

**ASEAN IN 50 YEARS: FORGED, AHEAD, AND TOGETHER?
A REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON ASEAN'S FUTURE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD**

Wednesday, 3 February 2016

0830 – 0900 Registration
Venue: Foyer, Clarke 2, Level 6

0900 – 0910 Welcoming remarks
Venue: Clarke 2, Level 6

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Chairman and Chief Executive
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0910 – 1030 **Session 1: Mega Trends, Mega Challenges**
As ASEAN grapples with shaping its own future against a backdrop of seemingly less predictable developments, it will become increasingly important to identify the sets of drivers that will influence its strategic outlook in the coming decades. What will the region look like in 50 years and what kinds of characteristics will distinguish it? What global mega trends and challenges will impact the region? How will changing demographics impact ASEAN? How are ASEAN Member States (AMS) likely to collaborate and cooperate in a range of different imagined environments?

Thought-starters:

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Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa
Visiting Professor
Asia-Europe Institute
University Malaya
Malaysia

Amb Jojie Samuel
Director General
ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat
Malaysia

- 1030 – 1045 Group photograph
Venue: Foyer, Clarke 2, Level 6
- 1045 – 1100 Refreshments
Venue: Foyer, Clarke 2, Level 6
- 1100 – 1230 **Session 2: ASEAN and World Order: The Next 50 Years**
Despite speculation about the emerging world order (G2, G0, etc.), what seems certain is that the United States, China, Russia, India, and others will remain active power players. The rapid and increasingly influential rise of non-state actors, however, puts to question long-held assumptions about state dominance, sovereignty, and self-determination. How will major power contestations around the world and in the region affect ASEAN? Will national interests continue to be prioritized, resulting in a politically-fragmented ASEAN? Will a people-centered and integrated ASEAN effectively reduce the significance of the state? Will ASEAN remain united, central, and relevant in managing evolving state and non-state dynamics?
- Thought-starters:*
- Dr Vannarith Chheang
Co-Founder and Chairman
Cambodian Institute for Strategic Studies
- HE Mr Kim Young-sun
Secretary General
ASEAN-Korea Centre
Republic of Korea
- Dr Satu Limaye
Director
East-West Center Washington
USA
- 1230 – 1400 Luncheon Address *by*
Deputy Secretary-General
ASEAN
- Introduced by*
Amb Yong Chantalangsy
Director-General
Institute of Foreign Affairs
Laos
- Venue: Pool Bar and Grill, Level 8
Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur*

1400 – 1530

Session 3: ASEAN Economic Integration in 50 Years

ASEAN's road to economic integration began with modest cooperative programmes to build confidence among AMS. The ASEAN Free Trade Area in 1992 paved the way for the region to become the second most progressive regional grouping after the European Union. What could ASEAN's next economic phase look like in 50 years? With trade and investment liberalization, global outsourcing, and disruptive technologies, can economic regionalism persist? What growth opportunities will there be for the region's SMEs and MNCs?

Thought-starters:

Dato' Steven Wong
Deputy Chief Executive
Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
Malaysia

Mr Gita Wirjawan
Chairman, Ancora Group
Former Minister of Trade
Indonesia

Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura
President
Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)
Indonesia

1530 – 1600

Refreshments
Venue: Foyer, Clarke 2, Level 6

1600 – 1730

Session 4: ASEAN's Social Trajectories: Unity, Disunity, or Indifference Amidst Diversity?

ASEAN's success story so far has been remarkable given its diversity and heterogeneity. In the longer term future, balancing the need for mutual respect towards national and cultural identities with the need for greater sociocultural cooperation will be a major challenge. How will the region continue to strengthen integration and uphold a plurality of values? Will integration efforts impose fissures on the content and contours of a still uncertain ASEAN identity? How will ASEAN realize its rhetoric of being people-centred and people-oriented?

Thought-starters:

Amb Delia Domingo-Albert
Former Foreign Minister
Philippines

Ms Yuyun Wahyuningrum
Senior Advisor on ASEAN and Human Rights
Human Rights Working Group
Indonesia

Ms Moe Thuzar
Fellow and Lead Researcher (Socio-Cultural), ASEAN Studies Centre
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1900

Dinner

Venue:
Rebung Restaurant
Taman Botani Perdana
Kuala Lumpur

Thursday, 4 February

0900 – 1030

Synthesis: Cross-cutting issues for ASEAN in the next 50 years

This session will build on the earlier four sessions of the preceding day by considering issues that impact all three ASEAN sub-communities. This will be a deep-dive discussion that will examine how, if current trends continue, ASEAN will increasingly grapple with people flows, natural resources scarcity, climate change, transboundary pollution, rapid urbanization, and technological breakthroughs. These multiple challenges will require polycentric institutional arrangements at various levels of governance. How will these issues impact the political and security, economic, and socio-cultural constitution of ASEAN in 50 years? Will ASEAN be prepared to reform institutionally, if necessary, to deal with these emerging challenges? Will the ASEAN way of consensus and non-interference still hold?

Thought-starters:

Dr Mely Caballero-Anthony
Associate Professor and Head
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S Rajaratnam School of International Studies
Nanyang Technological University
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Prof Lorraine Elliott
ANU Public Policy Fellow
College of Asia and the Pacific
Australian National University

- 1030 – 1100 Refreshments
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- 1100 – 1230 **Projection: A Centennial ASEAN**
While the ASEAN Vision 2025 outlines the course for ASEAN over the next 10 years, what will an ASEAN Community look like in another 50 years? This session will emphasize a studied forecast of a centennial ASEAN by analyzing the trajectory of issues, prospects, and challenges outlined in previous sessions. A continuation of the preceding session, the aim of this session will be to (i) streamline synthesized thoughts and recommendations; and (ii) extrapolate them for an assessment of ASEAN in the next 50 years. The output expected will be a publication released in time for the commemoration of ASEAN's 50 years of existence in 2017.
- Thought-starters:*
- Dr Pranee Thiparat
Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations
Chulalongkorn University
Thailand
- Dr Aries Arugay
Executive Director
Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS)
Philippines
- 1230 – 1300 Wrap up and concluding remarks
- 1300 Lunch
Venue: Latest Recipe, Level 5