

Oxford, UK and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – 28 June 2014 – The University of Oxford and the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia (JCI) are pleased to announce that the Asian Economic Panel (AEP) conference will be held in conjunction with the 4th Annual Southeast Asian Studies Symposium. The Symposium will be held 20-22 March 2015, and the AEP conference will be held 23-24 March 2015. Both will be hosted by the JCI at Sunway University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Registration to the Symposium includes entry to the AEP conference, and will open on 15 November 2015.

Participants include: Jeffrey Sachs (Columbia University), Barry Eichengreen (University of California, Berkeley), Chalongphob Sussangkarn (Thailand Development Research Institute), Kiyohiko Nishimura (University of Tokyo), Fan Gang (National Economic Research Institute), and Wing Thyee Woo (Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia).

AEP invites about 40 economists from around the world (particularly from Asia) to meet three times a year to discuss issues that are important to sub-regions of Asia or individual Asian countries. The proceedings of the AEP conference are edited and published thrice yearly in a journal, *Asian Economic Papers* (MIT Press).

Project Southeast Asia is an initiative by scholars of Southeast Asia at the University of Oxford. It seeks to promote transnational and interdisciplinary solutions to Southeast Asian issues. It wishes to apply Southeast Asian knowledge to find solutions for the world's problems and use global expertise to address Southeast Asian problems. This builds on Oxford's already numerous contributions to Southeast Asia and its unsurpassed track record of excellence in the region, particularly in the field of medicine, where it conducts pioneering research in nearly every Southeast Asian country.

The Southeast Asian Studies Symposium is Project Southeast Asia's flagship event. Its core aim is to platform for the discussion of the most important Southeast Asian issues, such as sustainable development, environmental change, and infectious diseases, and to propose and develop solutions which are sustainable, effective, viable, and culturally appropriate. The Southeast Asian Studies Symposium is the world's largest annual Southeast Asian Studies conference and has been held in Oxford for three successive years.

The Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF) established the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia (ICI) in March 2014. JCI conducts policy-oriented research on Southeast Asia (especially on issues relating to sustainable development). JCI is actively involved in collaborative research with research centers located in other countries, notably in other Southeast countries, USA, China, Japan, Australia, and UK. JCF has also promoted international research on Southeast Asia by awarding US\$6.2 million to Harvard University to create a Professorship in Southeast Asian Studies, and to fund a scholarly exchange program between Harvard and Southeast Asian educational institutions. JCF is now extending its support for global collaboration on Southeast Asian issues by co-hosting the Southeast Asian Studies Symposium with Project Southeast Asia at Oxford University.

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