

# CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

## I ASEAN Roundtable: New Directions for ASEAN Economic Co-operation

Following discussions with several individuals and organizations in the region, and in view of the current and longer-term economic requirements of ASEAN, the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies held a meeting of a select group of knowledgeable and experienced individuals—businessmen, government decision-makers, academics, and journalists—to review the state of ASEAN economic co-operation. The meeting was held in Bangkok on 7–8 April 1986. Three papers, commissioned to stimulate discussion, were prepared by:

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## II ASEAN-China Economic Relations

The theme of this workshop, organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 12–14 June 1986, Singapore, was “Assessment of Existing Trends and Patterns”. The workshop programme comprised essentially of the presentation of five country papers and five thematic papers as follows:

### *Country Papers*

1. Indonesia-China Economic Relations  
(Hadi Soesastro/Suhadi Mangkusuwondo,  
Centre for Strategic and International  
Studies/Ministry of Trade and Co-  
operatives, Jakarta)
2. Malaysia-China Economic Relations  
(Fu Zheng-Lo, International Trade Re-  
search Institute, Ministry of Foreign Eco-  
nomic Relations and Trade, Beijing)
3. Philippines-China Economic Relations  
(Jesus Estanislao, Centre for Research and  
Communications, Manila)
4. Singapore-China Economic Relations  
(Gu Yuan Yang, Institute of World Eco-  
nomics and Politics, Chinese Academy of  
Social Sciences, Beijing)

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17 FEBRUARY	Jakarta	The Committee managing the <b>Japan-ASEAN Co-operation Programme (JACPP)</b> agrees to a study tour on land transportation for senior ASEAN officials.
17-20 FEBRUARY	Kuala Lumpur	The <b>ASEAN Sub-Committee on Health and Nutrition</b> agrees to support research on traditional medicine.
23 FEBRUARY	Broadbeach	<b>10th ASEAN-Australia Forum</b> agrees that greater trade expansion could be achieved if trade barriers were removed or reduced.
24-25 FEBRUARY	Singapore	Meeting of the <b>ASEAN Heads of Power Utilities</b> .
1 MARCH	Singapore	<b>ASEAN Cableship Private Limited</b> formed to provide maintenance for ASEAN submarine cable system.
13-14 MARCH	Jakarta	<b>EC sponsored seminar</b> on the EC's General System of Preferences.
20-21 MARCH	Brussels	<b>6th Meeting of ASEAN-EC Joint Co-operation Committee (JCC)</b> decides to submit report of High Level Working Group on Investment to Ministerial Meeting.
4-6 APRIL	Manila	<b>4th ASEAN Standing Committee Meeting</b> proposes holding of an ASEAN summit in Manila in 1987.
7-8 APRIL	Bangkok	<b>First ASEAN Round-table</b> on the theme "New Directions for ASEAN Economic Co-operation".
7-9 APRIL	Kuantan	<b>11th meeting of COSD</b> approves ASEAN Programme on Industrial Relations and Labour Studies.
11-12 APRIL	Bali	<b>1st Meeting of ASEAN Justice and Law Ministers</b> agrees to work for co-operation in the legal field.
21-23 APRIL	Singapore	<b>9th Experts Meeting</b> on the environment discusses environmental management techniques, conservation, and effects of industry on the environment.

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5. Thailand-China Economic Relations (Pang Yong Qian/Zhang Jing, International Trade Research Institute, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, Beijing)

*Thematic Papers*

1. An Overview of ASEAN-China Economic Relations (John Wong, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore)
2. ASEAN-China Trade in Manufactured Goods (Chia Siow Yue, Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore)
3. ASEAN-China Trade in Industrial Raw Materials (Guo Pei Xing, International Trade Research Institute, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, Beijing)
4. ASEAN-China Trade in Food (Narongchai Akrasanee/Umphon Phanachet, Industrial Finance Corporation of Thailand/UN-ESCAP, Bangkok)
5. Institutional Factors in ASEAN-China Economic Relations (Cheng Bifan/Zhang Nan Sheng, Institute of World Economics and Politics/Institute of International Studies, Beijing)

**III Islam and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia: Islamic Banking**

This workshop, sponsored by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, was held from 24–26 June 1986 in Singapore. The following papers were presented:

1. Islam in Southeast Asia: A Profile (Omar Farouk Sheik Ahmad)
2. Islamic Banking: Theory and Practice (Nejatullah Siddiqi)
3. Islamic Development Bank and the Economic Development of Southeast Asia (Abdul Mannan)

4. Islamic Banking and Economic Development: A Southeast Asian Perspective (M. Fahim Khan)
5. Thailand: Feasibility of Islamic Banking (Surin Pitsuwan)
6. Islamic Banking: The Philippine Experience (1973–85) (Datu Michael O. Mastura)
7. Islamic Banking: The Malaysian Experience (Zakariya Man)
8. From ZIS to Islamic Bank: Indonesian Case Study (Dawam Rahardjo)

**IV Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment**

This international conference was jointly sponsored by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, and the North-South Institute, Canada, from 29 September to 1 October 1986 in Singapore. Three industries were chosen as foci of this joint research project, namely: 1. Vegetable Oils; 2. Textiles and Garments; and 3. Consumer Electronics.

The conference was organized into four sessions:

*SESSION I: Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Consumer Electronics Industry*

Overview:	Mohamed Ariff
North America:	Glenn Jenkins
ASEAN	
Malaysia:	Osman Rani Hassan
Singapore:	Tan Loong-Hoe/Linda Low
East Asia	
Hong Kong:	T.B. Lin/Tuan Chyau
South Korea:	Kim Wan Soon

*SESSION II: Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Vegetable Oils Industry*

Overview:	Florian Albuero
North America:	Tim Hazeldine

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ASEAN  
Indonesia: Sjahrir/Erna Z. Ruzman  
Malaysia: Sahathavan Meyanathan  
Philippines: Dante B. Canlas/Florian Alburo  
Thailand: Narongchai Akrasanee/Chalermpoj Iamkamala

*SESSION III: Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Garments Industry*

Overview: Narongchai Akrasanee  
North America: Jaleel Ahmad  
Hong Kong: T.B. Lin/Alan K. Siu  
South Korea: Kwak Sang Kyung

ASEAN  
Indonesia: Anwar Nasution  
Philippines: Bienvenido P. Alano, Jr.  
Singapore: Pang Eng Fong  
Thailand: Juanjai Ajanant

*SESSION IV: Trade, Protectionism, and Industrial Adjustment: Conclusions of Conference*

North American  
Perspective: Bernard Wood  
Asian Perspective: Chia Siow Yue

**V ASEAN-U.S. Economic Relations Project**

This workshop, jointly organized by the Center for Asia Pacific Affairs, the Asia Foundation, and the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, was held on 29 September–1 October 1986 in San Francisco. In line with the theme “Changes in ASEAN-U.S. Economic Environ-

ment: Constraints and Opportunities”, the following papers were presented:

1. Economic Trends in the United States and Their Implications for ASEAN (Lawrence Krause, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.)
2. Increasing Trade Protectionism and its Impact on ASEAN-U.S. Economic Relations (Burnham Campbell, Asian Development Bank, Manila)
3. Structural Adjustments in the United States: Some Policy Recommendations (Woo Wing Thy, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C./University of California, Davis)
4. Structural Adjustment in ASEAN: Some Policy Recommendations (J. Estanislao, Centre for Research and Communications, Manila)
5. U.S.-ASEAN Trade in Services: American Viewpoint (Seiji Naya, East-West Center, Honolulu)
6. ASEAN-U.S. Trade in Services: ASEAN Viewpoint (Tsao Yuan, National University of Singapore)
7. The Role of U.S. Official Development Assistance in ASEAN (A. Mooy, BAPPENAS, Jakarta)
8. The Role of Private Enterprise in the Development of ASEAN-U.S. Economic Relations. (Narongchai Akrasanee and Mingsarn Kaosa-ard, The Industrial Management Co Ltd, Bangkok, and Chiangmai University)