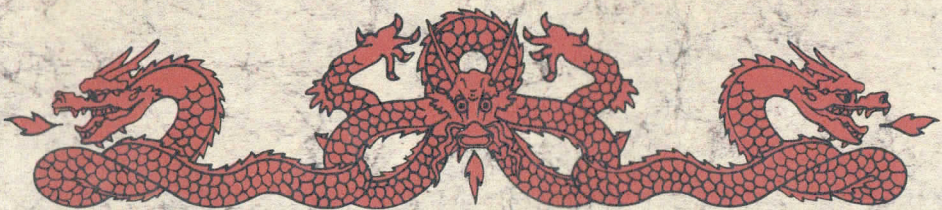


Asia's New Little Dragons

The Dynamic Emergence
of Indonesia, Thailand,
and Malaysia



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“The more one probes the magnificent archipelago of Indonesia, with its uncompromising beauty, its rich storehouse of natural resources, and its incomparable depth of human talent, the more one comes away with the sense that for Indonesia the best is yet to come.”

“Thailand has been increasingly singled out as the next Little Dragon. But against its extraordinary strengths, Thailand has a veritable abundance of shortcomings—a long list of liabilities that could eventually cause the Thai economy to stagnate and fall behind its regional competitors.”

“Malaysia’s bottom line is that it should have done much better. With its political system corrupt to the core, its people suppressed by a government that is moving ever closer to totalitarianism, and its social stability threatened by clearly racist policies, Malaysia is a nation with an inferiority complex.”

Can Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia repeat the successes of Japan and the Little Dragons of the 1970s and 1980s? What policies are being created and implemented to enable these Asian nations to succeed? How much of their success is attributable to indigenous factors—political, social, cultural, educational—and how much relies on external developments? Why is Japan giving these three potential new Little Dragons priority attention, while America is not? What are the implications for American foreign and economic policy—in both the public and the private sectors—if these three nations continue their explosive growth? Will they be our partners or our foes? This book answers these questions and provides a framework for action.

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