

## Acehnese Unlikely to Take Kindly to MMI Propaganda

ISEAS Regional Outlook Forum examines terrorism in post-tsunami scenario

Anything that fuels fears of Christianization is precisely the kind of issue that jihadist groups would exploit in the wake of large numbers of volunteers and aid workers coming to tsunami-devastated Aceh. Islamist groups such as Majelis Mujahidin Indonesia (MMI) and the Islamic Defenders Front (FPI) have made an issue of US and Australian troops in the Indonesian province, claiming the humanitarian aid effort masked a

the JI in Indonesia. For example, would simply throwing someone in prison, even for long periods, result in ideological rehabilitation? She asked what would JI members do in prison and what could they do when they left. There may also be historical connections that facilitate recruitment. For example, the bases of the Banten group of the JI in 2004 were the same places where the last pockets of Darul Islam resistance to the Indonesian army in West Java had been in 1962. In other words, poverty and despair may not be the major factors breeding extremism in Indonesia.

Nevertheless, Jones believed that even if terrorism in Southeast Asia could not be eradicated, it could be contained. Improved law enforcement was part of the answer as was the need to pay more attention to the prison experience of those arrested on terrorism charges. Finally, preventing communal conflict had to remain the top priority, as was improving controls on stocks of weapons and explosives.

Speaking at the same session were Dr Bruce Hoffman's, Director of the Rand Corporation Office in Washington, DC, and Dr Rohan Gunaratna, who heads the International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research at IDSS. Both warned of the increasing difficulties in fighting terrorism because groups such as Al Qaeda have transformed from a regular grouping to a transnational movement. There are many Al Qaedas today.

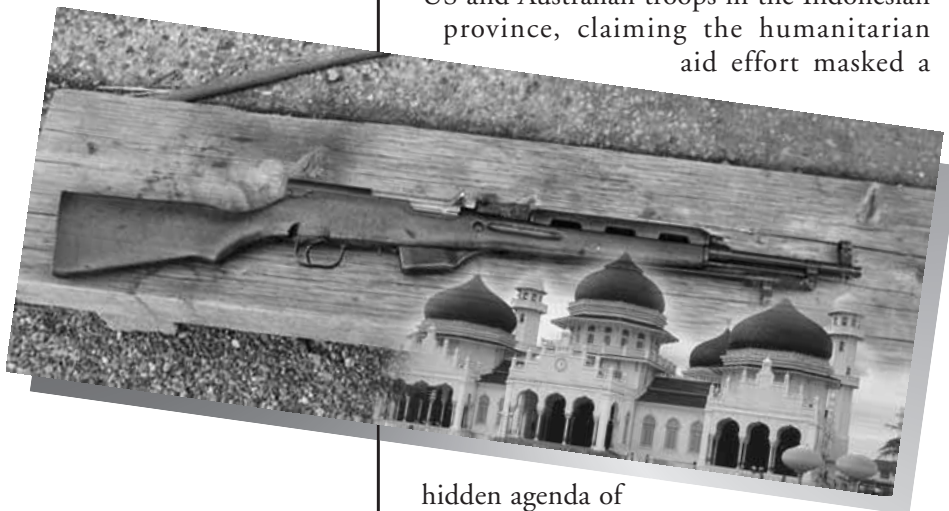
The Regional Outlook Forum, a flagship of ISEAS, attracted an audience of more than 600. The keynote speaker was the Honourable Gareth Evans AO QC, President and CEO of International Crisis Group, and once Australia's Foreign Minister. The forum covered a range of topics from geostrategic trends in Asia to looking at individual countries such as Myanmar and Malaysia.

To watch the webcast of the forum, please visit [www.iseas.edu.sg](http://www.iseas.edu.sg) ■

hidden agenda of Christianization. This was what Ms Sidney Jones, Southeast Asia Director of the International Crisis Group and a Visiting Fellow at ISEAS, said during a session discussing the international and regional dimensions of terrorism at the 6 January Regional Outlook Forum.

Jones added that the Acehnese were unlikely to take kindly to MMI propaganda because they did not fancy non-Acehnese telling them what to do. She added that Aceh was largely immune to extremist Islam and that the pro-independence insurgency was not a fundamentalist Islamic movement but an ethno-nationalist one.

Turning to the present status of Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), she stressed that the various JI-related factions remained committed to attacking Western targets and that no one should think that the threat of radical violence in Indonesia had ended. Several trends were potentially troublesome in the fight against



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# A Spellbinding *Spellbound Odissi Live!* Raises \$17,000 for Charity

“Giddy joy from start to finish”, “split-second footwork”, “synchrony in motion”, etc. The *Straits Times* review ran out of superlatives for the Singapore performance of *Spellbound Odissi Live!* on 5 March, organized jointly by ISEAS and the High Commission of Malaysia in collaboration with Bhaskar’s Arts Academy.

The show featured Malaysia dance icon Ramli Ibrahim and his Sutra dancers. The Odissi dance form traces its origins to the temples of Orissa as far back as 2nd century BC but went into serious decline from 17th century AD. In the 1950s, dance masters painstakingly reconstructed the art form with the help of sculpted dance poses found in the ancient temples.

*Spellbound* is an offering of the Institute’s Sight&Sound@ISEAS series, which showcases cultural performances and screens films. Donation tickets, each at \$20+ or \$100+, were sold to raise money for the Buddhist-run secular Man Fut Tong Nursing Home for the Elderly. With a near-capacity crowd in the 600-seater Khoo Auditorium of Singapore Chinese Girls School, the show grossed about \$17,000 for the charity.

The event should also be seen in the context of warming Singapore-Malaysia ties. The multiracial dance troupe led by a Muslim dancer presenting a Hindu-based programme to raise funds for a Buddhist-run charity has all the proper iconic values for both sides of the Causeway. As both countries find ways to work closer politically and economically, cultural cooperation also has a role to play.

Guest-of-Honour Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, Dr Lee Boon Yang, attended with his wife. ■



Man Fut Tong founder Ven. Ho thanks Minister Lee.



Bhaskar’s Arts Academy founder honours Ramli.

Top three pictures by Sutra Dance Theatre, others by Rahim.

Established as an autonomous organization in 1968, ISEAS is a regional research centre for scholars and other specialists concerned with the problems of security, economic development, and political-social-cultural change in modern Southeast Asia. Its three main research programmes are:

- Regional Economic Studies
- Regional Strategic and Political Studies
- Regional Social and Cultural Studies



## Get Them Young

### ISEAS Internship Programme to expand

A visitor to ISEAS in early December 2004 might have been puzzled by the sight of fresh-faced youths moving about the corridors of the Institute. Was the Institute becoming a school? No, it was just that ISEAS had, at the request of Raffles Junior College (RJC) and the National University of Singapore (NUS) University Scholars Programme, conducted a pilot programme for 18 students (7 RJC and 11 NUS) at ISEAS from 29 November to 10 December 2004. This was in line with the national policy to engage the youths in nation-building. Specifically, the aims of the programme were:

- Provide mentors to guide interns on research and writing skills;

- Expose students to life as is lived in ISEAS by exposing them to a major flagship event, the Regional Outlook Forum; and an ISEAS briefing for a visiting US delegation;
- Develop the interns' interest in Southeast Asia so as to foster a new generation of scholars researching Southeast Asia.

A clear indication of the programme's success is RJC and NUS's desire to send more interns. For 2005, ISEAS will not only continue with the internship programme but also informed the Ministry of Education of the availability of places for other JCs and universities. ■



### Indonesia President Draws the Crowd

President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia delivered the 25th Singapore Lecture on 16 February at Raffles City Convention Hall. Organized within the shortest time ever (less than a week) for a Singapore Lecture, the lecture drew a huge crowd of 2,000. A webcast of the lecture is available at [www.iseas.edu.sg](http://www.iseas.edu.sg)

## Putting Russia Back into the Picture

In post-Cold War reality, Russia tends to be neglected in regional strategic discourse. A one-day ISEAS forum entitled "ASEAN-Russia Relations" on 14 March hoped to set the picture right.

In view of the great changes occurring in Russia, which has emerged as a major supplier of energy resources to Asian countries, as well as in ASEAN countries, where recent elections have given new mandates to existing or new leaders, it is timely to review ASEAN-Russia relations. Bilateral relations between Singapore and Russia have also strengthened recently with exchanges of ministerial visits and more interests in economic and trade cooperation. Russia is now more active in Asia-Pacific forums such as the Six-Party Talks on North Korea.

These were some issues discussed at the forum, which ISEAS organized in conjunction with Russia's Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO). ■



### Only Chocolate and Watches? No Way

Just in case you think the Swiss are only good at selling chocolates and watches in Southeast Asia or managing the region's top hotels, a seminar at ISEAS on 28 January set the record straight. Speaking at "The Swiss House Singapore: The Swiss Way to Foster Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship" was Swiss House's Executive Director, Dr Suzanne Hraba-Renevey. She explained how her organization fosters innovation by operating as a one-stop physical and virtual information, coordination and networking platform for researchers, academic institutions and high-tech entrepreneurs from Switzerland, Singapore and the region.

# The Dollars and Sense of Asian Business Families

**Writer-in-Residence to explore how successful family businesses adjust to a changing world**

ISEAS has just launched its Dato Sir Tan Cheng Lock Writers-in-Residence award, and Mr Louis Kraar from the United States is the first recipient.

Kraar, a journalist who turned 70 last year, has written about Asia for more than 30 years. Beginning in 1963, he was based in Asia for three decades writing for *Time* magazine — as bureau chief in New Delhi, Bangkok and Singapore. He was also Asia editor for *Fortune* and continues to contribute to it and other publications.

Kraar has written three books in collaboration with Asian business leaders: Lien Ying Chow for *From Chinese Villages to Singapore Tycoon*; Kim Woo-Choong for *Every Street is Paved With Gold*; and Seiichi Takikawa for *Japanese Maverick: Success Secrets of Canon's "God of Sales"*.

During his residency, Kraar will be researching and writing a book that draws on the experience of Asian business families and how they face up to a changing global business environment. In an interview with the *ISEAS Newsletter*, he said that the key issue for these families is succession. As their businesses expand, it gets harder to find a successor within a family to run the business efficiently. Successful business families are those that have professionalized early. This problem is not just confined to Asian families. Europe




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and the United States have the same experience except that business families there have begun to separate ownership from management much earlier.

Asked why he had chosen this topic for his writing project, Kraar said it was because he had been doing it for decades as a journalist and has amassed a great amount of data, interview material and a network of information to call upon. He added, “I have also read a lot of books about Asian businesses by academics and specialists. Every time I find something alive in a book and when I look at the footnote, it would be from something written by me or another journalist. Everybody was referring to me so why shouldn't I?”

ISEAS first Writer-in-Residence hopes to complete a manuscript by the end of 2006. ■

## Naval Transformation in the 21st Century

This was the topic of a 1 February seminar presented by Professor Geoffrey Till, Dean of Academic Studies at the UK Joint Services Command and Staff College. The need for transformation derives from an argument that the strategic situation has been utterly transformed by recent events, and that the roles of the world's navies must likewise transform in consequence, undertaking a wider range of tasks and performing them differently. Four questions arise from this. To what extent is this claim justified by contemporary events around the world? Is it really so new? How far has this process been driven by “revolutionary” technological change? Finally, to what extent will, can and should the navies of Asia participate in this process?

## Putting It Diplomatically

### Ambassadors give seminars at ISEAS

Foreign ambassadors are seen frequently among the audience at ISEAS events but some of them are also taking to the rostrum to present a seminar. The latest to do so is German Ambassador Gunter Mulack, who spoke about “Europe's Dialogue with the Islamic World: A German Perspective” on 13 January 2005. The ambassador has a doctorate degree in law and did post-graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley.

He said that relationship with the Islamic world is a top priority for Germany. The European Union is also stepping up effort to engage the neighbouring Arab world. The task ahead is not easy: how can both sides overcome

stereotype images of each other and mutual threat perceptions. The German answer is intensification of dialogue and cooperation with the Muslim world on all levels, including civil society.

Prior to Ambassador Mulack, other diplomats who presented seminars since 2003 were: Thailand's Ambassador Thakur Phanit on “Buddhism in Thailand: Past, Present and Beyond”, Denmark's Ambassador Jørgen Ørstrøm Møller on “A New International System”, and Israel's Ambassador Mr Itzhak Shoham on “The Middle East After Arafat”. ■



## China and Southeast Asia

*China and Southeast Asia: Global Changes and Regional Challenges*, edited by Ho Khai Leong and Samuel C.Y. Ku, looks at how global changes and regional challenges, such as the collapse of the communist system in Soviet Union, the expansion of world trade, and the unexpected Asian financial crisis, have changed the way Southeast Asia deals with China, and vice versa. ■

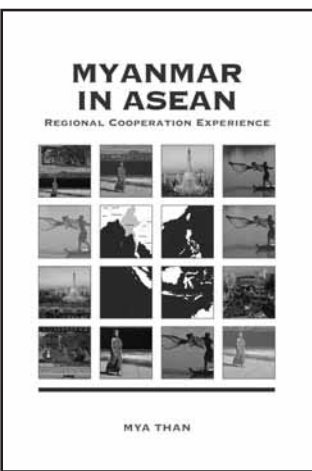


## How Is Regionalism Changing in Southeast Asia?

In her new book, *Regional Security in Southeast Asia: Beyond the ASEAN Way*, Mely Caballero-Anthony analyses the ASEAN story of managing regional security over the different phases of ASEAN's development. ■

“an ambitious effort to recalibrate ASEAN's future role in Asian regionalism”  
*Professor Wang Gungwu,  
 Director, East Asian Institute*

## Also Published by ISEAS Recently



- *Evolution of ASEAN-Japan Relations* by Sueo Sudo
- *Regional Economic Integration: Case for a Regional Export Credit Agency for Asia* by Rahul Sen
- *Social Science and Power in Indonesia* edited by Vedi R. Hadiz and Daniel Dhakidae
- *People, Population, and Policy in Indonesia* edited by Terence H. Hull
- *Myanmar in ASEAN: Regional Cooperation Experience* by Mya Than ■

### What's New

One of the strengths of ISEAS Publications is the active promotion and marketing of our books to bookshops, universities, libraries, and individuals all over the world. ISEAS is honoured to have been approached by the **East-West Center Washington** to promote and sell their **Policy Studies Series** starting in 2005. This series complements the range of ISEAS' own books and further enhances the service to our customers who seek new books and up-to-date publications on Southeast Asia.



### ISEAS Books in Europe, USA, and Asia

ISEAS books and journals were displayed and sold at:

- London Book Fair, 13–15 March 2005
- 2nd ASEAN Leadership Forum, Kuala Lumpur, 17–18 March 2005
- Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago, 31 March–3 April 2005

### Books Online

<http://bookshop.iseas.edu.sg>

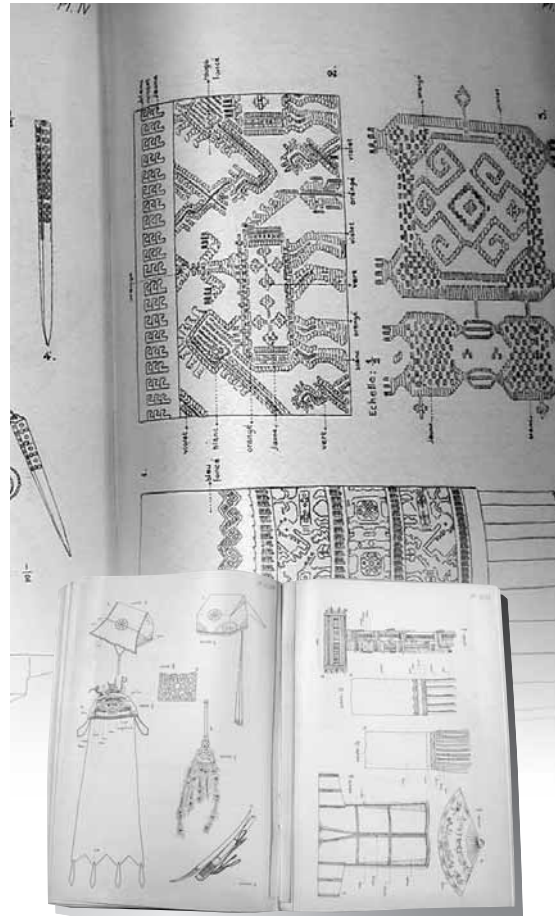
- new titles
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## Bibliography of Rare Books on Indonesia

To commemorate the 25th Singapore Lecture by Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia on 16 February 2005, ISEAS Library compiled and presented to the President a bibliography of early works on Indonesia. The list totalled 213 titles with imprints from 1688 to 1910 selected from the Library's Rare Book Collection of 1,660 titles on Indonesia.

The rare books and periodicals in the bibliography are mainly in Dutch, French, Indonesian and English. The earliest title was published in 1688 by Nicolas Gervaise, *Description historique du royaume de Macassar: divisee en trois livres* [An historical description of the Kingdom of Macasar in the East Indies]. Paris: Hilaire Foucault, 1688. [viii], 326 pages.

The bibliography is available from ISEAS Library at \$10 per copy. ■



## Recent Rare Books Acquired

Robert, R. *Notes sur les Tay Dèng de Lang Chánh (Thanh-hoá – Annam)*.

Hanoi: Imprimerie d'extrême-orient, 1941. (182 pp., illus., fold. maps, charts, wrappers)

Maxwell, C.N. *An Introduction to the Elements of the Malay Language*.

Kuala Lumpur: Kyle Palmer & Co., 1934 (second impression). (viii, 127 pp.)

Johnston Abraham, J. *The Surgeon's Log: Impressions of the Far East*.

London: Chapman & Hall, 1931 (fourteenth edition) (xv, 286 pp., endpaper map, black & white illus.). 1931 reprint, with the prior owner's signature on the half-title page. ■

### Visiting Librarians

On 21 February, a delegation of 22 librarians from Universitas Indonesia (UI) and Institut Teknologi Bandung (ITB) led by UI Chief Librarian Ms Luki Wijayanti was given a tour of the facilities of the ISEAS Library and a briefing about its collections and services. The visit has further enhanced the close cooperation between the libraries for collaboration in projects, book exchanges, staff training and networking.

Soon after, on 24 February, Ms Yumi Kitamura, Chief Librarian of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, spent a day in discussion with Library professionals and toured the premises.

## Sharing Expertise with the Business Community

ISEAS researchers give talks to a variety of organizations as part of our outreach mission. On 28 February, Dr Aris Ananta, Senior Research Fellow at ISEAS, and Dr Evi Nurvidya Arifin, Visiting Fellow at ISEAS, addressed the MarkPlus Forum, a monthly gathering of a marketing community club in Singapore. They spoke on the theme "Indonesia in ASEAN: Demographic Trends and Business Opportunities". Both researchers are working

on an ISEAS project to analyse demographic trends and their social-political-economic implications.

Indonesia, the fourth most populous country in the world has half of the people in ASEAN. Indonesia is a market too big to be ignored and, among other things, the two speakers also identified two emerging markets, the Muslim and Chinese population in Indonesia. ■

# For the Record

ISEAS introduces a five-member International Advisory Panel (IAP) comprising eminent scholars from the region and outside. They are:

- Professor Dato' Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin (Director, Institute of the Malay World & Civilization, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)
- Professor Suchit Bunbongkarn (Professor Emeritus, Chulalongkorn University)
- Professor Hal Hill (H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economics, Research School of Pacific & Asian Studies, The Australian National University)
- Professor Wim Stokhof (Director, International Institute for Asian Studies, The Netherlands)
- Professor Juwono Sudarsono (Minister for Defence, Indonesia)

The IAP continues from the previous Regional Advisory Council, which was launched in 1982 and had its last meeting in 1996.

Staff members who feel that they need some exercise or simply enjoy the fun of mingling with colleagues, have been taking to the hilly terrain round ISEAS on Wednesday and Friday at the end of the work-day. For the

more enthusiastic ones, there is a 6 km jog but for the faint-hearted, there is the more manageable 3 km route. A third route takes joggers up the steep Kent Ridge Hill where a lovely treetop walk awaits nature-lovers. For those whose jogging days are over, brisk walking is okay too. On average, 12 people turn up for the exercise.

Apart from those who want the physical well-being of a good jog, those craving mental well-being listened to a talk on yoga given by Shri A.G. Mohan on 18 March. Mr Mohan was a personal student of the legendary Sri T. Krishnamacharya for 18 years, and an author of many books on yoga. ■



The following is a list of ISEAS-organized events in this period:

- ▶ Regional Outlook Forum 2005 ▶ Workshop on Terrorism, Dr Bruce Hoffman ▶ “Europe’s Dialogue with the Islamic World: A German Perspective”, Ambassador (Dr) Gunter Mulack, Commissioner for the **Dialogue with Islam**, Dialogue of Civilizations ▶ “Global Financial Market Dynamics: Impact on Southeast Asia”, Professor Gunter Dufey, Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University and Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan Business School, USA ▶ Myanmar: The Road Ahead”, Professor Robert H. Taylor, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISEAS and Mr Derek Tonkin, former British Ambassador to Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam ▶ “The Yudhoyono Administration: The First Three Months”, Dr Sri Adiningsih, Centre of Asia-Pacific Studies, Gadjah Mada University; Dr Rhenald Kasali, University of Indonesia; and Dr Leo Suryadinata, Senior Research Fellow, ISEAS ▶ Annual Retreat for Researchers, The Keppel Club ▶ “The Bandung Conference: Genesis, Dynamics, and Legacy”, Professor Amitav Acharya, Deputy Director, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University ▶ “The Swiss House Singapore: The **Swiss Way** to Foster Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship”, Dr Suzanne Hraba-Renevey, Executive Director, Swiss House for Education, Research and Innovation, Singapore ▶ “Outlook for Japanese Foreign Direct Investment to the Asian Region”, Mr Takashi Marugami, Senior Economist, JBIC Institute, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Tokyo, Japan ▶ “Solar Energy from the Roofs and **Facades of HDB Buildings**”, Assistant Professor Stephen K. Wittkopf, National University of Singapore ▶ “New Horizons for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) East of Suez”, Ms Karen Schneider, Acting Deputy Director, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Canberra and Mr Andrew Symon, Visiting Research Fellow, ISEAS ▶ “Naval Transformation in the 21st Century”, Professor Geoffrey Till, Dean of Academic Studies, Joint Services Command and Staff College, United Kingdom ▶ “The United States, the Philippines, and the War on Terror”, Professor Frank Cibulka, Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates ▶ “**US Naval Tsunami** Relief Operations”, Rear Admiral William Douglas Crowder, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine / Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group, US Navy ▶ “Agricultural Trade Reform and the Doha Development Agenda”, Dr Kym Anderson, Lead Economist (Trade Policy) World Bank, Washington, DC ▶ The 25th Singapore

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## New Deputy Director

The Institute has appointed Dr Chin Kin Wah, one of its Senior Fellows to the position of Deputy Director with effect from 3 May 2005. Chin is a Singaporean who came to ISEAS from the National University of Singapore in 2002 where he was an Associate Professor in Political Science. His major interest is in the field of Asia-Pacific security issues and Southeast Asian regionalism.

# Coming Soon

## Ethnic Chinese Economy and Business in Southeast Asia in the Era of Globalization

21–22 April 2005

This two-day workshop will address three important issues: the impact of China on ethnic Chinese and the regional economy, the current situation of ethnic Chinese business groups — both big businesses and SMEs — in Southeast Asia, and local government policies towards ethnic Chinese in an era of globalization.

Fifteen distinguished speakers from Southeast Asia have been invited and their papers will be published. This is the first in a series of workshops focusing on “Southeast Asia’s Chinese and Globalization: Challenge and Response”. For further details, please visit <http://www.iseas.edu> ■



## Seminar on Local and Global Knowledge

Professor Hans-Dieter Evers, a long-time friend of ISEAS, will be sharing his current research on “Local and Global Knowledge: Social Science Research on Southeast Asia”. Professor Evers is currently Director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn. Look out for this seminar to be held in May 2005. ■



## Vietnam Update 2005 Not by Rice Alone: Making Sense of Spirituality in Reform Era Vietnam

11–12 August 2005

Venue: The Australian National University

An annual get-together of Vietnam specialists jointly organized by The Australian National University and ISEAS since 2001. This year’s papers will look at the subject of religion in Vietnam. ■

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Lecture: “Indonesia: The Challenge of Change”, Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia ▶ Visit of Universitas Indonesia delegation ▶ **“Impact of Energy Security and Geopolitics on Asia’s Energy Hubs”**, Mr Mohamed Merican, Visiting Consultant, Bakri Asia ▶ “Macroeconomic Trends and Civilizational Islam in Southeast Asia”, Professor Wazir Jahan Karim, Chief Executive Officer, Academy of Socio-Economic Research and Analysis, Malaysia ▶ Conference on “Maritime Asia and the Chinese Overseas (1405–2005)” ▶ Sight&Sound@ISEAS presents *Spellbound Odissi Live!* (Malaysia/Singapore tour) by Bhaskar’s Arts Academy Ltd ▶ “Comparing Muslim Experiences in Canada with Muslim Experiences in Singapore and Southeast Asia”, Mr Michael F. Milo, University of Saskatchewan and Assistant Professor Suzaina Kadir, National University of Singapore ▶ Sight&Sound@ISEAS presents a documentary drama *Zhou En Lai in Bandung*. ▶ **“Thaksin’s Way: Thai Politics After the 6 February 2005 Election”**, Assistant Professor Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok ▶ Seminar-cum-book launch: “International Migration in Southeast Asia”, Dr Aris Ananta, Senior Research Fellow, ISEAS; Dr Evi Nurvidya Arifin, Visiting Fellow, ISEAS; and Dr Noorashikin Abdul Rahman, Fellow, ISEAS ▶ Public Lecture: “The ROK’s Northeast Asian Cooperation Initiative and the Future of ROK-Singapore Relationship”, Dr Chung-in Moon, Chairman, Presidential Committee on Northeast Asian Cooperation Initiative, ROK ▶ Workshop on ASEAN jointly organized by IMEMO, Russia and ISEAS ▶ Public Lecture: “Russian Foreign Policy: Its Main Goals and Methods of Achievement”, Professor Gennady Chufrin, IMEMO, Russia ▶ “The Challenges of Regional Development in the Asia-Pacific Region”, Professor Hal Hill, Australian National University ▶ “CNG — An **Alternative to Gas Transportation** by LNG”, Mr Peter J. Cockcroft, Visiting Research Fellow, ISEAS. ■



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