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International Conference on
Trade, Investment and Production Networks in Asia

**Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy
(GEP), University of Nottingham**

15th and 16th February, 2012

at the Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre, the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus,
2nd Floor, Chulan Tower, Jalan Conlay, Kuala Lumpur

Wednesday, 15th February

09.15 – 09.25 Opening addresses

Session 1 (Chair: Chris Milner)

09.25 – 10.45 *Multinationals, Trade, Global Production Networks and the Development
of Domestic Technological Capabilities in East and Southeast Asia*

Rajah Rasiah, University of Malaya

Discussant: Hal Hill

Determinants of Trade in Parts and Components: The Role of Ethical Distance

Bala Ramasamy, China Europe International Business School (CEIBS)

Discussant: Premachandra Athukorala

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee

Session 2 (Chair: Camilla Jensen)

11.00 – 13.00 *How Did the Japanese Exports Respond? The Global Financial Crisis and the
East Japan Earthquake (with Mitsuyo Ando)*

Fukunari Kimura, Keio University and Economic Research

Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

Discussant: Rajah Rasiah

Growing with Global Production Sharing: The Tale of Penang Export Hub

Premachandra Athukorala, Australian National University

Discussant: Shandre Thangavelu

China's Export Expansion: A Threat to its Asian Neighbours

Kong Yoke Fong, GEP, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

Discussant: Jay Menon

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

Session 3 (Chair: Richard Kneller)

14.00 – 15.20 *Exporter Dynamics and Information Spillovers through the Main Bank*

Keiko Ito, Senshu University

Discussant: Camilla Jensen

FDI, Export Competitiveness and Foreign Workers: Case of Singapore and Malaysia

Shandre Thangavelu, National University of Singapore

Discussant: Fukunari Kimura

15.20 – 15.35 Coffee

Session 4 (Chair: Michael Yap)

15.35 – 16.55 *The Effects of Trade Liberalization on Production Networks (with Michael Yap)*

Rasyad Parinduri, GEP, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus

Discussant: Keiko Ito

Preferential and Non-Preferential Approaches to Trade Liberalization, with Special Attention to Reciprocity and Utilization Rates

Jay Menon, Asian Development Bank

Discussant: Chris Milner

16.55 – 18.30 Break

Session 5 (Chair: David Greenaway)

18.30 – 19.30 ***Boustead Annual Globalisation Lecture:***

Malaysia's Development Challenges: Graduating from the Middle

**Professor Hal Hill, H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economies,
Australian National University**

19.30 – 20.00 Book launch:

Malaysia's Development Challenges: Graduating from the Middle,
eds. Hal Hill, Tham Siew Yean and Ragayah Haji Mat Zin

19.30 – 21.00 Reception, sponsored by Boustead Holdings Berhad

Lecture and reception also in Chulan Tower, 2nd floor.

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Thursday, 16th February

Session 6 (Chair: Kevin Lee)

09.00 – 10.20 *Does Trade Openness Explain Labour Productivity Growth? A Comparison of China and India*

Wing Leong Teo, GEP, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus

Discussant: Archanun Kohpaiboo

Exchange Rates and Trade in East Asia

Willem Thorbecke, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)

Discussant: Richard Kneller

10.20 – 10.40 Coffee

Session 7 (Chair: Rasyad Parinduri)

10.40 – 12.40 *China and East Asian Integration: Implications for the World*

Wai Heng Loke, GEP, University of Nottingham Ningbo China

Discussant: Wing Leong Teo

*Import-as-market Discipline in Production Network:
Evidence from Thai Manufacturing*

Archanun Kohpaiboo, Thammasat University

Discussant: Rasyad Parinduri

*Trade Liberalisation and Chinese Firm Level Productivity Growth:
The Role of Direct and Indirect Imported Inputs*

Richard Kneller, GEP, University of Nottingham

Discussant: Bala Ramasamy

12.40 – 13.50 Lunch

13.50 – 14.50 Transfer to the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus at Semenyih

14.50 – 15.30 Tour of campus

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea/cold drinks

Session 8 (Chair: David Greenaway)

16.00 – 17.00 ***The World Economy Asia Lecture*** sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell:

Declining Protection in Developing Countries: Fact or Fiction?

Professor Chris Milner, Professor of International Economics,

GEP, University of Nottingham

17.30 Return to Kuala Lumpur;

19.30 Conference dinner in KL