

FOREWORD

It is my great pleasure and privilege to present this report of the Eighth Regional Seminar on Good Governance for Southeast Asian Countries, which was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 18–20 November 2014. This was our second Good Governance Seminar in Kuala Lumpur, and we were deeply impressed and touched by the warm hospitality afforded to us by our Malaysian hosts.

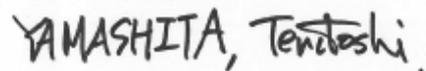
The main theme of the Seminar was “Current Issues in the Investigation, Prosecution and Adjudication of Corruption Cases”, and it was attended by two speakers—from Hong Kong and Korea—and 17 international participants and observers—all criminal justice practitioners—from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam. The Seminar was organized by UNAFEI, with the support of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy.

It is especially noteworthy that, for the first time, delegations from all 10 ASEAN countries were able to attend the Good Governance Seminar, which became possible due to the willingness of Brunei and Singapore to attend at their own expense. Consequently, I am particularly grateful to Brunei and Singapore for their participation.

The Seminar explored the legal frameworks and techniques for anti-corruption enforcement in the participating countries. Through discussion of the issues, participants exchanged knowledge, experiences, effective strategies, and best practices in the fields of anti-corruption investigation, prosecution and adjudication. In addition, the Seminar developed contacts between anti-corruption authorities and investigators in East Asia and Southeast Asia.

The discussions during the Seminar emphasized the following important lessons, among others: successful investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption cases requires extensive (domestic) inter-agency cooperation and international cooperation, and corruption investigations require well-trained and highly specialized investigators familiar with modern investigative techniques, including financial and forensic analysis. The Chair’s Summary, published in this report, details the key findings and conclusions of the Seminar.

It is my pleasure to publish this Report of the Seminar as part of UNAFEI’s mission, entrusted to it by the United Nations, to widely disseminate meaningful information on criminal justice policy. Finally, on behalf of UNAFEI, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Academy for their great contributions to convening the Eighth Regional Seminar.



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