

Expert Workshop on

**The Role of Parliament in
National Security Policy and
Defence Budgeting in ASEAN Member States**

**Thursday 22 May 2008
Phuket, Thailand
Novotel Phuket Resort**

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The objective of the expert workshop is to discuss and review papers on the role of parliament in (1) national security policy (NSP) as well as in (2) defence budgeting in Southeast Asia. The papers were written in the context of two parliamentary workshops of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (AIPF-SSG), i.e. the AIPF-SSG workshops in Bali on 23-25 November 2007 and in Phuket on 23-24 May 2008. While the AIPF-SSG parliamentary workshops focus on the role of parliament as well as the political aspects of NSP formulation and defence budgeting, the expert workshop fulfils a supportive function of the AIPF-SSG workshops and focuses on more technical aspects of the aforementioned topics. The outcome of the workshop is to have the NSP papers ready for publication and to have a first expert discussion of the defence budgeting papers. The workshop brings together experts from universities, think tanks and NGOs of Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. The workshop is organised with support of FES Singapore and DCAF.

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PROGRAMME

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Wednesday, 21 May 2008

Arrival of participants

Thursday, 22 May 2008

09:30 – 09:45 **Welcome and Introduction**

Axel Schmidt (*Head of Office, FES Singapore*),
Mario Mayong Aguja (*Former MP, House of Representatives*)
Hans Born (*Senior Fellow, DCAF*)

09:45 – 12:30 **Session 1: The Role of Parliament and National Security Policy Formulation (final review of revised country papers)**

Chair: Heiner Hänggi (*Assistant Director, Head of Research, DCAF*)

09:45-10:15 **Country Study Cambodia**

Introduced by
Chap Sotharith (*Executive Director, CICP*) and
Im Sithol (*Associate Researcher, CICP*)

10:15-10:45 **Country Study Malaysia**

Introduced by
Jitkai Chin (*Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus*)

10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00-11:30 **Country Study Philippines**

Introduced by
Herman Joseph S. Kraft (*Executive Director for Strategic Studies, ISDS*)

11:30-12:00 **Country Study Thailand**

Introduced by
Perapong Manakit (*Advisor to the Office of the National Security Council, The Government House*)

12:00-12:30 **Plenary Discussion**

Facilitated by
Hans Born (*Senior Fellow, DCAF*)

Questions:

1. What is the status of national security policy in your country? Is there any comprehensive NSP? If there is no NSP, do the police, armed forces and intelligence services have their own policy?
2. What is the role of parliament in NSP formulation?
3. What are the challenges to an effective role of parliament in NSP formulation?

12:30-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 17:15 Session 2: The Role of Parliament and Defence Budgeting (first review of country papers)

Chair: Chandran Jeshurun (*Member, Board of Directors, Malaysian International Affairs Forum*)

14:00-14:30 Country Study Cambodia

Introduced by
Im Sithol (*Associate Researcher, CICP*) and
Chap Sotharith (*Executive Director, CICP*)

14:30-15:00 Country Study Indonesia

Introduced by
Begi Hersutanto (*Parliamentary Staffer; The Indonesian Parliament Commission I*)

15:00-15:30 Country Study Malaysia

Introduced by
Jitkai Chin, (*Assistant Professor, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus*)

15:30-15:45 Coffee break

15:45-16:15 Country Study Philippines

Introduced by
Mario Mayong Aguja (*Former MP, House of Representatives*)

16:15-16:45 Country Study Thailand

Introduced by
Perapong Manakit (*Program Advisor to the Office of the National Security Council, The Government House*)

16:45-17:15 Plenary Session

Facilitated by
Tan See Seng (*Deputy Head of Graduate Studies, RSIS*)

Questions:

1. What is the status of defence budgeting in your country? Is there any systematic and applied form of planning, programming budgeting of defence expenditures?
2. What is the role of parliament in defence budgeting in your country?
3. What are the main challenges to an effective role of parliament in defence budgeting?

17:15-17:30 Closure

Hans Born (*Senior Fellow, DCAF*)

20:00 Joint Dinner

Rapporteur: Martin Kitasaka

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Cambodia

1. Im Sithol, *Associate Researcher, CICP*
2. Chap Sotharith, *Executive Director, CICP*

Germany

3. Willy Wimmer, *Member of Parliament*

Indonesia

4. Begi Hersutanto, *Parliamentary Staffer; The Indonesian Parliament Commission I*
5. Djoko Susilo, *Member of Parliament, Commission I*

Malaysia

6. Jitkai Chin, *Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus*
7. Chandran Jeshurun, *Member, Board of Directors, Malaysian International Affairs Forum*

Philippines

8. Mario Mayong Aguja, *Former Member of Parliament, Secretary of AIPF-SSG Steering Committee*
9. Herman Joseph S. Kraft, *Executive Director for Strategic Studies, ISDS*

Singapore

10. Tan See Seng, *Deputy Head of Graduate Studies, RSIS*

Thailand

11. Perapong Manakit, *Program Advisor to the Office of the National Security Council, The Government House*

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12. Hans Born, *Senior Fellow, DCAF, Geneva, Switzerland*
13. Heiner Hänggi, *Assistant Director, Head of Research, DCAF, Geneva, Switzerland*

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14. Axel Schmidt, *Head of Office, FES Singapore*
15. Vesna Rodic, *Head of Office, FES Thailand*
16. Pham Huong Giang, *Programme Assistant, FES Singapore*
17. Artanti Wardhani, *Programme Officer, FES Indonesia*

Rapporteur/Assistants

18. Martin Kitasaka, *Free Lance, Singapore*
19. Anja Bodenmüller, *Free Lance, Thailand*