

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

I. Japan, the United States, and Asean in the Next Decade

This seminar jointly organized by the Japanese Studies Centre, Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University; the U.S.-Japan Relations Program, Harvard University; and the Resource Systems Institute, East-West Center was held from 25–26 March 1989 in Bangkok.

Seven papers were presented in the seminar and the sessions were organized as follows:

SESSION 1

Changing World Development and Its Impact on ASEAN

Paper 1: "Changing World Political Environment and Its Impact on ASEAN"
Susan Pharr, Professor of Government and Director, U.S.-Japan Relations Program, Harvard University

Paper 2: "Changing International Economic Environment and Its Impact on ASEAN"
Djisman Simandjuntak, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia

SESSION 2

Economic Adjustments in Japan and the United States

Paper 3: "Japan's Economic Adjustments and Its Impact on ASEAN"

Fumihiko Adachi, Professor of Economics, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan

Paper 4: "Japan's Direct Investment in ASEAN"

Chee Peng Lim, Centre for Transnational Corporation, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, United Nations (Bangkok, Thailand)

Paper 5: "The United States' Economic Adjustments and Its Impact on ASEAN"

Professor Robert Dohner, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

SESSION 3

Future Prospects for ASEAN Development

Paper 6: "ASEAN: Stability and Prosperity in the Next Decade"

Charles Morrison and Richard W. Baker, Resource Systems Institute, East-West Center

Paper 7: "Thailand and Its Relations with Japan, the United States, ASEAN and Indochina in the Next Decade"
Likhit Dhiravegin, Professor and Vice-Rector, Thammasat University; and Surachai Sirikrai, Professor and Dean, Political Science Department, Thammasat University.

II. Thirteenth Annual Conference of the Federation of ASEAN Economic Associations (FAEA)

The theme of this conference held in Penang, Malaysia, 17–19 November 1988 was “Foreign Investment in ASEAN: Strategies and Policies”. The conference was organized into five sessions:

Welcome Address

Datuk Dr Mokhzani Abdul Rahim,
President, FAEA

Opening Address

YB Datin Paduka Rafidah Aziz
Minister of Trade and Industry, Malaysia

SESSION 1

Chairman: Dato' Dr Mokhzani Abdul Rahim

1. “An Overview of ASEAN Economies”
Dr Jaafar bin Ahmand (Malaysia)

Discussant: Dr Amina Tyabji (Singapore)

SESSION II

Chairman: Dr Ernesto M. Pernia (Philippines)

1. “A Review of Investment Incentives in ASEAN”
Dr Rosario Manasan (Philippines)
2. “Direct Foreign Investment in ASEAN”
Dr Somsak Tambunlertchai and
Dr Umphon Panachet (Thailand)
3. “Direct Foreign Investment and Trade Linkages in ASEAN”
Dr Seiji Naya/Dr Pearl Imada (USA)

Discussants:

- Paper 1: Mr Low Peng Lum (Malaysia)
Paper 2: Prof Mohamed Ariff (Malaysia)
Paper 3: Dr Osman Rani (Malaysia)

SESSION III

Chairman: Prof Lim Chong Yah (Singapore)

1. “Direct Investment in Services in ASEAN”
Dr Tay Boon Nga (Singapore)
2. “European Investments in ASEAN”
Dr Norbert Wagner (ISEAS, Singapore)

Discussants:

- Paper 1: Dr Sieh Mei Ling (Malaysia)
Paper 2: Dr Djisman Simandjuntak (Indonesia)

SESSION IV

Chairman: Prof Hendra Esmara (Indonesia)

1. “Japanese Yen Appreciation and Its Impact on Foreign Investment in ASEAN”
Dr Pasuk Phongpaichit (Thailand)
2. “Investment of Non-ASEAN NICs in ASEAN”
Dr Lee (Tsao) Yuan (Singapore)

Discussants

- Paper 1: Dr Muthi Semudram (Malaysia)
Paper 2: Mr Basroni Rizal (Indonesia)

SESSION V

Chairman: Dr Pairoj Vongvipanond (Thailand)

1. “U.S. Investments in ASEAN”
Dr Ma. Socorro H. Gochoco (Philippines)
2. “The Role of MNCs in Foreign Investment in ASEAN”
Prof Fong Chan Onn (Malaysia)
3. “ASEAN Co-operation in Policy-making on Foreign Investment”
Dr Marie Pangestu (Indonesia)

Discussants:

- Paper 1: Dr Tan Loong Hoe (ISEAS, Singapore)
Paper 2: Dr Hans Christoph Rieger (West Germany)
Paper 3: En. Alias bin Ali (Malaysia)

III. Major Conference and Book on Indonesia's New Order

Indonesia's ‘New Order’ is new no longer. Governed by President Soeharto for over two decades, more than half the country's population know no other leader or regime.

It is now almost a decade since the comprehensive conference on contemporary Indonesia organized by the Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, and over a quarter of a century since the publication of a broad-ranging and

authoritative book on the Republic (Ruth McVey's *Indonesia*).

In an era of regime change in Asia and economic uncertainty internationally, the time has come for a balanced and comprehensive assessment of Indonesia's New Order—looking back over the last two decades of remarkably rapid change and looking forward to identify key parameters shaping future developments.

A major conference is therefore being planned in the Research School of Pacific Studies, 4–9 December 1989. The purpose of the conference is twofold:

1. To assemble leading scholars from Australia, Indonesia and elsewhere, who will present and discuss papers across a very wide range of topics. An important feature of the conference will be strong Indonesian input and participation. Professor Mohd. Sadli has kindly agreed to open the conference and to be its key-note speaker.
2. To produce a book which provides a scholarly, a comprehensive yet succinct assessment of contemporary Indonesia, drawing on the conference proceedings and discussion, together with the rich body of wider research on the country.

The major topics and conference convenors are as follows:

1. Ecology, Environment, Resources
Joan Hardjono,
Universitas Padjadjaran
2. Population and Labour Force
Terry Hull,
RSPacS, ANU and
Gavin Jones,
RSSS, ANU
3. The Economy, Development and Structural Change
Hal Hill,
RSPacS, ANU

4. Power, Politics, Ideology
Jamie Mackie,
RSPacS, ANU
5. Local Level Social Change
Jim Fox,
RSPacS, ANU
6. Arts and Leisure
Virginia Matheson,
Faculty of Asian Studies, ANU

Each convenor is organizing a group of leading scholars in the area to form a series of Conference Panels. It is envisaged that one day of the conference will be devoted to each major topic. It is likely that some of the Conference Panels will result subsequently in separate, specialized proceedings volumes.

Convenors will also be presenting drafts of papers on their topics, for discussion at the conference, and as the basis for inclusion in the main book.

Further information on particular panels may be obtained from the relevant convenor. General enquiries can be directed to Hal Hill, Department of Economics, Research School of Pacific Studies, the Australian National University, Canberra, ACT, Australia. Tel: (062) 49-3095, or 49-2188 (messages).

IV. Eastern Finance Association 1990 Annual Meeting

The EFA will hold its twenty-sixth annual meeting at the Omni International Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, 5–7 April 1990. Research papers covering all areas of finance are expected to be presented and discussed. Selected panel discussions of special topics and invited speakers will also be included on the programme.

Academics, business professionals, government specialists, and others with an interest in finance are cordially invited to attend these meetings and to submit proposals for programme participation. As in prior years, the

best paper in each area of finance will be recognized and will receive a monetary award.

Those wishing to present a paper are invited to send four copies of an abstract that addresses the purpose, relevant literature, methodology, and expected results of the proposed research. Abstracts should be typed double spaced and should be a maximum of three pages with one additional page of references and a cover title page (a total of five pages). Authors names and addresses should appear only on the cover page. The first page of the abstract should repeat the title of the proposed paper. Abstracts accompanied by a copy of the completed paper will be given priority.

Those wishing to organize a special session or a panel discussion should send four copies of their proposal that demonstrates why EFA members would want to attend the proposed session. Individuals interested in participating as a chairperson or discussant should also write indicating their interest.

All proposals should arrive by *15 October 1989* and should be sent to:

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