



ASEAN AMBASSADORS SEMINAR SERIES

“Australia and ASEAN: 35 Years On”

Date: Friday, 19 March 2010

Time: 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Venue: Seminar Room II, ISEAS

About the Speaker

**Ambassador Gillian Bird
Deputy Secretary and
Ambassador to ASEAN**



Ms Bird was appointed Deputy Secretary in December 2004, and as Australia's first Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in September 2008.

Before taking up her position as Deputy Secretary, Ms Bird served as First Assistant Secretary, International Division, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Prior to this appointment, she was Head, Foreign and Trade Policy White Paper Task Force (Advancing the National Interest), within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ms Bird has occupied positions in the South and South-East Asia Division, International Organisations and Legal Division, Peace, Arms Control and Disarmament Branch, and Executive Branch, of the department.

She has served overseas in New York, Harare and Paris. She has also worked with the Office of the Minister for Trade Negotiations. Ms Bird joined the department in 1980.

Ms Bird holds a BA (First Class Hons), University of Sydney and is a graduate of French Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

Abstract

Australia's Ambassador to ASEAN, Ms Gillian Bird, will provide a broad overview of Australia's economic and political engagement with ASEAN and our cooperation in ASEAN-associated institutions, including the EAS and ARF. She will look back at what we've achieved and how our foreign/trade policy and regional architecture is continuing to evolve to meet new challenges such as trade and economic liberalisation, security cooperation, and people smuggling.

You are cordially invited to this seminar.

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