



ASEAN AMBASSADORS SEMINAR SERIES

A New Era in the Long-Standing U.S.-ASEAN Relationship

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About the Speaker

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Scot Marciel currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asia and Pacific Bureau, responsible for relations with Southeast Asia, and as Ambassador for ASEAN Affairs. Mr. Marciel, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, joined the State Department in 1985. His most recent assignments were as Director of the Department's Office of Maritime Southeast Asia, Director of the Office of Mainland Southeast Asia, and Director of the Office of Southeastern Europe. Mr. Marciel also has served in Vietnam, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Brazil, and Turkey, as well as in the Economic Bureau's Office of Monetary Affairs. Mr. Marciel grew up in Fremont, California. He is a graduate of the University of California at Davis and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He is married and has two daughters.

About the Seminar

The United States and ASEAN have entered a new era in their relations. On the U.S. side, the accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC), three visits of Secretary Clinton to the region during her first ten months in office, the meeting of President Obama and all ten ASEAN Leaders and more are clear indications of a new political engagement. On the ASEAN side, a new Charter is in place and the building of numerous regional institutions to manage security, economic, human rights and many other issues where we have common interests is well underway.

Do these developments, some of which could scarcely be imagined a few years ago, guarantee that the pace of relationship building between ASEAN and the United States will continue? There is a good chance that they will. Looking ahead just five years, the ASEAN Economic Community alone will be a game changer. This will be true for the people inside ASEAN; we have supported studies that quantify the benefits. But we can also see that this will be true outside of ASEAN too; our governments and private sectors will do business differently. The larger ASEAN Community and its political, strategic and social advances will have effects we can start to guess at. But it is clear that these developments will expand the universe of our common interests, not contract it.

You are cordially invited to this seminar.

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