

ISEAS Webinar by ASEAN Studies Centre

BOOK E-LAUNCH: “ASEAN-EU PARTNERSHIP: THE UNTOLD STORY”

Date: Thursday, 15 October 2020

Time: 10.00 am to 11.30 am (Singapore time)

The ASEAN Studies Centre at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute is pleased to invite you to the E-Launch of "**ASEAN-EU Partnership: The Untold Story**" edited by Prof Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Dr Yeo Lay Hwee, Director of the European Union Centre in Singapore.

We are honoured to have Mr. Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Transport as our Guest of Honour. Mr Choi Shing Kwok, Director of ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute will deliver welcome remarks at the E-Launch.

The E-Launch will be followed by a panel discussion on "The Future of the ASEAN-EU Partnership" by Prof Tommy Koh; H.E Barbara Plinkert, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Singapore; Dr Yeo Lay Hwee; and Mr Chris Humphrey, Executive Director of the EU-ASEAN Business Council in Singapore. The discussion will be moderated by Ms Sharon Seah, Coordinator of the ASEAN Studies Centre at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute.

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About the Book

The European Union is the most successful regional organisation in the world. ASEAN is the most successful regional organisation in Asia. The story of the important and multi-faceted relationship between these two organisations has seldom been told. This is the first book about the relationship, written from the ASEAN perspective. It contains essays from all the ten ASEAN countries. The book describes the many areas in which ASEAN and the EU have convergent interests and, the few areas in which they have divergent views. The book also looks to the future and suggests some possible areas of cooperation. The Foreword is written by Singapore's Foreign Minister, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan. The book readership include academics, scholars, diplomats and civil society interested in EU-ASEAN relationship.

The book will be available in bookshops from 5 October 2020 island-wide. Check this out (<https://doi.org/10.1142/11905>) for pre-order promotion and online order discount.

About the Editors

Tommy KOH is currently Professor of Law at the National University of Singapore (NUS); Ambassador-At-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Rector of the Tembusu College at NUS; Chairman of the Governing Board of the Centre for International Law at NUS and Special Adviser to IPS. He is the Chairman of the International Advisory Panel of the Asia Research Institute, NUS and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Master's Degree on Environmental Management, NUS. He is the Co-chairman of the Asian Development Bank's Advisory Committee on Water and Sanitation, and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the SymAsia Foundation of Credit Suisse (pro bono). Professor Koh was formerly Dean of the NUS's Faculty of Law. He had served as Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and Ambassador to the United States of America, Canada and Mexico. He

was also President of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea and chaired the Earth Summit. He was the founding Chairman of the National Arts Council and the founding Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Foundation. He had also served as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Professor Koh was Singapore's Chief Negotiator in negotiating an agreement to establish diplomatic relations between Singapore and China. He was also Singapore's Chief Negotiator for the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. He acted as Singapore's Agent in two legal disputes with Malaysia. He has chaired two dispute panels for the WTO.

YEO Lay Hwee is Director of the European Union Centre in Singapore. She is also Council Secretary at the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Adjunct Fellow at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, and Adjunct Faculty at the Singapore Management University. Dr. Yeo sits on several Advisory Boards including Centre for European Studies at the Australian National University, KU Leuven's Master in European Studies Programme, Centre for Asia-Pacific Studies, Tallinn University of Technology, and the Leiden Asia Centre in Leiden University. She is also a member of the Scientific Committee of a multi-year research project on "Trends in Global Governance and Europe's Role" (TRIGGER) led by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS). Dr. Yeo's research interests revolve around comparative regionalism, multilateralism and governance networks. She has written extensively on issues pertaining to Asia-Europe relations in general, and specifically on the ASEM process and EU-ASEAN relations. She participates actively in various research networks, policy dialogues and academic conferences.

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