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REGIONALISM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: A STUDY OF ASEAN

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## SYNOPSIS

The concern of this thesis is an examination of the concept and phenomenon of regionalism in Southeast Asia as expressed through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The term "regionalism" in this study is used synonymously with regional cooperation. The term is simply used to describe the observable cooperation in domestic and international policy, within an institutional structure rather than carrying the implication of ultimate economic and political unification. For the purpose of this study, emphasis is given to the development, structure, activities and finally, the nature of ASEAN as a regional institutional framework, since the Association is the first workable indigenous regional organisation which appears to have withstood the test of time and is currently in a moderately advanced process of international community formation in Southeast Asia. This thesis comprises five chapters.

CHAPTER I contains an INTRODUCTION: definition of terms, method of study and review of literature.

CHAPTER II deals with the preconditions and antecedents of ASEAN.

CHAPTER III attempts to analyse on the historical development of ASEAN in the context of regionalism.

CHAPTER IV seeks to evaluate the problems and prospects, that ASEAN encounters as a regional organisation.

CHAPTER V concludes with an assessment of the development of regionalism in Southeast Asia.

## SINOPSIS

Tesis ini cuba menilai tentang konsep dan fenomena "regionalisme" di Asia Tenggara seperti yang dinyatakan melalui kesatuan negara-negara Asia Tenggara (ASEAN). Konsep "regionalisme" yang digunakan dalam kajian ini membawa erti yang "Kerjasama Serantau". Konsep ini lebih mudah digunakan untuk meninjau kedudukan kerjasama serantau dari perspektif faktor dalaman dan antarabangsa berbanding dengan struktur institusi yang membawa implikasi penyatuan ekonomi dan politik yang muktamad. Bagi tujuan kajian ini, penekanan diberi keatas perkembangan, struktur, aktiviti dan akhirnya, sifat ASEAN sebagai sebuah rangka institusi kerjasama serantau, yang merupakan organisasi serantau yang pertama yang berjaya setelah menghadapi ujian masa. Kini sebagai tanda kematangan terhadap ASEAN suatu proses yang mengarah secara sederhana pembentukan masyarakat antarabangsa di Asia Tenggara sudahpun dimulakan. Tesis ini mempunyai lima bab.

BAB I mengandungi PENGENALAN: definisi istilah, kaedah kajian dan ulasan bahan bacaan.

BAB II menganalisis suasana dan sejarah rantau Asia Tenggara sebelum pembentukan ASEAN.

BAB III cuba menganalisis perkembangan sejarah ASEAN dalam konteks sejarah kerjasama serantau Asia Tenggara.

BAB IV berusaha untuk menilai masalah dan prospek yang dihadapi oleh ASEAN sebagai sebuah pertubuhan serantau.

BAB V memberi penilaian dan rumusan terhadap penilaian terhadap perkembangan serantau di Asia Tenggara.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	ASEAN Brussels Committee
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AEM	ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting
AFTA	ASEAN Free Tariff Area
AGC	ASEAN Geneva Committee
AIC	ASEAN Industrial Complementation Scheme
AIDC	Asian Institute for Economic Development Council
AIDC	Asian Industrial Development Council
AIJV	ASEAN Industrial Joint Venture
AIPs	ASEAN Industrial Projects
AMDA	Anglo-Malayan Defence Agreement
AMM	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting
ANZUK	Five-Power Defence Arrangement
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APO	Asia Productivity Organisation
ASA	Association of Southeast Asia
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEAN-CCI	Confederation of ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Industry
ASEAN-PTA	ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangement
ASPAC	Asian and Pacific Council
CEPT	Common Effective Preferential Tariff
CGDK	Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea
CPT	Communist Party of Thailand



EAEC	East Asian Economic Caucus
ECAFE	United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
EEC	European Economic Community
GSP	Generalised System of Preferences
MCEDSEA	Ministerial Conference for the Economic Development of Southeast Asia
MCP	Malayan Communist Party
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NPA	New People's Army (Philippine)
NWFZ	Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zone
PKI	Communist Party of Indonesia
PMM	Post-Ministerial Meeting
PRC	People's Republic of China
PTA	Preferential Trading Arrangements
SCCAN	Special Coordinating Committee of ASEAN Nations
SEAMEO	Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation
SEATO	Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation
SEM	Single European Market
SEOM	Senior Economic Official Meeting
ZOPFAN	Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality