Tsao Yuan, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore

*A Post-Uruguay Round Agenda for APEC:
A North American Perspective*

Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu
Pearl I. Imada, Fellow, Program on International Economics and Politics, East-West Center, Honolulu

Discussants

Shi Min, Director, Asia-Africa Development Research Institute, Beijing
Peter Adams, Director, Economics Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand

21 June 1994

Session III

Chairman

Shojiro Imanishi, Deputy Executive Director, APEC Secretariat, Singapore

*Asia-Pacific Trade Relations and Options for
Intra-Regional Trade Liberalization*

Ross Garnaut, Head, Department of Economics, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University

Discussants

Florian A. Albuero, School of Economics, University of the Philippines
Akira Hirata, Visiting Fellow, OECD Development Centre, Paris

*Asia-Pacific Investment Relations and Options for
Intra-Regional Investment Co-operation*

Chia Siow Yue, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore

Discussants

Chung H. Lee, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu
Mari E. Pangestu, Head, Economics Department, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

*APEC and ASEAN: Complementing or
Competing?*

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

Discussants

Mitsuru Taniuchi, Deputy Director, Economic Planning Agency, Tokyo
Chen Tain-Jy, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taipei

Session IV

Chairman

Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

*AFTA and NAFTA: Complementing or
Competing? (Prospects of AFTA-NAFTA Linkage
and Co-operation)*

Wisarn Pupphavesa, Thailand Development Research Institute, Bangkok

Discussants

Chee Peng Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Development Research and Policy Analysis Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok

Pearl I. Imada, Fellow, Program on International Economics and Politics, East-West Center, Honolulu

*Panel Discussion: Asia-Pacific — Business
Opportunities and Strategies*

Panelists

Wendy K. Dobson, Director, Centre for International Business, University of Toronto
Narongchai Akrasanee, Chairman and CEO, General Finance & Securities Public Co. Ltd, Bangkok
Ho Kwon Ping, President, Wah-Chang International Group, Singapore

**VI Workshop on OECD and ASEAN:
Search for Coherent Policies**

The Paris-based OECD Development Centre and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore were the organizers of the above workshop held in Singapore from 22–24 June 1994. Academics from OECD member countries and

ASEAN countries together with the officials from international agencies participated in this workshop. A study tour to Batam Island was included in the workshop agenda. The programme of the workshop was as follows:

22 June 1994

Opening Remarks

Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Jean Bonvin, President, OECD Development Centre, Paris

Session I: European Union and ASEAN

Chairman

Jean Bonvin, President, OECD Development Centre, Paris

On the Coherence of EU Policies

Rolf J. Langhammer, The Kiel Institute of World Economics

Discussants

Florian A. Albuero, School of Economics, University of the Philippines

Pearl I. Imada, Fellow, Program on International Economics and Politics, East-West Center, Honolulu

EU External Policies and ASEAN

Mari E. Pangestu, Head, Economics Department, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Raymond Atje, Department of Economic Affairs, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta

Discussants

Adrian Hewitt, Deputy Director, Overseas Development Institute, London

Chen Tain-Jy, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taipei

Open Discussion

Session II Japan and ASEAN

Chairman

Augustine H.H. Tan, Department of Economics

and Statistics, National University of Singapore

Japan's Macroeconomic Adjustment and External Policies

Mitsuru Taniuchi, Deputy Director, Economic Planning Agency, Tokyo

Discussants

Joseph L.H. Tan, Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Chung H. Lee, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu

Japan's External Policies and ASEAN

Pang Eng Fong, Department of Business Policy, National University of Singapore

Discussants

Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu

Wisarn Puppavesa, Thailand Development Research Institute, Bangkok

Open Discussion

23 June 1994

Session III United States and ASEAN

Chairman

Chan Heng Chee, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

U.S. Commercial Policy and ASEAN Economic Development

Michael G. Plummer, Department of Economics, Brandeis University

Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu

Discussants

Chee Peng Lim, Economic Affairs Officer, Development Research and Policy Analysis Division, UNESCAP, Bangkok

Akira Hirata, Visiting Fellow, OECD Development Centre, Paris

U.S.-ASEAN Economic Relations

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

Discussants

Wendy K. Dobson, Director, Centre for International Business, University of Toronto
Tharman K. Shanmugaratnam, Director, Economics Department, Monetary Authority of Singapore

Open Discussion

Session IV: OECD and ASEAN—The Challenge of Policy Coherence

Chairman

Seiji Naya, Chairman, Economics Department, University of Manoa, Honolulu

OECD Countries' Policies and ASEAN

Kiichiro Fukasaku, Senior Economist, OECD Development Centre, Paris

Akira Hirata, Visiting Fellow, OECD Development Centre, Paris

Discussants

Chia Siow Yue, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore

Rolf J. Langhammer, The Kiel Institute of World Economics

Rapporteur

Chung H. Lee, Department of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu

VII Fourth Southeast Asian Roundtable on Economic Development

The Fourth Southeast Asian Roundtable on Economic Development (RED 4), held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 27–28 June 1994, was organized by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia. The theme of RED 4 was growth triangles in Southeast Asia and their strategies for development. The programme of the roundtable was as follows:

27 June 1994

Opening Address

Competition, Co-operation and Opportunities of Economic Development in Southeast Asia

Dato' Mustafa Mohd., Deputy Minister of Finance

Session 1: Overview on Regional Economic Independence

Chairman

Ismail Muhd. Salleh

Challenges of Growth Triangles for Regional Institutions

George Abonyi

Security Implications of Transnational Economic Activities Associated with Growth Triangles

Amitav Acharya

Discussion

Chairman

Vincente T. Paterno

Role of AFTA in the Context of Growth Triangles

Mahadi Wasli

Discussion

Session 2: Growth Triangles/Quadrangles in ASEAN

Chairman

Kosim Gandataruna

The East ASEAN Growth Quadrangle: Problems, Perspectives and Opportunities

Perceptions by:

Indonesia: H.S. Dillon

Malaysia: Annuar Maaruf

Philippines: Paul G. Dominguez

Discussion

28 June 1994

Session 3: Growth Triangles in ASEAN (Continued)

Chairman

H.S. Dillon

The North Sumatra-North Malaysia-South Thailand Growth Triangle: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategic Response

Perceptions by
Indonesia: Kosim Gandataruna
Malaysia: Ismail Muhd. Salleh
Thailand: Orapin Werawut

Discussion

Chairman
Paul G. Dominguez

*The Singapore-Johore-Indonesia Growth
Triangle: Challenges, Opportunities and
Strategic Response*

Perceptions by
Indonesia: Polin L.R. Pospos
Singapore: Chia Siow Yue
Malaysia: Datin Paduka Hajjah Fatimah Bt.
Abdullah