



THE SEASREP COUNCIL
2003 annual report

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Introduction

The projects of the SEASREP Council in 2003 were not spared from the SARS virus, which affected the whole of Southeast Asia. First to be hit by the region-wide travel restrictions was the undergraduate *Asian Emporiums* Course in April 2003. The Center for International Studies, University of the Philippines, which was to offer the course with travel grants from SEASREP for Southeast Asian students, had to cancel the course owing to quarantine measures imposed by the Philippine government.

The inception workshop of the Council project on the Mekong region was also rescheduled towards the latter part of the year. The project aims to examine the Mekong region as a socio-cultural space. With support from the Rockefeller Foundation, the 22-month project expects to produce two publications in 2004: an annotated bibliography of works on the Mekong region, and an anthology of papers that interrogate various constructions of the Mekong from multidisciplinary perspectives.

Despite these initial setbacks, the Council started the year by introducing some changes in the grants program and the *SEAS Bulletin*. Beginning 2004, the Council will provide grants to support full Ph.D. study under the Luisa Mallari Fellowship for M.A./Ph.D. Research in Southeast Asian Studies. The grant may be renewed annually depending on the student's performance up to a maximum of three years. Also, the Council decided to stop supporting the study of source languages since only a few apply for it, and concentrate instead on national and local languages, applications for which have grown in quantity and, more significantly, quality.

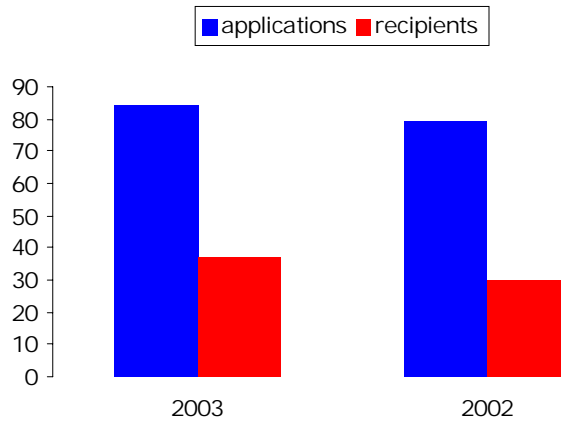
In October 2003, the Council had its pilot run of the teacher training-seminar on Southeast Asian studies in Ayutthaya, Thailand, with 26 participants from the region. Intended to strengthen the teaching of Southeast Asian studies in the region, the seminar was received positively by the participants. The Council is now planning for a series of seminars in the next five years, which would complement the new thrust of the Council towards supporting formal education in Southeast Asian studies.

The *SEAS Bulletin* underwent reconstruction and will be electronically published in the SEASREP website owing to the rising cost in postage and printing. Along with this, the Council is reformatting its website to allow readers to download and subscribe to the Bulletin on-line, including past issues. Queries about the grants program can now also be made on-line. The website also features a new announcement board where scholars and institutions can read and post information on Southeast Asia-related activities, such as workshop, seminars and fellowships.

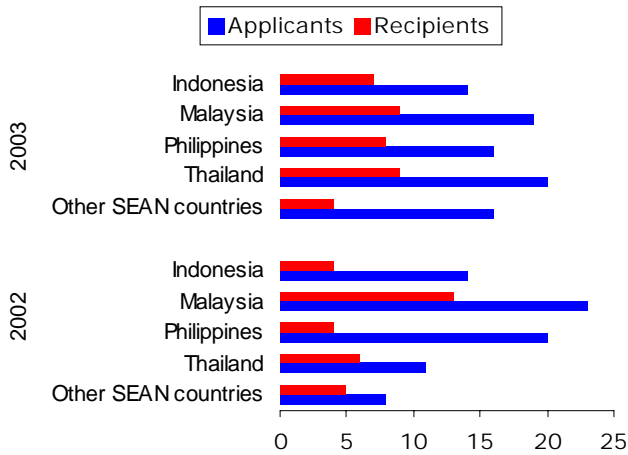
SEASREP GRANTS 2003

Applications and Grants Awarded 2003 and 2002

The overall number of applications received in 2003 increased by 10% from last year, while the number of approved applications rose slightly to 44% this year from 42% in 2002.



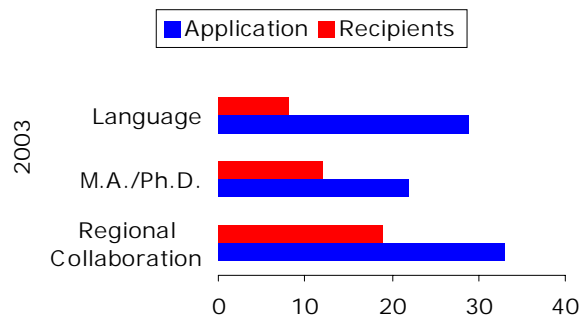
Applications and Grants Awarded by Country

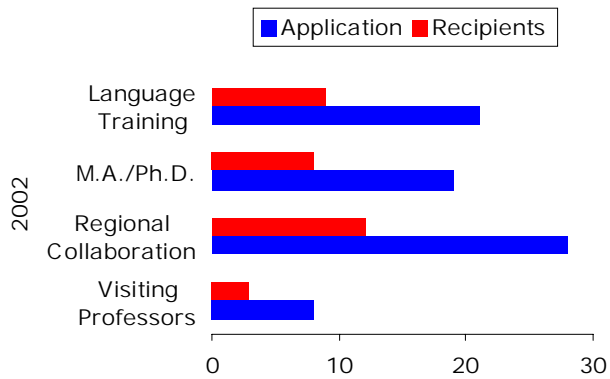


Thailand contributed the largest number of applications, followed by Malaysia; Singapore sent in the fewest. As for the acceptance rate, Indonesia and the Philippines had the highest this year at 50% each, followed by Malaysia at 47% and Thailand, 45%. Last year, Malaysia's acceptance rate was the highest at 56%.

Applications and Grants Awarded by Program

Like last year, the Regional Collaboration Program accounted for the most number of applications and recipients, followed by language training and postgraduate study applications.



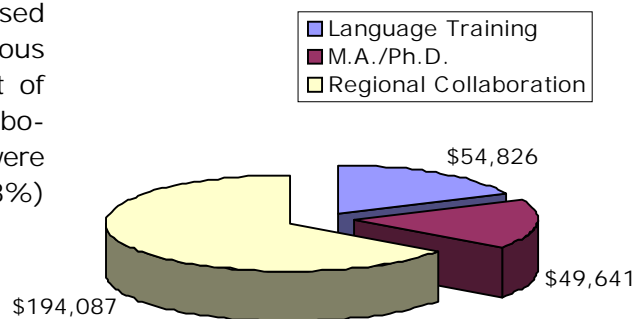


The number of recipients this year for language training and postgraduate research slightly increased because of the additional fund taken from the reconfigured visiting professors program, which is now under the Regional Collaboration grant.

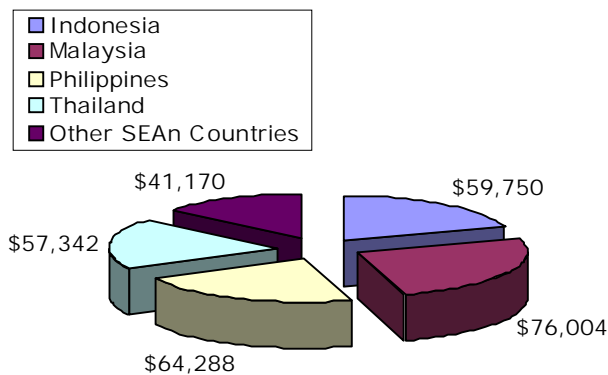
In 2003 Language Training grantees chose to study Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian and Malaysian languages. Grantees for the Luisa Mallari Fellowship came from the fields of archeology, anthropology, history, linguistics, political science, and journalism.

Amount Disbursed by Type of Program

The total amount of US\$294,467 disbursed in 2003 was 10% higher than the previous year (US\$269,448). Sixty five percent of the total budget went to Regional Collaboration grants, while the remaining funds were divided between Language Training (18%) and Luisa Mallari Fellowships (17%).



Amount Disbursed by Country



Malaysian applicants received 28% of the grant funds disbursed this year, followed closely by applicants from Indonesia (24%) and Thailand (22%). The Philippines took in 13%. The remaining 13% were divided among other Southeast Asian countries.

SEASREP GRANTEES 2003-2004

Language Training Program

Recipient, position, institutional affiliation, language to be studied and where

Phoxay Thepvilayvong, Lecturer
Russian Department
Faculty of Letters
National University of Laos
Thai, Thammasat University

Ong Kui Hua, M.A. Student
Department of History
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
University of Malaya
Vietnamese, National University for
Humanities and Social Sciences

Chardelle Anne Santos, M.A. Student
Department of Filipino
Ateneo de Manila University
Indonesian, Gadjah Mada University

Nikos Lexis Dacanay
M.A. Student, Asian Center
University of the Philippines, Diliman
Thai, Thammasat University

Ivie Carbon Esteban, Ph.D. Student
College of Development Communication
University of the Philippines, Los Banos
Malaysian, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Hathairat Munart, M.A. Student
Graduate School
Chiang Mai University
Vietnamese, Institute of Linguistics
Hanoi, Vietnam

Thawatchai Prommana, Researcher
Institute of Asia Pacific Studies
Srinakharinwirot University
Vietnamese, Hanoi University

Le Manh Hung, M.A. Student
Center for Asian-Pacific Studies
Vietnam National University, Hanoi
Thai, Chiang Mai University

The Luisa Mallari Fellowship

Recipient, position, institutional affiliation, title of thesis/dissertation

Anatona, Ph.D. Student
Postgraduate Program (History)
Gadjah Mada University
"Slavery and Slave Trade
in the Straits of Malacca Zone,
1786-1880s"

Agus Umar, M.A. Student
Postgraduate Program (Library Science)
University of Indonesia
"The National Policy on Archival
Development in Malaysia and
Indonesia: A Comparative Study"

Chong Shin, Ph.D. Student,
Institut Alam dan Tamadun Melayu
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"Language Choice in a Multi-lingual
Society: The Chinese Minority of Sekadau
(Indonesia)"

Suria Saniwa bin Wan Mahmood,
Ph.D. Student
Department of Political Science
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"Democracy and Minority: A Comparative
Study of the Malay-Muslims in Southern
Thailand and Thai Buddhists in Northern
Malaysia, 2000-2005"

Sri Nilawati, M.A. Student,
Department of Communication, Faculty of
Social Sciences and Humanities
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"How Do Malaysians Perceive News
Indonesia: An Analysis of Malaysian News
Media Construction of Indonesia and Its
Impact on Perception"

Bobby Orillaneda, M.A. Student
Archaeological Studies Program
College of Social Sciences and Philosophy
University of the Philippines, Diliman
"An Analysis of Ceramic Evidence from
Shipwrecks in the Philippines, Thailand and
Brunei to Identify Probable Trends in Long
Distance Trade During the 15th Century"

Phumphat Chetiyanonh, M.A. Student
Graduate Program
Faculty of Sociology and Anthropology
Thammasat University
"A Study of Ethnic Identity Formation
Among the Minority Groups in
Nyaungshwe, Southern Shan State,
Myanmar"

Hamam Supriyadi, M.A. Student
Faculty of Liberal Arts
Thammasat University
"Thai-Indonesian Advertising in Internet
Media: A Pragmatics Study"

Onanong Thippimol, M.A. Student
Thammasat University
"The Role of Indonesian Student
Movement and the Fall of Suharto"

Kanita Chankhuang, M.A. Student
Faculty of Arts
Thammasat University
"Public Housing Policies and the
Development of Singapore
(1960-2000)"

Pamaree Surakiat, Ph.D. Student
Department of History, Faculty of Arts
Chulalongkorn University
"Dynamism in Thai-Burmese Warfare from
the Mid-16th Century to the
Mid-19th Century"

Silapakit Teekantikun, Ph.D. Student
Department of Ethnology
Faculty of Social Sciences and
Humanities
National University of Vietnam, Hanoi
"Dao Mau: Spirit, Mediums and Modern Life
in the Post Doi Moi Vietnam"

Regional Collaboration

Research: Recipient, position,
institutional affiliation, title of project

Ju-Lan thung, Researcher
Research Center for Society and Culture,
Indonesian Institute of Sciences
"The (Re)Construction of the
(Pan Dayak) Identity in Kalimantan and
Sarawak"

I Ketut Ardhana, Researcher
Research Center for Regional Resource
Indonesian Institute of Sciences
"Border of Ethnicity: Cross Border Linkages
Between Northern Sarawak and East
Kalimantan"

Faruk Tripoli, Director
Center for Cultural Studies
Gadjah Mada University
"The Novels in Two Southeast Asian
Countries"

Maria Antonia Yunita T. Winarto
Faculty, Department of
Anthropology, Faculty of Social and Political
Sciences
University of Indonesia
"The Evolution of Farming Culture in
Vietnam and Cambodia: A Comparative
Perspective"

Semiarto Aji Purwanto
General Manager
Jurnal Antropologi Indonesia
"Multicultural Education in Southeast Asian
Nations: Sharing Experiences"

Tan Sool Beng, Associate Professor
Universiti Sains Malaysia
"Negotiating and Reinventing
Identities: Survival and State of the
Chinese Performing Arts and Music in
Penang and Medan"

Danny Wong Tze Ken, Lecturer
Department of History,
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
University of Malaya
"Vietnam-Champa Relations and the
Malay-Islam Regional Network from late
Seventeenth Century to Early
Nineteenth Century"

Diana Wong Ing Boh, Associate
Professor, Institute of Malaysian and
International Studies
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"Border Crossings: Trade and Traders in the
Illicit Sector. A Study of Undocumented
Cross-Border Trade Between Sumatra,
Southern Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia"

Khoo Salma, Honorary Secretary
Penang Heritage Trust
"Shared Histories, Communities and Cultural
Heritage in Southeast Asia's Western
Littoral"

Kyaw Han, Department of Anthropology
University of Dagon
"The Economic and Cultural Changes in
Southeast Asian Region (Intensive Studies
for the Affairs of Malaysia and Indonesia)"

Cynthia Neri Zayas, Associate Professor
Center for International Studies
University of the Philippines, Diliman
"Life Stories from Kampong Air –
Ethnographies of Maritime Settlements in
the Philippines, Brunei and Northern
Borneo"

Mary Grace Lualhati D. Barretto
University Research Associate
Archeological Studies Program
University of the Philippines, Diliman
"A Morphological Study of Excavated
Bangles in Burials in the Philippines and
Thailand"

Cristina Jayme Montiel, Professor
Department of Psychology,
Ateneo de Manila University
"Social Psychology of Control in
Personal, Interpersonal and Sociopolitical

Relationships"

Prasit Leepreecha, Researcher
Social Research Institute
Chiang Mai University
"Oral History of Hmong People in Southeast
Asia"

Jirasak Dechvongya, Researcher
Social Research Institute
Chiang Mai University
"Buddhist Arts in Luang Prabang"

Sophana Srichampa, Assistant Professor
Institute of Language and Culture for Rural
Development, Mahidol University
"Identity and Dynamic in Transition of
Politeness Strategies in Vietnamese
Language: Ho Chi Minh City"

*Conference/Workshop: Recipient, posi-
tion, institutional affiliation, title of project*

Grace Esteban C. Mateo,
Assistant Professor, Department of Social
Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences
University of the Philippines, Manila
"A Seminal Conference Workshop on
Historical and Cultural Basis of Bimp-Eaga"

*Publication: Recipient, position, institutional
affiliation, title of project*

Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan, Lecturer
Department of History, Faculty of Arts and
Social Sciences, University of Malaya
"Kulintang Music and Malay Dance
Traditions in North Borneo and the
Philippines" Publication of Sabah Research,
Part I

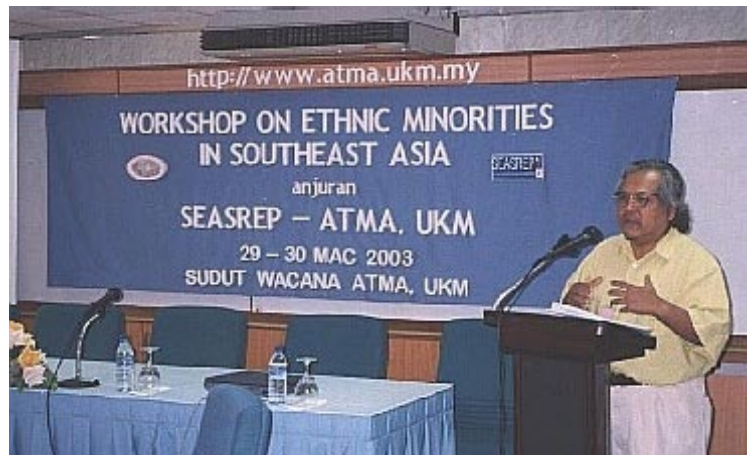
Ong Keng Sen, Artistic Director
Theatre Works (Singapore) Ltd.
"Roots, Re-invention and Continuity in
Changing Times: Tracing the Continuum
between the Traditional and Contemporary
Southeast Asian Performing Artists"

SPECIAL PROJECTS 2003

Workshop on Ethnic Minorities in Southeast Asia

The first of a series of workshops aimed at bringing together grantees of SEASREP and Toyota Foundation's Southeast Asia National Research Program (SEANREP) was launched in 2003. The workshop series seeks to provide a venue for grantees, working on common themes, to meet each other and present the results of their research.

Under the theme, "Ethnic Minorities in Southeast Asia," the first workshop was held at the Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia on 27-28 March 2003. Jointly organized by ATMA, Toyota Foundation and SEASREP, the workshop was divided into two sub-themes: 'Ethnicity and Language' and 'Ethnic Minorities in Southeast Asian States'. The first theme explored research ethics and methodologies in documenting ethnic languages and oral traditions and the interactions of language and identity formation in the region. The second theme looked at the dynamics of state and ethnic minority relations in Southeast Asia. The papers highlighted the varied issues relating to majority-minority discourse, the complex ways in which ethnic identity is constructed and re-constructed, and the space and place of ethnic groups in nation-states.



Dr. Shamsul, ATMA Director, welcomes the participants.

Nineteen grantees presented their research findings.

Dr. Ju-Lan Thung
 Research Center for Society and Culture
 Indonesian Institute of Sciences
 "The (Re)Construction of the 'Pan Dayak' Identity in Kalimantan and Sarawak (The Case of West Kalimantan)"

Dr. Yekti Maunati
 Research Center for Regional Resources
 Indonesian Institute of Sciences
 "The (Re)Construction of the 'Pan Dayak' Identity in Kalimantan and Sarawak (The Dayak in West Kalimantan) "



The workshop participants with Dr. Diokno, Ms. Himemoto-Hiraishi of Toyota Foundation, and Dr. Shamsul

Dr. Peter M. Kedit
Museum Sarawak
"The (Re)Construction of the 'Pan Dayak' Identity in Kalimantan and Sarawak"

Dr. Chairil Effendi
Universitas Tanjung Pura
"The Oral Traditions and Identity of West Kalimantan Society"

Mr. Yusriadi
STAIN, Pontianak
"Identity and Ethnicity in Sungai Laur, Katapang"

Mr. Alex John Ulaen
Sam Ratulangi University
Research Institute
Faculty of Letters
"Changes in the Culture and Lifestyle of the People of Sangihe and Talaud"

Mr. Somthone Lobliayao
Institute of Research on Culture
Ministry of Information and Culture
"The Hmong Culture through Folk Tales"

Dr. Shamsul Amri Baharuddin
Dr. James Collins
The Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA)
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"The SEASREP Project and Language Mapping: A Starting Point and A Research Model"

Dr. James Collins
The Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA)
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"Western Borneo: An Overview of the UKM-UNTAN Project " and "Phase 1, The Sekadau Valley"

Mr. Chong Shin
The Institute of the Malay World and
Civilization (ATMA)
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"Research in Saribas Valley: An Interim
Report"

Dr. Che Wan Ahmad Zawawi bin
Ibrahim
Faculty of Social Sciences
University of Sarawak Malaysia
"A Comparative Study of Identity and
Political Empowerment of Indigenous
'Tribal' Minorities in Southeast Asian
Nation-States: Malaysian and
Indonesian Case Studies"

Mr. Mohamad Zain Bin Musa
Department of History
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
"The Cham People After 1975:
The Case Study in Malaysia"

Dr. Cynthia Neri Zayas
Center for International Studies
University of the Philippines
"Life Stories from Kampong
Air - Ethnographies of
Maritime Settlements in the
Philippines, Brunei and Northern
Borneo"

Ms. Lilian dela Pena
University of the Philippines,
Mindanao
"Life Stories from Kampong
Air - Ethnographies of
Maritime Settlements in the
Philippines, Brunei and Northern
Borneo"

Dr. Albert Alejo
Mindanawon Initiative of Cultural
Dialogue
Ateneo de Davao University
"Lumad Training for Local Research and
Self-Representation"

Dr. Suwilai Premsirirat
Institute of Language and Culture for
Rural Development
Mahidol University
"Thesaurus of Khmu Dialects in
Southeast Asia"

Ms. Mayuree Thawornpat
Institute of Language and Culture for
Rural Development
Mahidol University
"Thesaurus of Khmu Dialects in
Southeast Asia"

Ms. Noriko Higashide
MPCDE Foundation
"Documentation and Research to
Safeguard Archaic Knowledge of Akha"



Mr. Yusriadi (center), presenting his paper. With him are fellow SEASREP grantees, Dr. Ju-Lan Thung (left) and Mr. Chong Shin (right).

The Mekong as Socio-Cultural Space

The project aims to re-examine the Mekong region in two ways: by reviewing the literature on the Mekong and annotating major works; and by analyzing various perspectives of the Mekong beyond geography and the nation. With support from Rockefeller Foundation, two teams of scholars from Southeast Asia were formed in March 2003 to carry out the project: (1) an annotated bibliography of works on the Mekong and (2) an anthology of original papers on the Mekong. Dr. Maria Serena Diokno (University of the Philippines) is the overall project director and co-coordinator of the anthology team. Dr. Nguyen Van Chinh (National University of Vietnam) is the other co-coordinator. Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri (Thammasat University) coordinates the annotated bibliography project.

The two teams held their first workshop in August 2003 to define the parameters of the project, standards, tasks and schedules. In December 2003, the annotators presented their draft bibliographies in a workshop in Chiangmai. The annotators are in the process of revising their drafts and adding works to their list. The anthology team, on the other hand, will have its second workshop in January 2004 to discuss their drafts. The project is expected to produce two publications.

List of annotators, affiliation, and works to be covered

Pham Hong Tung, Faculty of History, University of Social Sciences and Humanities; Vietnamese

Sriprapha Petcharamesree
Office of Human Rights Studies and Social Development, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University; French

Priya Waeohongsa, The Foundation for the Promotion of Social Sciences and Humanities Textbooks Project (Thailand); Thai and English

Siriluk Masviriyakul, Faculty of Political Science, Ramkhamhaeng University; Thai and English

Bai Chun, Asian-African Department, Beijing Foreign Studies University; Chinese and English

Mya Than, Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Chulalongkorn University; Burmese and English

Keo Thol, Royal University of Phnom Penh; Khmer and French

Vatchanaphone Khenavong, Institute of Foreign Affairs, Laos; Lao

Divina Aromin Diokno,
Department of English, Miriam College,
Philippines; ADB Collection

Chaiyan Rajchagool, Faculty of
Humanities, Chiang Mai University,
“ADB Discourse on Poverty and Water”

Kaori Kamigori; Japanese

Pham Duc Duong, Vietnam Association
of Southeast Asian
Studies, Hanoi, “Does a
Mekong Culture Area
Exist?”



The annotators with Dr. Diokno, Dr. Charnvit and Mr. Alan
Feinstein of Rockefeller Foundation

Paothong Thongchua,
Faculty of Fine and Ap-
plied Arts, Thamassat
University, “Textiles as
Reflections of Life in the
Mekong”

Mya Than, Institute of
Strategic and
International Studies,

Chulalongkorn University, “Cross-
border Economic Cooperation: Greater
Mekong Sub-region”

*List of anthology writers, affiliation,
and tentative titles*

Armando Malay, Jr., Asian Center,
University of the Philippines,
“Configuring ‘Indochina’: 19th Century
Explorations of the Mekong”

He Shengda, Yunnan Academy of
Social Sciences, “Yunnan in the Greater
Mekong Sub-Region”

Nguyen Phuong Binh, Center of
Southeast Asian Studies, Institute for
International Studies, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Hanoi,
“Moving Toward Integration for
Development Cooperation and Peace
in the Mekong Region”

Duong Chanto Sisowath, Cambodian
Institute for Cooperation and Peace,
“Regional Institutions and the Mekong
Region”

Alex John Ulaen, Sam Ratulangi
University, “From the River to the
Open Sea: The East Asia Growth
Corridor in Island Southeast Asia”

Teacher Training-Seminar on Southeast Asian Studies

The SEASREP Council and Japan Foundation, in celebration of the Japan-ASEAN Exchange Year, organized the Teacher Training-Seminar on Southeast Asian Studies on 20-24 October 2003 at the Riverview Hotel in Ayutthaya, Thailand.



Designed for university teachers of Asian and Southeast Asian studies, the seminar generally aimed to introduce new knowledge and perspectives on Southeast Asian studies. Specifically, the objectives of the seminar were to: (1) compare and contrast various perspectives of and approaches to Southeast Asian studies by tracing these from the postwar to the present period; (2) analyze the major themes that have characterized Southeast Asian studies over the years; (3) discuss the maritime relations between Southeast Asia and Japan; (4) examine specific aspects of contemporary Southeast Asian life (culture, politics, economy); and (5) provide an opportunity for university teachers from the region to interact with each other and help create an environment of cooperation among scholars in the region.

The five-day seminar consisted of lectures, combined with a tour of the ancient kingdom of Ayutthaya, and a workshop on approaches to Southeast Asian studies. Twenty-six university teachers from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines participated in the seminar.

The participants evaluated the seminar positively. Below

are some of their common comments:

"My perspectives, views and beliefs regarding wide-ranging issues affecting my country and Southeast Asian countries, like separatist movements, terrorism and others are being expanded ... and to some extent, reconstructed. All the lectures encouraged me to do more research on Southeast Asia."

"The seminar is interesting and invites new insight and research; lecturers were authorities on the topics. There were a lot of discoveries and discrepancies in how others study Southeast Asia, from its roots to modern history and the concept of what Southeast Asia is today. The knowledge we learned previously about the region also needs deconstruction."

"Yes, the lectures were informative. New insights: ongoing debates on

Southeast Asia in terms of approach linked with redefinition of Southeast Asian studies. Type of academic work, researches by Southeast Asian scholars in Southeast Asia are also influenced by and cannot be detached from national policies/politics."

"The lectures were all informative. I now have enough materials/readings to enhance the learning of Southeast Asia. What is also important are the strategies learned from the seminar. I hope there will be more seminars to come."

"Congratulations! The training seminar is very helpful. It provided new materials for teaching Southeast Asia and allowed young academics to have a dialogue on a range of issues in Southeast Asian studies, to network and to share common research interests. It would be good if the group can have a follow-up activity to continue the groundwork laid in this seminar (such as a workshop to discuss readings on Southeast Asia and teaching methodologies)."

The participants also recommended that the SEASREP Council hold the seminar annually on different topics, a recommendation the Council intends to pursue.

The lecturers and topics covered were:

Dr. Charnvit Kasetsiri, Thammasat University, Lecture Tour of Ayutthaya and its Place in Southeast Asia

Dr. Maria Serena I. Diokno, University of the Philippines, "Perspectives, Approaches and Themes in Southeast Asian Studies"

Dr. Hamashita Takeshi, Kyoto University, "Maritime Trade Relations between Southeast Asia and Japan"

Dr. Amara Pongsapich, Chulalongkorn University, "Southeast Asian Cultures I"

Mr. Zulkifli Mohamad, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, "Southeast Asian Cultures II"

Dr. Withaya Sucharithanarugse, Chulalongkorn University, "Political Economy of Southeast Asia"

Dr. Salim Said, Indoconsult, "Islam in Contemporary Southeast Asia"



The participants in a huddle during the workshop (left) and creating their own Southeast Asian dance (right)



The participants with Dr. Charnvit and Dr. Hamashita at the ruins of the grand palace in Ayutthya

List of participants

(Name, Affiliation)

Cambodia

Thuy Chanthourn
Faculty of Archaeology
Royal Academy of Cambodia

San Soravnith
Faculty of History
Royal Academy of Cambodia

Indonesia

Moordiati
Department of History
Airlangga University

Abdul Wahid
History Department
Gadjah Mada University

Arief Akhyat
History Department
Gadjah Mada University

Aris Arif Mundayat
Anthropology Department
Gadjah Mada University

Awaludin Nugraha
History Department
Padjadjaran University

Haryono Rinardi
History Department
Diponegoro University

Laos

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National University of Laos

Damdouane Khouangvichit
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National University of Laos

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Universiti Sains Malaysia

Ahmad Nizar bin Yaakub
International Studies Program
Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Sity Daud
School of History
Politics and Strategic Studies
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Govindasamy Anantha Raman
Center for Promotion of Knowledge
and Language Learning
University Malaysia Sabah

Philippines

Zainal Kulidtod
Department of Political Science
Mindanao State University

Jabeer Saymaran
Institute of Asian and Islamic Studies
Western Mindanao State University

Jesa Selibio
Southeast Asian Studies Program
Silliman University

Divina Gracia Roldan
Social Science Department
University of the Philippines, Cebu

Flaudette May Datuin
Department of Arts Studies
University of the Philippines, Diliman

Cynthia Neri Zayas
Center for International Studies
University of the Philippines, Diliman

Thailand

Onanong Thippimol
Regional Studies Program
Walailak University

Davisakd Puaksom
Regional Studies Program
Walailak University

Santi Pakdeekham
Department of Thai and Oriental
Language
Srinakharinwirot University

Ruslan Uthai
Department of Eastern Languages
Prince of Songkla University

Vietnam

Nguyen Thi Van
Department of Oriental Studies
Vietnam National University, Hanoi

Phan Thi Hong Xuan
Faculty of Southeast Asian Studies
Ho Chi Minh City Open University