

# **History Agenda 21**

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**SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition  
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## **Preface**

This proceeding is a collection of the working papers presented at the Workshop History Agenda 21 which was held in Yangon on the 14 and 15 of December 2000 as part of the inauguration of the SEAMEO Regional Centre for History and Tradition.

The Workshop was attended by renowned historians and curriculum planners from the Ministries of Education of the Southeast Asian region and was characterized by lively and valuable discussions. It is our wish to include the full transcripts of the discussions on each paper, but unfortunately only a summary of the discussions by historians and curriculum planners could be provided in this proceeding. This summary does not claim to be complete as it is based on the notes of the Secretariat of the Workshop but it gives a fair indication of the kind of debate and interest the working papers have provoked among the participants.

We would like to express our gratitude to H.E. U Than Aung, Minister of Education, Government of the Union of Myanmar, and Dr. Suparak Racha-Intra, Director of SEAMES whose support and keen interest made the Workshop possible.

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## Programme

### Thursday, 14 December 2000

- 09:30 – 10:00      Opening Remarks by Daw Ni Ni Myint, Director of SEAMEO CHAT
- 10:00 - 10:30      Refreshment Break
- 10:30 - 12:30      Moderator:    Shaharil Talib  
Position Paper 1: The Southeast Asian Historian and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century ---- Rujaya Abhakorn  
Panel 1: The Future of the Nation State and National History  
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- 12:30 – 1:30      Lunch
- 1:30 - 5:30      Moderator:    Tun Aung Chain  
Position Paper 2: History our Survival and Geography our Destiny ----- Shaharil Talib  
Position Paper 3: Towards a Regional History from Within ----- Taufik Abdullah
- 2:30 – 3:00      Refreshment Break
- 3:00 - 4:30      Panel 2: The New Global Economy and The Economic Historian  
Djoko Suryo
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m    General Discussion
- 7:00 p.m          Reception hosted by Daw Ni Ni Myint, Director, SEAMEO-Regional Centre for History and Tradition at International Business Centre, Pyay Road, Yangon

### Friday, December 15, 2000

- 7:00 a.m          Leave Hotel
- 8:00 - 9:30      Inauguration Ceremony of the SEAMEO CHAT
- 9:30              Return to Hotel

**(for Historians)**

- 10:30 - 12:00 Moderator: Taufik Abdullah  
Panel 3: Cultural History in the Multicultural Context  
Aurora Roxas-Lim  
Ooi Keat Gin
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 4:00 Moderator: Rujaya Abhakorn  
Panel 4: Morality and the Social Order  
Iik Arifin Mansurnoor  
Myo Myint  
Panel 5: Information Technology and the Historical Method  
Chalong Soontravanich
- 4:00 - 4:30 Refreshment Break

**(for Curriculum Planners)**

- 10:30 - 12:00 Discussion Topic 1: The inclusion of the current perspectives in SEA history in secondary school curricula
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 4:00 Discussion Topic 2: issues and methodology in the development of national curricula of Southeast Asian history for secondary education in all SEAMEO countries  
Discussion Topic 3: The drawing up of a draft plan for the review of the curricula of SEA history, teaching staffs, methods, texts and researches at the secondary level of education in all SEAMEO countries in the year 2001- 2002
- 4:00 - 4:30 Refreshment Break
- 4:30 - 5:30 Panel 6: Concluding Discussions: Future Agenda  
Barbara Watson Andaya  
Tun Aung Chain
- 7:00 p.m Dinner hosted by H.E. U Than Aung, Minister for Education, Union of Myanmar at Traders Hotel

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