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US-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership in the Obama Administration

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About the Speaker

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Joel Ehrendreich is a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service, Department of State. He holds the diplomatic title of Counselor. Currently stationed in Singapore, he is the chief of the Economic and Political Section in the U.S. Embassy.

His previous tour was as a Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, where he covered political-military affairs, non-proliferation issues, and India's external relations. Prior to his tour in India, he was Political Officer in the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, where he was in charge of coordinating external relations with Japan and covering the erstwhile opposition Democratic Party of Japan. Joel is proficient in both reading and speaking Japanese.

As a Senior Duty Officer in the White House Situation Room from 1999-2001, Joel led a small interagency team providing daily briefing materials for the President and National Security Advisor.

Previous assignments were as a Consular Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Sydney, and as Political and Consular Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Lome, Togo.

Prior to entering the State Department, Joel worked in the U.S. Peace Corps, as well as several years in the private sector. He graduated in 1981 from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Joel's hobbies include watching baseball, playing baseball, and talking about baseball. He also enjoys tennis, jogging, and other sports. Joel is married to the former Rachel McClelland, who is also a member of the U.S. Foreign Service. They have two sons.



About the Seminar

A new era of U.S.-Indonesia relations has developed over the last decade, and the comprehensive partnership the two countries are developing will reach new heights with the March 2010 visit of President Obama to Indonesia. Joel Ehrendreich, the Economic & Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Singapore, will discuss the Obama administration's policy on this key bilateral relationship. His topics will focus on the current state of U.S.-Indonesia relations, with a particular emphasis on the purpose and outcome of President Obama's visit, a summary/assessment of political and economic cooperation between the U.S. and Indonesia since the fall of the New Order, and the impact of U.S.-Indonesia relations on the ASEAN region.

ISEAS is pleased to invite you to this Seminar.