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ON
"ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES OF ASEAN"
AMIC, SINGAPORE, NOV. 30 - DEC. 2, 1983

PROGRAMME

30 Nov. 1983
(Day 1) 0845 REGISTRATION
0900 WELCOME ADDRESSES:
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Prof. Lee Soo Ann
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0930 RECEPTION
1000 SESSION I:
"ASEAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TO MEET NATIONAL CONSUMPTION AND EXPORT GOALS"
Speaker: M.C. Agarwal
ESCAP, Bangkok

1030 Discussions
1230 Lunch
- contd. -
1400 SESSION II:

"SOCIAL JUSTICE AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS AND THEIR IMPACT ON CITIES"

Speaker: Aftab Ahmed Khan
Asia-Pacific Development Centre,
Kuala Lumpur

1430 Discussions
1530 Break
1600 Discussions (Contd).
1700 Coffee/Tea Break

1715 "ASEAN ECONOMY: SOURCES OF INFORMATION"

Speaker: Graham Newman
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1845 CLOSE

1 Dec. 1983

(Day 2) 0900 SESSION I:

"SEARCH FOR EXTERNAL VIABILITY: INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMMES"

Speaker: Russell J. Cheetham
The World Bank
Jakarta

0930 Discussions
1030 Break
1100 Discussions (Contd).
1230 Lunch

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SESSION II:
"SEARCH FOR EXTERNAL VIABILITY: TASKS ON THE ENERGY FRONT"

Speaker: Robert Bakley
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Manila

1430 Discussions
1530 Break
1600 Discussions (Contd).
1700 Coffee/Tea Break

SESSION I:
"ASEAN COOPERATION"

Speaker: A. Kintanar
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0930 Discussions
1030 Break
1100 Discussions (Contd).
1200 Lunch

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1400 SESSION II:

"ASEAN AND UNDP COOPERATION"

Speaker: Y.Y. Kim
Regional Representative,
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1430 Discussions
1530 Break
1600 REVIEW OF COUNTRY PAPERS
1800 CLOSE
1900 RECEPTION
AMIC-OANA SEMINAR
ON
"PERSPECTIVES OF ASEAN TRADE"
AMIC, Singapore, December 3, 1983

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3 Dec. 1983 (Saturday) 0900  "ASEAN AND EC"
Speaker: Endymion Wilkinson
Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities for Southeast Asia
Bangkok

0930  DISCUSSIONS

1015  BREAK

1030  "ASEAN AND JAPAN"
Speaker: Toshihiro Ide
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1100  DISCUSSIONS

1145  "ASEAN AND USA"
Speaker: Eric Rasmussen
Vice-President and Regional Economist for Asia, Chemical Bank, Singapore

1215  DISCUSSIONS

1300  CLOSE
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ASEAN JOURNALISTS SEMINAR

1. Among the sub-regional organisations now operating in the Third World, Asean has a better track record than most. It is hardly surprising, however, to find that the endeavours the Asean Five were making towards promoting closer economic cooperation have flagged in the last two years. The depth and duration of the international recession has inevitably made them more inward looking, reducing the scope for give and take.

2. A seminar for carefully selected Asean journalists is intended to serve two purposes. One, is to focus attention on adjustments that Asean countries will have to make to the structure of their economies to cope with adverse changes in the international environment. In view of slower growth in industrial countries, and the consequent slowdown in world trade and financial flows, the open Asean economies will have to find ways of protecting their economic growth. Basically, this means doing more with less. This calls for improvements in economic management on a broad front, including an approach to poverty alleviation via improvement in productivity rather than through hand-outs for which strained budgets offer diminishing scope.

3. The second purpose is to remind journalists that many of the problems facing their countries are the same. A detached view of the difficulties being faced elsewhere should help participants gain a better insight into those at home. Incidentally, this will also help participants to get to know their neighbours better, an important end in itself.

4. Asean journalists are often brought together, whether on occasions organised by their countries or for them by others. We plan to make the proposed seminar different in two ways:

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(1) The emphasis will fall on mutual sharing of knowledge by getting participants to inform each other by requiring each to write a 1,500-word paper on one of the agenda topics in relation to the situation in his country. To ensure that these papers provide a reasonable basis for discussion, participants will be supplied with a background note giving an overview of the Asean-wide problem in that particular area. In addition, a set of country-specific questions will go out with the background note to make sure that the papers cover relevant issues and are reasonably uniform.

(2) To make sure that participation is limited to those with a serious interest in the seminar, the invitation to join will be conditional upon the receipt of a satisfactory paper. The seminar will be held at a resort away from the distractions of big cities. Particular care will be taken to minimise time-taking ceremonies or protocol-related activities.

5. The seminar is to be a compact one in terms of both the number of participants and duration. Three from each country is the target and the discussions will cover just three days in addition to one day devoted to lectures in Singapore on Asean's relations with major economic partners.

6. The agenda of the seminar will cover five topics in six half-day sessions. The first two sessions are:

Day 1: First Session:
Agricultural Development to Meet National Consumption and Expert Goals
Day 1: Second Session:
Social Justice and Quality of Life in Rural Areas, and their Impact on Cities

Day 2: First Session:
Search for External Viability:
Industrial Programmes

Day 2: Second Session:
Search for External Viability; Tasks on the Energy Front

Day 3: ASEAN Cooperation

7. Although the seminar will have a mutual teach-in character, it will be extremely useful to give participants the benefit of the views of an expert in each of the five topics to be covered. The hope is that each half-day session will start with a brief overview from an invited guest, and he will thereafter chair the session. Excluding tea and coffee breaks, there will be 2½ hours available for each round. Presentation of five country papers by participants will be limited to 10 mins. each, leaving the rest of the time for discussions. The invited guest will also be requested to join the group for lunch or dinner on that day to provide an opportunity for informal exchanges with participants.

8. Location and Date: The seminar will take place at the Sentosa Island off Singapore from Wednesday, November 30 to December 2, 1983. Sentosa is linked to Singapore by cable car and ferry. Actual travel time is less than 10 mins.