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SEMINARS OF INTEREST

Deregulation of Tin and the Emergence of Local Shadow State: Case Study of Bangka

Erwiza Erman, Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia (LIPI)

Date & time: Wednesday 9 February, 12.30 to 2.00 pm

Venue: Seminar Room B, Coombs Building, Fellows Road, ANU.

(Joint Indonesia Study Group, RMAP Seminar)

The Tsunami in Aceh: A First Hand Account of the Relief Effort

Dr Edward Aspinall, School of European, Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Studies,
University of Sydney

Date & time: Friday 11 February, 12.30-2.00pm

Venue: Law Lecture Theatre, ANU

(Indonesia Study Group Seminar)

Detecting Coalfires with Remote Sensing: A Comparative Study of Selected Asian Countries

Prasun K Gangopadhyay, PhD Candidate, International Institute for Geo-Information Science and
Earth Observation (ITC), The Netherlands. RMAP Visiting Fellow.

Date & Time: Tuesday 15 February, 12.30-1.30pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(RMAP Seminar <<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/seminars.php>>)

Tsunami Relief Operation in Aceh and the Future

Mr. Imron Cotan, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia

Date & time: Monday 7 March, 12:10-13:00

Venue: SL1 (upstairs) in the former Geography and Oceanography building at UNSW@ADFA,
Northcott Drive, Canberra

(Asia Pacific Seminar Series at UNSW@ADFA)

RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

RMAP Workshops and Conferences

<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conference.php>

Community and State Interests in Small-Scale Mining: Sharing Experiences from the Asia-Pacific Region, 7-12 June, Manila, Philippines.

The Philippine Sustainable Development Network (PSDN), with support from the Resource
Management in Asia-Pacific Program at The Australian National University

(<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap>), is organizing a Learning Event on behalf of the Communities and
Small-Scale Mining (CASM) network (www.casmsite.org).

This event will provide a forum for participants from the host country and other countries of the Asia-Pacific region to share their knowledge and experience of the relationship between the interests of different stakeholders in the artisanal and small-scale mining sectors, with specific reference to the interests of government agencies and local mining communities. It will also serve to consolidate the

personal and institutional relationships between members of the Asia-Pacific branch of the CASM network.

OTHER USEFUL TEXT ONLINE

Reports of the Ok-Fly Social Monitoring Project – 1991-1995.

Links to a number of reports have been placed on the RMAP website
<<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/publications.php>>.

Conservation of tropical forests and biological diversity in East Timor

FAA 118/119 report, Jun 2004. Institution: USAID. Bur. for Asia and the Near East. Ofc. of Technical Support. Download at: http://www.dec.org/pdf_docs/PDACA921.pdf

Meijaard, E. et al., 2005. **Life After Logging, Reconciling Wildlife Conservation and Production Forestry in Indonesian Borneo**. Bogor: CIFOR.

www.cifor.cgiar.org/scripts/newscrips/publications/detail.asp?pid=1663

OTHER NEWS

The **Population-Environment Research Network** seeks to advance academic research on population and the environment by promoting on-line scientific exchange among researchers from social and natural science disciplines worldwide <<http://www.populationenvironmentresearch.org/>>

Launch of Development Gateway for the Asia-Pacific region

The Australian Government has recently launched its own development gateway (<<http://www.developmentgateway.com.au/>>www.developmentgateway.com.au/) to provide users with instant access to Australian experience in development issues relevant to the Asia-Pacific region. The Australian portal currently focuses on agriculture, education, governance, health, information technology, and water, and it has been designed to encourage development professionals to exchange information through a variety of interactive features, including directories and discussion forums. The Australian Development Gateway is part of a network of over fifty country gateways established under the umbrella of the global Development Gateway Foundation. It is the first gateway to be built by an OECD country and it is a key project of the Virtual Colombo Plan, a joint initiative between the Australian Government and the World Bank to encourage distance learning and bridge the digital divide.

Books for PNG libraries

Message from Mike Bourke, Land Management Group, RSPAS:

We have obtained a small grant to send books to PNG libraries. I am currently corresponding with the university libraries; the various NARI ones; and attempting to do so for the oil palm, cocoa/coconut and coffee research institutes. We are sending mainly agricultural books. However the Divine Word Uni librarian is setting up a PNG collection and is interested in any PNG material at all. So if anyone has spare copies of PNG (and Pacific) agricultural material, please get in contact to see whether this might be useful to the PNG libraries. One particular request from NARI Keravat is for a copy of "From kaukau to coke" by DJ Jefferies. Any spare copies?

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