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12.30pm

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1.00pm

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3.00pm

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Brick *by* Brick

The Building of
an ASEAN Economic
Community

**The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)
and The ASEAN Secretariat**

invite you to the seminar and launch via video conference of
**“Brick By Brick—The Building of an ASEAN Economic
Community”**
edited by Denis Hew

ASEAN is one of the world's most successful regional organizations and celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. At the 2003 ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia, the leaders of all ten member countries agreed to embark on a bold and ambitious project to establish an ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2020. This deadline was brought forward by 5 years to 2015 at the ASEAN Summit in Cebu, Philippines in January 2007. The AEC project will clearly involve a higher level of regional economic integration.

Against these significant developments in ASEAN economic integration, the main objective of this book is to present some of the key challenges facing the regional organization as it embarks on major initiatives to establish an AEC. Organised under the auspices of the ASEAN Australia Development Cooperation Program's (AADCP's) Regional Economic Policy Support Facility (REPSF), the book brings together authoritative studies on the issues and challenges pertaining to building an AEC by 2015. These studies were undertaken over a period of five years (2002-2007) and written by prominent experts and academicians.

This seminar and book launch will also discuss recent outcomes of the recent ASEAN Summit in Singapore particularly the AEC Blueprint.

SUPPORTING ORGANISATIONS



The logo for 'Brick by Brick' features the words 'Brick by Brick' in a white serif font. 'Brick' is on the top line, 'by' is in a smaller font size between the two 'Brick' words, and 'Brick' is on the bottom line. The text is set against a background of a red brick wall, with a solid black horizontal bar at the bottom.

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Speakers

MR. SUNDRAM PUSHPANATHAN is Principal Director for the Bureau for Economic Integration and Finance at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia. His primary responsibilities are to oversee and direct ASEAN economic and finance integration towards the establishment of an ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 and ASEAN's external economic relations with its Dialogue Partners, including the establishment of comprehensive economic partnerships and free trade agreements, and in coordinating East Asia economic integration initiatives.

He joined the ASEAN Secretariat in February 1996 and has held several senior positions, including Director for ASEAN Plus Three and External Relations, and Special Assistant to Secretary-General of ASEAN.

Mr. Pushpanathan received his first degree in Economics and Political Science from the National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1988 and a Master Degree in Public Policy from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS in 1994. He is also a Japan Foundation Fellow and undertook research on building an East Asian Community from January-March 2006 with the Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo, Japan.

DENIS HEW is currently Senior Fellow and Coordinator of the Regional Economic Studies programme at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Singapore. He is also editor of the *ASEAN Economic Bulletin*, a leading economic journal on ASEAN economic issues. Dr Hew is the editor of the book entitled, *"Brick by Brick: The Building of an ASEAN Economic Community"*. His research interests include ASEAN economic integration and financial development in Southeast Asia. Dr Hew holds a BSc (Hons) in Economics (Warwick University UK), MSc in Finance & Accounting (UMIST UK) and PhD in Finance (University of Manchester UK).

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Programme

12.30pm Registration

1.00pm Seminar

Prof. Christopher Findlay - Chair

Speakers:

Australian Government Representative – “Australia and the ASEAN Economic Community”

Mr. Sundram Pushpanathan, Principal Director Bureau for Economic Integration and Finance, ASEAN Secretariat - “Rolling Out the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint”

Dr. Denis Hew, Senior Fellow Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore – “Presentation by the Book Editor”

1.45pm Q&A

2.25pm Book announcement

2.30pm Refreshments

3.00pm Close

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