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Asian growth under the spotlight at Malaysia conference

Conference briefing

Some of the world's most respected experts on the economies of Asia are to take part in a major international conference at GEP's Malaysia branch.

Entitled *Globalisation, Growth and Development in Asia*, the two-day event will examine the region's ever-increasing role in the worldwide economy.

Trade agreements and reforms, production networks and the rise of China and India will be among the crucial issues under the spotlight.

Delegates from the UK will be joined by fellow academics from Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Japan and China.

The conference will also host the prestigious *The World Economy Asia Lecture*, to be delivered by Danny Quah, Head of Department and Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics.

His address, *Will Asia Save the World?*, will examine the region's growing importance in the wake of the financial meltdown that has rocked the West.

Malaysian-born Professor Quah has delivered lectures at the United Nations, the Hay Festival Segovia, the World Science Forum and 10 Downing Street.

He is an expert on the growth throughout East and South-East Asia since the 1990s, as well as the dramatic rise of China during the past 30 years of economic reforms.

In recent research he credited the region with stabilising the world against "yet sharper downturns" by continuing to grow during periods of "short, sharp slowdown".

He wrote: "China by itself has brought over 600-million people out of extreme poverty in the past quarter-

century, accounting for pretty much the entire reduction of extreme poverty in the world."

Professor Chris Milner, a Professor of International Economics at GEP, will also discuss elements of China's growth, while GEP Director Professor Daniel Bernhofen will look at aspects of the Japanese economy.

The conference will take place at the Kuala Lumpur Teaching Centre at the University of Nottingham's Malaysia Campus on January 14th and 15th.

The World Economy Asia Lecture

Professor Danny Quah

Danny Quah is Head of Department and Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He obtained his PhD from Harvard University and his AB from Princeton University. He joined LSE in 1991 after teaching as an Assistant Professor in MIT's Economics Department. In the UK he has served on the Academic Panels of HM Treasury and the Office for National Statistics. He is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London, a Governor of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research and a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Economic Growth*. His work has been translated into several languages and published around the world.



GEP/GEP in Malaysia

GEP, the Globalisation and Economic Policy Centre, based at the University of Nottingham, is the major centre in Europe studying the impacts of globalisation and economic policy.

One of the biggest of its kind in the world, the Centre has an international reputation, with its academics advising the Commonwealth, the World Bank, the WTO and the OECD.

In January 2008 GEP opened GEP in Malaysia at the purpose-built Semenyih campus, 30km from Kuala Lumpur.

The first-ever branch campus of a UK university abroad, Semenyih serves an international community of students from more than 50 countries.

Website: www.gep.org.uk

Globalisation, Growth and Development in Asia

Topics to be discussed

The World Economy Asia Lecture: Will Asia Save the World?

Danny Quah, London School of Economics

Consolidation and Harmonisation of Regional Trade Agreements

Innwon Park, Korea University

The Political Economy of Trade Reform in Indonesia

Muhammed Chatib Basri, University of Indonesia

Regional Heterogeneity and China's International Trade: Sufficient Lumpiness or Not?

Chris Milner, GEP, University of Nottingham

English Language and Economic Growth: Cross-Country Empirical Evidence

Chew Ging Lee, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

Stock Market Effects of Emerging Markets Financial Liberalisation

Wei Huang, University of Nottingham, Ningbo, China

Trade Liberalisation and the Economy: Stock Market Evidence from Singapore

Rasyad Parinduri, University of Nottingham, Malaysia

Adoption of In-Work Benefit Programs: an Exploration on International Experiences

Kampon Adireksombat, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

The Speed Intensity of Hong Kong's Manufactured Cotton Exports Relative to Japan During the Post-War Take-Off Period

Kelly Olds, National Taiwan University

Testing the Price Version of the Heckscher-Ohlin Theorem: the Natural Experiment of Japan

Daniel Bernhofen, GEP, University of Nottingham

Slicing the Value Chain Internationally: Empirical Evidence on Offshoring by Manufacturing Firms in France

Liza Jabbour, GEP, University of Nottingham

Competition Policy Corporate Saving and the Current Account

Rod Tyers, Australian National University

'Round Tripping' or 'Capital Augmenting' OFDI: Chinese Outward Investment and the Caribbean Tax Havens

Dylan Sutherland, University of Nottingham

Stability of Production Networks in East Asia: Duration and Survival of Trade

Ayako Obashi, Keio University

Economic Liberalisation in India: Productivity and Learning-by-Export

Sanja Pattnayak and Shandre Thangavelu, National University of Singapore

What To Do About Asia's Spaghetti Bowl?

Jay Menon, Asian Development Bank

On Volume-Based Measures of RCA: an Empirical Test for ASEAN

AKM Azhar, Universiti Putra Malaysia

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