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 developments at the ASEAN Summit in Singapore such as the ASEAN Charter and the Blueprint on the AEC.
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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.

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Programme

10.30am  Registration
11.00am  Seminar

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”

11.45am  Q&A
12.25pm  Book announcement
12.30pm  Refreshments
1.00pm  Close

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I will be able to attend the Launch of “Brick by Brick: The Building of an ASEAN Economic Community” on Tuesday, 11th December at 11.00am in the, CU-GDLN (Thailand DLC) Center of Academic Resources, Chulalongkorn University, PhyaThai Road, Bangkok 10330 Thailand

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