

REGIONAL OUTLOOK FORUM 2008

Tuesday, 8 January 2008

Island Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel

Singapore

PROGRAMME

- 8.30 am – 9.00 am Registration
- 9.00 am – 9.05 am **OPENING REMARKS**
Ambassador K Kesavapany
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- 9.05 am – 9.25 am **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Dr Norbert Lammert
President, German Parliament
GLOBALIZATION AND THE FUTURE OF EU-EAST ASIA RELATIONS
- 9.25 am – 10.40 am **Session I: STRATEGIC TRENDS IN EAST ASIA:**
Chair: *Professor Wang Gungwu*
Chairman, ISEAS Board of Trustees; and Chairman,
Management Board, East Asian Institute
- Panellists:
- (1) *Professor Takashi Inoguchi*
Graduate School of Public Policy, Chou University, Japan
THE US'S RELATIONS WITH EAST ASIA
- (2) *Professor C Raja Mohan*
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang
Technological University, Singapore
**INDIA'S CHANGING STRATEGIC PROFILE IN EAST AND
SOUTHEAST ASIA**
- (3) *Professor Yang Jiemian*
President, Shanghai Institute for International Studies
**INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM IN TRANSITION: CHINA'S
FORWARD-LOOKING STRATEGY AND POLICY**
- (4) *Professor Rikki Kersten*
Research Professor, Department of Political and Social
Change, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies
**JAPAN'S ASIAN CENTURY: THE POLITICS OF BEING SECOND
FIDDLE**
- 10.40 am – 10.55 am Coffee

- 10.55 am - 12.10 pm **Session II: ASEAN INTEGRATION: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES**
- Chair: *Ambassador K Kesavapany*
Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
- Panellists:
- (1) *Dr Surin Pitsuwan*
Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat
THE ASEAN CHARTER: A STRATEGY FOR CONSOLIDATION FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES
- (2) *Mr Ong Keng Yong*
Former Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat
ASEAN COMMUNITY BUILDING: 2015 IS POSSIBLE
- (3) *Professor Tommy Koh*
Chairman, High Level Task Force on the ASEAN Charter
THE ASEAN CHARTER: HOW WILL IT TRANSFORM ASEAN?
- 12.10 pm – 1.40 pm LUNCH
Distinguished Luncheon Speaker
Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim
RECONCILING ISLAMISATION WITH A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN MALAYSIA
- 1.40 pm – 2.20 pm **Session III: THE ECONOMICS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER: THE SOCIO-CULTURAL IMPACT**
- Chair: *Dr Geh Min*
President, Nature Society (Singapore)
- Panellists:
- (1) *Associate Professor Euston Quah*
Head, Division of Economics; and Associate Chair (Research), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University
ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY AND THE PURSUIT OF SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH: WHAT MUST ASIAN GOVERNMENTS DO?
- (2) *Dr Herminia A Francisco*
Director, Economy and Environmental Programme for Southeast Asia, International Development Research Centre
THE ECONOMICS OF AND INSTITUTIONS FOR ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS: A REGIONAL OUTLOOK FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

2.20 pm – 3.35 pm **Session IV: POLITICAL TRENDS IN MALAYSIA, THAILAND, INDONESIA, AND VIETNAM**
 Chair: *Dr David Koh*
 Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Panellists:

- (1) *Professor Lim Teck Ghee*
 CEO, Centre for Policy Initiatives
MALAYSIA'S PROSPECTS: RISING TO OR IN DENIAL OF CHALLENGES?
- (2) *Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak*
 Director, Institute of Security and International Studies, Thailand
THAILAND'S TRANSFORMATION
- (3) *Associate Professor Vedi Hadiz*
 Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
INDONESIA A DECADE AFTER REFORMASI: CONTINUITY OR CHANGE?
- (4) *Professor Carlyle A Thayer*
 Inaugural Frances M. and Stephen H. Fuller Visiting Professor, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Ohio University
VIETNAM: ONE-PARTY RULE AND THE CHALLENGE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

3.35 pm – 3.50 pm Tea

3.50 pm – 5.05 pm **Session V: SURVEYING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTS AND THEIR CHALLENGES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**
 Chair: *Dr Denis Hew*
 Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies

Panellists:

- (1) *M R Dr Pridiyathorn Devakula*
 Former Central Bank Governor and Finance Minister of Thailand
THE NEEDED CHANGES IN THE REGION'S FINANCIAL MARKETS
- (2) *Dr Le Dang Doanh*
 Member of the Board and Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam
VIETNAM'S ECONOMY IN THE GLOBALIZING WORLD
- (3) *Dr Joseph F P Luhukay*
 Partner of IndoConsult, Indonesia
FINANCE FOR THE UNFINANCEABLE: THE CASE FOR MICROFINANCING IN INDONESIA
- (4) *Professor Rajah Rasiah*
 Professor of Technology and Innovation Policy, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
WHERE IS THE MALAYSIAN ECONOMY HEADED?

5.05 pm – 5.45 pm

**Session VI: VIOLENT MOVEMENTS IN INDONESIA
AND THAILAND**

Chair: *Ambassador Barry Desker*

Dean, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies,
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Panellists:

(1) *Ms Sidney Jones*

Senior Adviser, Asia Programme, International Crisis Group
INDONESIAN JIHADISM: REGROUPING AND REALIGNING

(2) *Professor Duncan McCargo*

Professor of Southeast Asian Politics, School of Politics and
International Studies, University of Leeds

WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING IN SOUTHERN THAILAND?

5.45 pm – 5.50 pm

Concluding Remarks

