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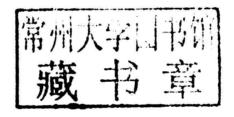
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## **Preface**

My books The Asian Way to Peace: A Story of Regional Cooperation and The Pacific Way: Regional Cooperation in the South Pacific were published in 1989, just as the Cold War was coming to an end. The information about intergovernmental organizations in both publications was derived from interviews and documents collected during several field trips, beginning from 1971. The two books, definitive as of the date of publication, are still the only ones to provide detailed organization charts, membership rosters, and descriptions of programs of the full range of regional organizations in Asia and the Pacific.

However, many developments occurred by 2013. Some organizations changed their names to reflect wider membership. New organizations were born, and earlier ones folded. The need for an update became obvious. But an approach that focuses more on the meaning of regional cooperation than on organizational structures is needed now. Accordingly, I test whether the world pluralism of Karl W. Deutsch or the integration theory of Ernst B. Haas provides the best explanation for successful functional organizations and security communities in Asia and the Pacific.

Meanwhile, other authors have written extensively on regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific. Most publications have focused on economic issues, and political scientists have written descriptively on various developments in the most highly publicized organizations, yet they have completely ignored important functional organizations. Although my previous publications were also descriptive and non-theoretical, in the present volume I apply the information that I have monitored for several decades to longstanding theoretical frameworks that have so far been dominated by scholars who have pushed their own ideological agendas with no desire to pay any attention to alternative approaches.

Lessons from regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific need to be learned, not just in these regions but also elsewhere. Because theory is best advanced by testing hypotheses, one important objective herein is to identify testable propositions. With empirical evidence, one can determine which among the various ideologically-derived theories is worthy of support. Without such a critical test, allowing data to determine which theories are close to or distant from the facts, there can be no scientific progress.

Having to catch up with a quarter century of developments without the benefit of a multicountry research trip, I made inquiries by email to get up-to-date information. Accordingly, I wish to express my profound gratitude for information supplied by Hollie Ainslie (Australian Department of Infrastructure and Transport), Romulo N. Aroncon, Jr. (Asian and Pacific Coconut Community), Fred Christopher (Pacific Islands Telecommunication Association), Davaasuren Chultemjamts (Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific), Derek Ferrar (East-West Center), John Gresson (Reef Shipping Ltd.), Lisa Harvey (Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Australia), Capt. John Hogan (Secretariat of Pacific Community), LeRoy Hollenbeck (UN Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery), Elisa W. Johnston (East-West Center), Surkafa F. Katafono (International Labour Organisation, Suva), Harry Lund (Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Secretariat), Adrienne Mak and Maureen Mecozzi (AVRDC-World Vegetable Center), Eddie Marahare (Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency), Esther Morrel (South Pacific Tourism Organisation), Pranee Phumbangpa (Asia-Pacific Telecommunity), Professor Peter Pollard (re the Southeast Asia Tin Research and Development Centre), Paul Prouse (New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority), Rachel Tan (Association of Asia Pacific Performing Arts Centres), Naoko Tsuruta (Asian Productivity Organization), Seiuli Alvin W. Tuala (General Manager, Pacific Aviation Safety Office), John van der Heyden (Pacific Island Chiefs of Police), Stuart Valentine (Secretariat of the Pacific Community), Ms. Vasuhi (Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development), Kesaia Filsoni (Forum Secretariat), and Dr. Sebastiao Dias Ximenes (Ombudsman or Provedor for Human Rights and Justice, Timor-Leste).

I also wish to thank the press of the University of the South Pacific for permission to extract a portion of my essay "Comparing Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific," which was published in 1986 as a chapter in a collection of conference papers entitled *Toward a World* 

of Peace: People Create Alternatives and co-edited by Jeanette P. Maas and Robert A. C. Stewart. The analysis in Chapter 7 herein is partly an update from that essay, which primarily lests the security community theory of political scientist Karl W. Deutsch, under whom I studied at Yale University. Although we were acquainted, I am not related to Ernst Haas.

I also wish to commend Yoran Z. Haftel, whose research with a similar focus is extraordinary. Not only did I have a very useful conversation with him prior to finalizing the text herein, but he was also kind enough to send me a final copy of the text of his *Regional Economic Institutions and Conflict Mitigation: Des gn*, *Implementation, and the Promise of Peace*, which was published in 2012.

Although I contemplated an update of my earlier publications on the subject some 15 years ago, when developments in Asia and the Pacific were in flux, for various reasons I focused my attention elsewhere. Today, I am happy that I waited for inchoate developments to come to fuller fruition, permitting more solid, substantive, and theoretical contributions. Whether my efforts are worthy of applause I leave to perspicacious readers of the present volume.

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## **Abbreviations**

AALCC Asian African Legal Consultative Committee
AALCO Asian African Legal Consultative Organization
AARDO Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization
AARRO Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization
ACC Asian Coconut Community

ACC Asian Coconut Community
ACU Asian Clearing Union

ACW ASEAN Committee on Women

ADB Asian Development Bank

ADMM ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting

AEC ASEAN Economic Community
AEM ASEAN Economic Ministers

AEMM ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting AFMM ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting

AFTA ASEAN Free Trade Area

AHMM ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting

AIBD Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development

AIPA ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly
AIPO ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization

AJC Asian Judicial Conference

ALAWMM ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting

ALCC Asian Legal Consultative Committee

ALMM ASEAN Labor Ministers Meeting

AMAF ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry
AMBDC Ministerial Meeting on ASEAN Mekong Basin Development

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Cooperation

AMCA ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts

AMDA Anglo-Malayan Defence Agreement AMDA Anglo-Malaysian Defence Agreement AMEM ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting

AMF Asian Monetary Fund

AMM ASEAN Mi listerial Meeting

AMMDM ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management

AMME ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment AMMin ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals

AMMST ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Science and Technology AMMSWD ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and

Developme it

AMMY ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth

AMMTC ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime AMRDPE ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and

Poverty Elimination

AMRI ASEAN Mi listers Responsible for Information

AMRO ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Office

ANRPC Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries

ANZUS Australia, New Zealand, and the United States

AOPU Asian-Oceanic Postal Union

APCC Asian and Lacific Coconut Community

APCC Asian-Pacif c Cultural Center
APDC Asian-Pacif c Development Center
APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

APF Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

APIL Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

APMCS Asian and L'acific Maritime Cooperation Scheme

APO Asian Productivity Organization
APPF Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum
APPU Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union

APPU Asian-Pacif c Postal Union

APSC ASEAN Political-Security Community

APT Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
APTA Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement
APU Asian Parliamentarians' Union

ARF ASEAN Regional Forum
ARTF Asian Rice Trade Fund

ASA Association of Southeast Asia

ASC ASEAN Sociocultural Community

ASCA Association for Science Cooperation in Asia
ASEAN Association of South-East Asian Nations

ASEANAPOL Meeting of the Chiefs of National Police of the ASEAN

Countries

ASEM ASEAN European Meeting Asian Re Asian Reinsurance Corporation ASPAC Asian and Pacific Council

**ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting** ATM Association of Tin Producing Countries ATPC Australia-U.S. Ministerial Meeting AUSMIN

AVRDC Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center

CAC Central Asian Commonwealth

Central Asian Economic Cooperation CAEC

Central Asian Economic Union CAEU CALM Conference of Asian Labor Ministers

Conference of Asian and Pacific Labor Ministers CAPLM Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine CCAMLR

Living Resources

Committee for Co-ordination of Joint Prospecting CCOP

in Asian Offshore Areas

Committee for Co-ordination of Joint Prospecting CCOP/SOPAC

for Mineral Resources in South Pacific Offshore

Areas

Conference of Commissioners of Police of Australasia **CCPASWPR** 

and the South West Pacific Region

CCSBT Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefish

Tuna

CENTO Central Treaty Organization

CEPT Common Effective Preferential Tariff

CHARM Customs Heads of Administration Regional Meeting CIRDAP Centre for Integrated Rural Development for Asia and

the Pacific

CM Cooperative Mechanism

COORDCOM Coordinating Committee of Southeast Asian Senior

Officials on Transport and Communications

COP to AATHP Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement

on Transboundary Haze Pollution

Colombo Plan for Co-operative Economic C-Plan

Development in Asia

C-Plan Colombo Plan for Cooperative Economic and Social

Development in Asia and the Pacific

Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific CROP

Collective Security Treaty Organization **CSTO** 

CULSOCEN Cultural and Social Center for the Asian and Pacific

Region

DGCA Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia

and Pacific Regions

EAEC East Asian Economic Caucus
EAEC Eurasian Economic Community

EAEG East Asia Economic Group

EALAF East Asia-Latin America Forum

EAS East Asia Summit

ECAFE UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

ECO Economic Cooperation Organization

ECOCEN Economic Cooperation Center for the Asian and Pacific

Region

ECSC European Coal and Steel Community

EMEAP Executives' Meeting of East Asia Pacific Central Banks

EPG Eminent Persons Group

ESCAP UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the

Pacific

EU European Union

EurAsEC Eurasian Economic Community

EWC Center for Cultural and Technology Interchange Between

East and West

EWC Center for Cultural Interchange Between East and West

FAMM Forum Aviation Ministers Meeting

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

FCMM Forum Communications Ministers Meeting
FEALAC Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation

FEER Far Eastern Economic Review

FEMM Forum Economic Ministers Meeting
FEMM Forum Education Ministers Meeting
FEMM Forum Energy Ministers Meeting
FFA South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency
FFAMM Forum Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting

FFMM Forum Finance Ministers Meeting

FFTC Food and Fertilizer Technology Center for the Asian and

Pacific Region

FPDA Five Power Defence Arrangements FTMM Forum Trade Ministers Meeting GATT General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

GCJPC Government Consultation among Jute Producing

Countries

IATTC Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

ICC International Criminal Court

ICFDTTP/ED Intergovernmental Consultative Forum of Developing

Tropical Timber Producing/Exporting Countries

ICJ International Court of Justice

IFMC Indochinese Foreign Ministers Conference IGCC Southeast Asia Regional Organization for

Inter-Governmental Cooperation and Coordination in

Family and Population Planning in Southeast Asia

IGO intergovernmental Organization
ILO International Labour Organisation

IMC Interim Mekong Committee

INRO International Natural Rubber Organization
Interpol International Criminal Police Organization

IOR-ARC Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation

IOTC Indian Ocean Tuna Commission IPC International Pepper Community

ITLOS International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ITRO International Tripartite Rubber Organization ITTO International Tropical Timber Organization ITU International Telecommunications Union

JCC Joint Commercial Commission

JSS Cook Islands/Niue/New Zealand Joint Shipping Service

M-ATM ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting

MEDSEA Ministerial Conference for the Economic Development

of Southeast Asia

METO Middle East Treaty Organization
MRC Mekong River Commission

MRC Mekong River Commission MSG Melanesian Spearhead Group

NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement

NAM Non-Aligned Movement

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NPO national productivity center

OCAC Organization of Central Asian Cooperation

OCO Oceania Customs Organisation

OECD Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

OPEC Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
PACER Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations

PACOM Pacific-Asian Congress of Municipalities

PASO Pacific Aviation Safety Office

PBDC Pacific Basin Development Council

PC Pacific Community
PC Pepper Community

PCIJ Permanent Court of International Justice PECC Pacific Economic Cooperation Council

PEMM Pacific Island Energy Policy and Pacific Energy Ministers

Meeting

PFD Post-Forum Dialogue PFL Pacific Forum Line

PIAC Pacific Islands Aviation Council

PIC Pacific Islands Conference
PICP Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police

PICTA Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement

PIDB Pacific Islands Development Bank

PIF Pacific Islands Forum

PIFFA Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
PILMC Pacific Islands Labour Ministers Conference

PILOM Pacific Islands Law Officers' Meeting
PILON Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network
PIPA Pacific Islands Producers' Association

PITA Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association
PITAA Pacific Island Tax Administrators Association
PITDC Pacific Islands Tourism Development Council
PITIC Pacific Islands Trade and Investment Commission

PJC Pacific Judicial Conference PLG Polynesian Leaders Group PMC Post Ministerial Conference

PREP Pacific Regional Environmental Programme RCD Regional Cooperation for Development

RCGS Regional Consultative Group on Silk

RCT Regional Committee on Trade

RIHED Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

SCO Shanghai Cooperation Organization