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An Invitation

SEMINAR ON TIMOR LESTE: ASEAN'S ELEVENTH MEMBER?

**Wednesday, 13 April 2011
Seminar Room II
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Singapore**

The debate on whether Timor Leste should be admitted into ASEAN as its eleventh member is ongoing. Supporters of Timor Leste's ASEAN membership have cited the recent impressive developments inside the country, both economically and politically. They have perceived such developments as an asset to ASEAN's community-building process. Those who have remained sceptical of Timor Leste's aspiration to become an ASEAN member have questioned the readiness of the country to join the organisation. They ask: Would Timor Leste's admission slow down the integration process of ASEAN?

This one-day seminar is inspired by this debate. The main objective of the seminar is to discuss the possibility of Timor Leste as a new ASEAN member. The ASEAN Studies Centre (ASC), the main organiser of this event, brings a number of experts on the subject to meet and share their perspectives.

ISEAS cordially invites you to participate in the seminar as a valued guest. This invitation is non-transferable.

Please send your response to Ms Lily Koh by 11 April 2011. For further enquiries, please contact Lily via email: asevents@iseas.edu.sg, tel: 6870-4509 or fax: 6775-6264.

Attached are the programme and the reply form for your completion.

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