

Welcome Address

Yohei Mimura
Chairman, IDE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the beginning of the reception for the International Symposium held by the Institute of Developing Economies to discuss "Indochinese Economic Reconstruction and International Economic Cooperation," I would like to say a few words to you.

First of all, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to our guests, researchers and scholars, who were engaged in lively discussions until a few minutes ago.

Our Institute of Developing Economies has occasionally organized international symposiums and workshops, inviting numerous researchers and experts from abroad. However, most of those events were intended for Southeast Asia or for the Asian-Pacific region, and not a single one has ever been particularly targeted for Indochina. Nor has the Institute ever had a chance to invite at once not only the Indochinese researchers but also the experts on Indochina at home and abroad.

Therefore it is an epochmaking event for our Institute as well as for the Japanese researchers of Indochina that the present symposium paved the way for a greater exchange with the Indochinese counterparts. The symposium is all the more significant since it is held at this present juncture when the world has shown the greatest ever concern with Indochina, following the signing of the Cambodian Peace Accord.

Since our Institute of Developing Economies is determined to promote further research on the Asian-Pacific region including Indochina, we sincerely hope that you would extend your kindest cooperation and support.

Thank you.

(at the Reception)

Welcome Address

Yoshitoshi Munakata

President, IDE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all these great number of people who have come to attend the Symposium for the Indochinese Economic Reconstruction and International Economic Cooperation. On behalf of IDE, I would like to extend a few words of greeting to you.

Let me begin by extending my heartfelt appreciation to the leading researchers and economists affiliated with government agencies from Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam and the United States, who have come all the way to attend our symposium despite their busy schedule, and also to the excellent researchers and experts on Indochina here in Japan.

Institute of Developing Economies was established in July 1960 as a research organization to conduct basic and comprehensive research on developing countries. Last year, the Institute celebrated its 30th anniversary and marked the beginning of the next great leap forward. For those 30 years, the Institute has accumulated a wealth of research achievements and has tried to disseminate the results. This was only possible thanks to your kindest cooperation and support, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

As you all know in the world's political arena, a new political and economic framework is now urgently needed, after the collapse of the Cold War order dominated by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, followed by the rise of nationalism or ethnicity. In this turbulent world, drastic changes in the political systems have brought about economic confusions both in the Soviet Union and the Eastern Europe. In contrast, the Asian-Pacific region including the ASEAN nations and the NIEs is now enjoying a dynamic economic growth, and thus drawing the attention of the entire world.

Indochina, however, has continued to suffer one war after another ever since the end of World War II, reflecting the Cold War mechanism between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, and has consequently lagged far behind in its effort for economic growth. Especially since 1979, the region has been forced into isolation in the international community due to the Cambodian conflict, and has become unable to expect international assistance by the West. This is why Indochina has lagged so behind to other Southeast Asian nations in terms of the level of economic development.

Fortunately, an agreement was reached on a political solution to the Cambodian conflict and a peace accord was finally signed on October 23 of this year. On November 5, a joint communique was issued toward the diplomatic normalization between Vietnam and China. There are also signs suggesting an early improvement in the Indochinese relations with the ASEAN nations. It is very significant that the situations surrounding Indochina, especially its relations with the Asian-Pacific region are moving toward a favorable direction.

However, Vietnam still has some problems left in its relationship with the U.S. Vietnam now finds itself in a difficult situation in which it has to open itself to the international community founded on freedom and democracy while reforming itself toward a market oriented economy, amidst the world where communism is rapidly losing its ground.

Therefore it is very appropriate to hold at this juncture an international symposium for "Indochinese Economic Reconstruction and International Economic Cooperation" and to provide these expert researchers who have thus gathered here with an opportunity to discuss intensely what lies in the future development of the Asian-Pacific region. I hope that there will be a lively discussion during the two day symposium, and meaningful results will follow.

Finally, let me express my gratitude again to a great number of expert researchers from the governmental, academic and industrial circles, who have been kind enough to participate in our symposium. I thank you again.

Closing Address

Masao Kosaka
Executive Director, IDE

I would like to say a few words at the closing of this symposium.

Now that the plenary session is over, the two day schedule of this symposium has successfully come to an end. I would like to express my deep appreciation to the reporters, commentators and to the moderators who have conducted enthusiastic discussions and exchanged candid opinions despite the tight schedule. We had the pleasure of having five distinguished scholars from overseas, Prof. Oanh from Vietnam, and Prof. Vichery from Malaysia amongst others, and from Japan we had ten experts on Indochina participating in our symposium, including our staff members. It was our greatest pleasure to be able to hold the symposium with so many distinguished participants.

The symposium was a good opportunity for our Institute to promote more penetrating study into Indochina. We are determined to extend deeper academic exchange and cooperation in this field in the future with those three Indochinese countries.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all of the participants who have come to our symposium for the past two days.

Thank you again.

PROGRAM

FIRST DAY: WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1991

9:30–10:15 OPENING CEREMONY

9:30– 9:45 Welcome Address

Yoshitoshi Munakata
President, IDE (Institute of Developing Economies)

9:45–10:15 Keynote Address

Tsutomu Murano
Deputy Director, Current Affairs Department, IDE
Coordinator of the Symposium

**10:15–16:45 SESSION I: The Current Economic Situation and Economic Growth
Planning of Indochinese Countries**

10:15–11:15 (1) The Economic Reform in Vietnam

Chairperson : Tsutomu Murano
Reporter : Ikuo Takeuchi
Area Studies Department, IDE
Commentator: Tadashi Mio
Prof., Daito Bunka University, Japan

11:15–12:30 (2) The Strategy of Economic Development in Vietnam

Chairperson : Ikuo Takeuchi
Reporter : Nguyen Xuan Oanh
Chairman, Vietnamese Economic Association, Vietnam
Commentator: Tetsusaburo Kimura
Prof., Asia University, Japan

12:30–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:15 (3) Lao Economy: The Current Situation and Perspective

Chairperson : Ikuo Takeuchi
Reporter : Panom Lathouly
Senior Economist, Department of Economic Research,
Bank of Lao PDR, Laos
Commentator: Kenji Domoto
Economist, Planning and Research Division
International Development Center of Japan, Japan

15:15–15:30 Break

15:30–16:45 **(4) Cambodian Economy: The Current Situation and Reconstruction**

Chairperson : Tetsusaburo Kimura

Reporter : Michael Vickery

Senior Lecturer, University Sains Malaysia, Malaysia

Commentator: Naoko Amakawa

Current Affairs Department, IDE

18:00–20:00 Reception

SECOND DAY: THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 19919:30–15:15 **SESSION II: Economic Reconstruction of Indochinese Countries and Asian-Pacific Economy**9:30–10:45 **(1) Economic Development in Thailand and Indochinese Countries**

Chairperson : Fumi Idei

Chief, Acquisition Division, Library, IDE

Reporter : Thanyathip Sripana

Researcher, Institute of Asian Studies

Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Commentator: Ngo Van Hoa

Visiting Research Fellow at IDE

Deputy Director, Asia Pacific Research Division

The Institute of International Relations, Vietnam

11:00–12:15 **(2) The Policy of USA to Indochinese Countries**

Chairperson : Tetsusaburo Kimura

Reporter : Douglas Pike

Director, Indochina Studies Project, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley, USA

Commentator: Eiichi Imagawa

Prof., Soka University, Japan

12:15–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:15 **(3) Japanese Economic Cooperation with Indochinese Countries**

Chairperson : Tsutomu Murano

Reporter : Tetsusaburo Kimura

Commentator: Toshihiko Kinoshita

Director, Funding and Accounting Dept., The Export-Import Bank of Japan, Japan

15:15–15:30 Break

15:30–17:00 **PLENARY SESSION**

Chairperson : Tsutomu Murano

17:00–17:05 **Closing Ceremony****Closing Address**

Masao Kosaka

Executive Director, IDE

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5. NGUYEN XUAN OANH
Chairman
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