
Preface

The present volume contains the papers and the records of discussion on the occasion of the International Symposium titled “Look East Policy 30 Years and Beyond”. The symposium was organized in commemoration of the thirty’s year of Look East Policy which was first advocated by the Malaysian former Prime Minister Dr. Mahatir bin Mohamad in 1981. It was held as a part of the 21st Annual Meeting of Japan Association of Malaysian Studies (JAMS), at Rikkyo University, Tokyo, on the 12th of December, 2012.

The symposium was held by JAMS in collaboration with two research groups JCAS Research Project, represented by Mr. Kawabata Takashi, and CSEAS Research Project represented by Professor Kaneko Yoshiki. It was supported by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Special thanks are due to Mr. Yamamoto Toshio, Director, Second Southeast Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan, who delivered the Keynote Speech. It was also attended and commented by Mr. Akmal Abu Hassan from Alumni Look East Policy Society (ALEPS),

The Japan Association of Malaysian Studies (JAMS) was founded in 1992 as a study group of then young researchers who were interested in Malaysian studies and now developed to an academic association with about 200 members and diverse activities including publication of the Journal of Malaysian Studies.

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