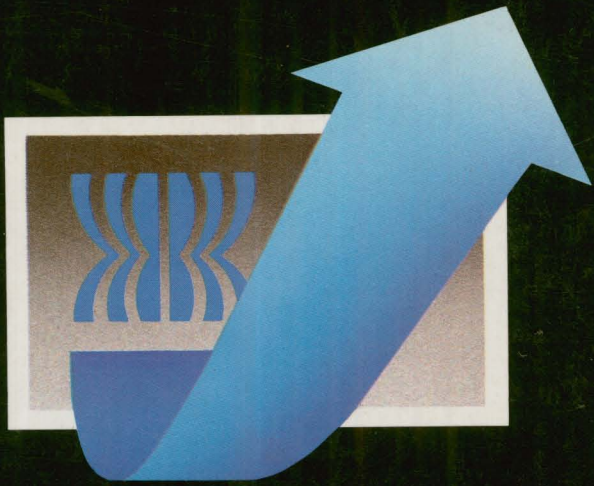


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PREFACE

ON JULY 11, 1986, at the 28th Council Meeting of the Asean Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Asean-CCI) held in Jakarta, a proposal was made for the establishment of a Group of Fourteen to study and recommend measures for the advancement of Asean economic co-operation and integration.

Each of the six member institutions of the Asean-CCI nominated two prominent personalities from their ranks for the G-14. The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman were nominated by Malaysia and Indonesia respectively. The membership of the Group of Fourteen is as follows:

Chairman	:	Dato' Paul Leong Khee Seong
Vice-Chairman	:	Prof. Ir. Mohammad Sadli
Members		
Indonesia	:	Mr. Eric F.H. Samola
Malaysia	:	Mr. Mochtar Riady
Negara Brunei Darussalam:	:	Dato' Azman Hashim
Philippines	:	Mr. Robert Kuok Hock Nien
Singapore	:	Mr. Lim Eng Ming
Thailand	:	Haji Mohd. Shah bin Haji Ahmad
Ex-officio member	:	Mr. Dante G. Santos
Secretary-General of	:	Mr. Vincent T. Paterno
the Asean-CCI	:	Mr. Tan Eng Joo
	:	Mr. Sia Yong
	:	Dr. Amnuay Viravan
	:	Dr. Narongchai Akrasanee
	:	Mr. Mohd. Ramli Kushairi

Mr. Din Merican and Tan Sri Khoo Kay Peng served as alternates for Malaysia; Mr Meneleo Carlos Jr. and Mr. Jose Luis Yulo Jr. for the Philippines; Mr. Tan Keong Choon and Mr. Chandra Das for Singapore; and Dr. Nimit Nontapunthawat for Thailand.

The Group of Fourteen established a Secretariat, appointing the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia to fulfil the responsibility, with Mr. Mohd. Ramli Kushairi as the Secretary-General, Dr. Noordin Sopiee as the Executive Director and Dr. Sanguan Keophumihae as the Executive Secretary.

At its meeting in Manila on August 28, 1986, the Asean Foreign Ministers formally welcomed the formation of the Group of Fourteen.

When the G-14 held its first meeting in Kuala Lumpur on December 2, 1986, it adopted as its terms of reference the following:

The Group of Fourteen will explore, study and recommend all possible measures and concrete steps with regard to trade and other areas that can be taken to foster closer economic co-operation and integration in the Asean Community of Nations. Its Report will be submitted to the Asean-CCI for final approval before submission to Asean Governments.

The Group of Fourteen will also help to mobilise public awareness in the member countries on the challenges that lie ahead, the need to move Asean forward, and the various means for achieving this objective.

The Asean-CCI on December 5, 1986, decided that it would only receive the Report for onward transmission to the various Asean Governments.

As part of its public awareness programme and in order to generate the widest possible debate in the Asean Community, the First Asean Economic Congress was held from March 13-22, 1987. This was attended by more than 400, principally from the Asean states but also from the European Community, the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) nations, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, the United States and other countries.

Altogether, the Group of Fourteen met four times. The last meeting was held on June 23 to adopt the Report. The G-14, which remains in existence until the end of the Third Asean Summit, formally handed its Report to the Asean-CCI in Bangkok on July 3, 1987, for onward transmission to the Governments of Asean.