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### **EDUCATION**

- \*1991-1995** Centre for Conflict Resolution, University of Bradford: granted Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution (Dec. 1995); Thesis title: “Conflict Resolution and Development: A Case Study of Domestic Development-Related Conflicts in Malaysia.”
- \*1990-1991** Centre for Conflict Resolution, University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, UK: specialised in Conflict Resolution and Ethnic Relations; granted M.A. in Peace Studies (Dec. 1991).
- \*1974-1978** Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan: firstly admitted to the Faculty of Science, but transferred to the Faculty of Letters at the beginning of the second year by the applicant’s own request; specialised in English and American Literature; granted BA in Literature (Mar. 1978).
- \*1971-1974** Tosu Senior High School, Saga, Japan.

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- \*Jan 2020** Politics, Philosophy and Economics Program, Asian University for Women (Bangladesh),  
**- Present** Associate Professor in Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- \*Oct 2016** International Relations Programme, Faculty of Humanities, Arts and  
**- Dec 2019** Heritage, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Associate Professor in Peace and Conflict Studies

- \*Oct 2010** Academy of Brunei Studies (since Oct 2010) and Institute of Asian  
**-Sept 2016** Studies (since Aug 2012), University of Brunei Darussalam,  
 Associate Professor in Peace and Conflict Studies; Programme Leader  
 of Graduate Studies, Academy of Brunei Studies (Jan-Dec 2011).
- \*Jul 2009** Political Science Programme, University of Canterbury, Visiting  
**-Sept 2010** Fellow, conducting research on peacebuilding and conflict  
 transformation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- \*Apr 2009** National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago,  
**-Sept 2010** Visiting Fellow, contributing to consolidating the newly established  
 Centre.
- \*Sep 2007** Academic Brain Consultants, Tosu, Japan, Chief Consultant,  
**-Feb 2009** facilitating town development, conducting international negotiations  
 and providing coaching service.
- \*Sept 2005** Consultation work at Asia-Pacific Strategic Management Centre,  
**-Feb 2007** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, mainly for Japanese companies operating in  
 Malaysia.
- \*May 2003** The Yohane Project, Japan, Senior Research Fellow, introducing  
**-Jun 2005** School Mediation Programme into Japan's educational system.
- \*Mar 2001** Department of Political Science, University of Canterbury, New  
**-Mar 2003** Zealand, Postdoctoral Fellow in "Conflicts and Conflict Management  
 in the Asia-Pacific Region."
- \*Apr 2000** Educational consultancy for post-graduate students in Auckland, New  
**-Mar 2001** Zealand.
- \*10 Apr 2000** Arrived in New Zealand with Permanent Residence permit.
- \*Jan 2000** Consultancy for local governments in Japan; helped to formulate  
**-Feb 2000** "A Health and Welfare Plan for Senior Citizens" and "A Town  
 Development Strategic Plan".
- \*Dec 1997** Faculty of Social Sciences, University Malaysia Sarawak, Lecturer  
**-Nov 1999** in International Relations and Politics; conducted the courses: "Security  
 and National Defence", "International Organisations", "Contemporary  
 Issues of International Relations", "Peace Studies", "Modern Political  
 Thought" "Democracy", "Social Movements", "Japanese Civilisation",

“Value Systems in Asia (Buddhism and Christianity); and founded a course: “Political Ecology”.

- \*Apr 1996** Just World Trust: Fellow, worked as analyst of political conflicts in  
**-Nov 1997** Burma/Myanmar and helped to formulate a strategy for the international network to support democracy movement in the country.
- \*Dec 1992** School of Social Sciences, University Science Malaysia, Penang,  
**-Apr 1996** Malaysia: Project Staff, offered case evaluation and facilitation/mediation to local people and NGOs who are involved in social conflicts in Malaysia.
- \*Jan 1990** Inlingua School of Languages, Singapore: Teacher of Japanese  
**-Aug 1990** language.
- \*Apr 1982** Saga Prefectural Government: Officer, worked in: land acquisition and  
**-Mar 1989** the mediation of land disputes (2 yrs.); pollution prevention and the management/mediation of environmental conflicts (2 yrs.); and the management of human resources (education personnel) at the Education Board (part of Saga Prefectural Government) (3 yrs.).
- \*Apr 1978** Private work in Saga, Japan: private tutor for school children.  
**-Mar 1982**

### **CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

1. Conflict Management and Peacebuilding in the Asia-Pacific
2. The new ASEAN Way of Conflict Management
3. East Asian/Japanese Approaches to Incompatibility Management
4. Defence Diplomacy
5. National Border Management

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

1. International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region
2. Comparative Politics in the Asia-Pacific Region
3. Conflict Management and Peacebuilding in Asia
4. Supervising Master and PhD Students on relevant subjects, using “research coaching skills”

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### I. Authored Books

1. Mikio Oishi, *Managing Conflict in Economic Development: Southeast Asian Experiences*, Saarbrücken, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing, 2011.
2. Jacob Bercovitch and Mikio Oishi, *International Conflict in the Asia Pacific: Patterns, Consequences and Management*, London: Routledge, 2010.
3. Mikio Oishi, *Conflict and Development: Development-Related Conflicts in ASEAN and Role of NGO*, Kathmandu: National Society for Nepal-Japan Friendship & Cooperation, 2005.
4. Mikio Oishi, *Aung San Suu Kyi's Struggle: Its Principles and Strategy*, Penang: Just World Trust, April 1997; also published in Burmese language by The National League for Democracy-Japan, 1997.

### II. Edited Books

1. Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019
2. Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016

### III. Book Chapters

1. Mikio Oishi and Abdul Hai Julay, "Brunei's Relations with North Korea: Practising the Small State Approach and Minimal Pragmatism", in Chiew-Ping Hoo, Shine Choi and Brian Bridges (eds.), *Southeast Asia-DPRK relations: Drivers, Linkages, and Strategic Ambivalence*, London: Routledge (forthcoming).
2. Mikio Oishi, "Introduction: Current Conflicts in Southeast Asia and Their Management in the Region's Globalization", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019, pp. 1-15.

3. Mikio Oishi, "The Resurgence of the Kachin Conflict in "Burmese Way to Capitalism, in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019, pp. 47-63.
4. Mikio Oishi, Nguyen Minh Quang and Nguyen Van Minh, "The Transformation of Ethnic Conflict in Vietnam: The Case of the Khmer Krom in the Mekong Delta", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019, pp. 65-88.
5. Nichan Singhaputargun and Mikio Oishi, "In Search of Democracy with a National Character: Thailand's Current Political Conflict", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019, pp. 117-141.
6. Suwit Laohasiriwong and Mikio Oishi, "Managing the Mekong River Conflicts: Political Stability at the Cost of Local Communities", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019, 143-163.
7. Mikio Oishi, "Conclusion: Emerging Patterns of Incompatibility Management in Southeast Asian Conflicts", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN: Incompatibility Management through Good Governance*, Singapore: Springer, 2019, pp. 191-208.
8. Mikio Oishi, "Can ASEAN Cope with 'Human Insecurity' in Southeast Asia?: In search of a new ASEAN Way", in Paul J. Carnegie, Victor T. King and Zawawi Ibrahim (eds.), *Human Insecurities in Southeast Asia*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 103-119.
9. Mikio Oishi, "Introduction: The ASEAN Way of Conflict Management under Challenge", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 1-17.
10. Efri Yoni Baikoeni and Mikio Oishi, "Ending a Long-Standing Intrastate Conflict through Internationalisation: The Case of Aceh in Indonesia", in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a*

- New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 19-44.
11. Nguyen Minh Quang and Mikio Oishi, “Spiralling Insurgency in the Deep South: Thailand’s Unseen Road to Ethnic Conflict Management”, in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 61-87.
  12. Mikio Oishi and Nina Ghani, “Developing a Way to Influence the Conduct of the Government in Intrastate Conflict: The Case of Myanmar”, in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 89-110.
  13. Mikio Oishi, “The South China Sea Dispute: Formation of a Mediation Regime and Challenges for Management”, in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 157-180.
  14. Mikio Oishi, “Conclusion: Is a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management Emerging?”, in Mikio Oishi (ed.), *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management*, Singapore: Springer, 2016, pp. 181-196.
  15. Mikio Oishi, “Brunei’s Foreign Relations: Managing and developing its identity in a rapidly changing world”, in Ooi Keat Gin (ed.), *Brunei: History, Islam, Society and Contemporary Issues*, London: Routledge, 2015, pp. 62-78.
  16. Fumitaka Furuoka and Mikio Oishi, “Developmentalism and Environment in East Asia: A Comparison between Developmentalism in Japan and ASEAN”, in M. D. Dharamdasani (ed.), *Asia’s Role in Global Politics*, New Delhi: SBS Publications, 2007, pp152-167.
  17. Mikio Oishi, “Japan’s Engagement Policy Towards Burma”, in M. D. Dharamdasani (ed.), *Role of Japan and Nepal in Asian Politics*, New Delhi: Gyan Publications, 2005.
  18. Fumitaka Furuoka, Mikio Oishi, M. Lo and B. F. Lim, “Japanese Multinational Corporations and Export of Pollution: A Case Study of Bukit Merah”, in Zainal Abidin Said et al. (eds.), *Proceedings of*

*International Conference on Economics and Finance 2005*, Labuan: Sabah University of Malaysia, November 2005, pp. 875-883.

19. Fumitaka Furuoka, Mikio Oishi and M. Lo, “Environmental Social Learning Process in Malaysia: Lessons from Japan’s Experience”, in M. Mohamed and R. Bakar (eds), *Research Paper Series Volume 3*, Kota Samarahan: Sarawak University of Malaysia, October 2005, pp. 77-90.
20. Mikio Oishi, “Japan’s Role in Peacemaking in South Asia” in M. D. Dharamdasani, (ed), *Japan’s Role in South Asia*, New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers & Distributors, 2003, pp. 52-74.
21. Fumitaka Furuoka and Mikio Oishi, “Developmentalism and the Environment in East Asia: Lessons from Japan”, in J. Ali, B. A. Rahman, Z. Mohamed and Z. Zainuddin (eds), *Disaster Management: Strengthening the National Security Capabilities*, Alor Setar, Malaysia: Penerbitan Ustara, August 2002, pp. 299-314.
22. Mikio Oishi, “Nonviolent Struggle of the Burmese People for Democracy: A Conflict Resolution Approach” in *Prosiding Kolokium 35 Tahun Sarawak Bersama Malaysia Dan Esei Pilihan (Proceedings from Colloquium ‘35 Years of Sarawak in Malaysia’ and Selected Essays)*, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kota Samarahan: Sarawak University of Malaysia, 1999.
23. Mikio Oishi, “Kanyo to Heiwa” (“Peace and Tolerance”), in *1996-Nen Minami Ajia Minshu no Goryu (South Asia 1996: People’s Convergence)*, Tokyo: Pacific-Asia Resource Center, 1996, pp. 56-61.

#### IV. Journal Articles, etc.

1. Mikio Oishi and Nguyen Minh Quang, “Brothers in Trouble: China-Vietnam Territorial Disputes and Their Bilateral Approach to Conflict Management”, *International Journal of China Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 3, 2017, pp. 287-319.
2. Mikio Oishi, “Absorbing External Shocks: ASEAN’s Approach to Regional Stability”, *Working Paper No. 34*, 2017, Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam.  
<http://ias.ubd.edu.bn/assets/Files/WORKING.PAPER.SERIES.34.pdf>
3. Mikio Oishi, “Co-existing Differences: Towards an East Asian Way of Incompatibility Management”, *Working Paper No.21*, 2016, Institute of Asian

4. Mikio Oishi, "In Search of an East Asian Way of Conflict Management: Three Regional Cases", *International Journal of China Studies*, Vol. 5, No.3, 2014, pp. 705-731.
5. Fumitaka Furuoka, Mikio Oishi and Mohd Aminul Karim, "Military Expenditure and Economic Development in China: An Empirical Inquiry", *Defense and Peace Economics*, Vol. 27, No. 1, 2016, pp. 137-160 (published on line: 24 March 2014, at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10242694.2014.898383>).
6. Mikio Oishi and Fumitaka Furuoka, "The East Asian Peace and the *Pax Americana*: Challenges for the Co-Existence of Two Peaces", *Uluslararası İlişkiler - International Relations*, Vol. 10, No. 37 (Spring 2013), p. 95-116.
7. Mikio Oishi, "Social Conflicts In Malaysia and Japan: How have they been managed", *Janang*, No. 13, 2013.
8. Mikio Oishi, "Theoretical Perspective of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)", *Janang*, No. 12, 2011, pp. 91-101.
9. Fumitaka Furuoka, Mikio Oishi and Iwao Kato, "From Aid Recipient to Aid Donor: Tracing the Historical Transformation of Japan's Foreign Aid Policy", *Electronic Journal of Contemporary Japanese Studies*, July 2010. <http://www.japanesestudies.org.uk/articles/2010/FuruokaOishiKato.html>
10. Mikio Oishi, "Tonan-ajia kara Mita Nihon to Sekai: Minami-Shina-kai no Ryoyuken Funso kara Nitchu-kankei ni tsuite Kangaeru" ("Japan and the World: Thinking about Japan-China Relations from the Territorial Disputes in the South China Sea"), *Nagasaki Heiwa Kenkyu (Nagasaki Journal of Peace Studies)*, Nagasaki: Nagasaki Peace Institute, No. 24, October 2007, pp. 106-116.
11. Mikio Oishi, "Asean Hoshiki no Funso Manejimento to Nihon" ("The ASEAN Way of Conflict Management and Japan"), *Heiwa Bunka Kenkyu (Journal of Peace Culture Studies)*, Nagasaki: Nagasaki Institute of Applied Science, No. 27, March 2005, pp. 33-56.
12. Mikio Oishi, "Tonan-ajia ni okeru Nihon no Heiwa Senryaku to Asean Hoshiki no Funso Kanri" ("Japan's Strategy for Peace in Southeast Asia and the ASEAN Way of Conflict Management"), *Nagasaki Heiwa Kenkyu (Nagasaki Journal of Peace Studies)*, Nagasaki: Nagasaki Peace Institute, No. 18, October



2004, pp. 126-146.

13. Mikio Oishi and Tom Woodhouse, "Resolution of Domestic Development-Related Conflict: Malaysian Case Studies and Some Theoretical Reflections", joint work with T. Woodhouse, *Contemporary Asia & Europe*, Varanasi: Banaras Hindu University, Vol. 1, No.1, April 2004, pp. 25-48.
14. Mikio Oishi, "Bioregionalism as an Alternative to Developmentalism in ASEAN", *Hamro Sampadaa-Our Heritage*, Kathmandu, Vol. 4, January 2004, pp. 12-16.
15. Mikio Oishi and Fumitaka Furuoka, "Can Japanese Aid be an Effective Tool of Influence?: Case Studies of Cambodia and Myanmar", *Asian Survey*, University of California Press, Vol. 43, No. 6, November-December 2003, pp. 890-907.
16. Kamarulzaman Askandar, Jacob Bercovitch and Mikio Oishi, "The ASEAN Way of Conflict Management: Old Patterns and New Trends", *Asian Journal of Political Science*, National University of Singapore, Vol. 10, No. 2, December 2002, pp. 21-42.
17. Mikio Oishi, "The ASEAN Way for Addressing the Indo-Pakistani Conflict?", *South Asia Politics*, New Delhi, Vol.1, No. 6, October 2002, pp.13-18.
18. Mikio Oishi, "Creating a 'Ripe Moment' in the Burmese Conflict through Nonviolent Action", *Social Alternatives*, St. Lucia, Australia: University of Queensland, Vol. 21, No. 2, Autumn 2002, pp. 52-60.
19. Mikio Oishi, "Role of Malaysian NGOs in the Resolution of Domestic Development-Related Conflict", Occasional Paper No. 3, Faculty of Social Sciences, Kota Samarahan: Sarawak University of Malaysia, 1998.
20. Mikio Oishi, "A Message of Aung San Suu Kyi's Struggle" in *Lokayan Bulletin*, Delhi, India, Vol. 13, No. 1, 1996, pp.27-29; also published under the titles of: "Not Power that Corrupts but Fear", *The New Straits Times*, 10th June 1996; "Aung San Suu Kyi's Struggle", *Impact*, Manila, October 1996; "Der Gewaltlose Kampf der Aung San Suu Kyi in Burma" in *Wertewandel und Religiöse Umbrüche (Changes of Values and Religious Revolution)*, Nachrodt, Germany: Institute for Interreligious Studies, 1996.

#### V. Conference and Workshop Papers (since 2010)

1. Mikio Oishi, "The Unfinished Task of Reconciliation and an Emerging Order in East Asia", A paper presented as a keynote speaker to the *2020 Vietnam*

*International Conference of NGOs on History and Peace*, Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 2020.

2. Mikio Oishi, “From Divider to Interface: Changing Nature of National Borders in the BIMP-EAGA Sub-region”, *International Conference on Social Transformation, Community and Sustainable Development 2017*, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, November 2017.
3. Mikio Oishi, “Emerging Northeast Asian Concert of Nations and Regional Civil Society”, *2017 International NGO Conference on History and Peace on “Historical Reconciliation and Role of Civil Society”*, Seoul, Republic of Korea, July 2017.
4. Mikio Oishi, “Managing the South China Sea Dispute through a Mediation Regime”, *International Workshop on Resolution and Reconciliation of Territorial Issues in East and Southeast Asia*, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, December 2015.
5. Mikio Oishi, “Co-existence of Differences: Towards an East Asia Way of Addressing Incompatibility”, *The Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association International Conference 2015*, Kathmandu, Nepal, October 2015.
6. Mikio Oishi, “Reframing the Management of the South China Sea Dispute from a Cultural Perspective: the mediation regime system, alliance system and hybrid system”, *International Workshop on Reframing the South China Sea: Towards a Mediterranean understanding of culture and resources*, Bandar Seri Begawan, November 2013.
7. Mikio Oishi, “Can ASEAN Cope with “Human Insecurity” in Southeast Asia?": In search of a new ASEAN Way”, *International Workshop on Human Insecurities in Southeast Asia: Uncertainty, Risk and Trust*, Bandar Seri Begawan, December 2012.
8. Mikio Oishi, "In Search of an East Asian Way of Conflict Management: Three Regional Cases", *China, ASEAN and the Changing Context of East Asian Regionalism*, Kuala Lumpur, December 2012.
9. Mikio Oishi, “The East Asian Peace and Pax Americana: Challenges for the Co-Existence of Two Peaces”, *2011 Shanghai International Conference on Social Science*, Shanghai, China, August 2011.
10. Mikio Oishi, “Theoretical Perspective of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)”, as the principal speaker of *the 3rd Human Resource Economics*

*Seminar 2011, Malaysia's Economic Transformation: Labour Issues and Its Challenges*, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, February 2011.

11. Fumitaka Furuoka, Mikio Oishi, B. Lim and K. H. Pazim, "Conflict Resolution through Japanese Aid Policy: Case Studies of Cambodia", *Waseda-UMS joint Seminar 2010*, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, February 2010.
12. Fumitaka Furuoka, Mikio Oishi, Iwao Kato and Larisa Nikitina, "Russia-Georgia Conflict in August 2008: A Five-day War", *Waseda-UMS joint Seminar 2010*, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, February 2010.

#### VI. Translation (from English to Japanese)

1. Robert Green, *Security Without Nuclear Deterrence*, Astron Media and Disarmament & Security Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand, April, 2010, translated into: *Kaku Yokushi-naki Anzen-hosho-e*, Kamogawa-shuppan Publishers, Kyoto, July 2010.
2. Aung San Suu Kyi and Alan Clements, *The Voice of Hope*, Penguin Books, 1997, translated into: *Kibo no Koe*, Iwanami-shoten Publishers, Tokyo, July 2000; revised and enlarged edition, September 2008.

## Appendix

### List of Major Research Projects

#### Research Project Achievements

##### 1. "Conflict Management in the Asia-Pacific Region"

Duration: 03/03/2001 ~ 03/02/2003

Outline: This project systematically surveyed all the major interstate and intrastate conflicts that had taken place in the Asia-Pacific region since the end of World War II, and aimed to identify the patterns and trends of those conflicts and the ways they have been managed. In addition, to acquire an in-depth and holistic understanding of conflicts in the region and their management, four major and long-standing conflicts were picked up for further investigation: the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan Strait, the South China Sea and the India-Pakistan rivalry. By comparing the ways these conflicts had been handled, this project contributed to elucidating an Asian approach to conflict management with its special features. It resulted in a book, *International Conflict in the Asia-Pacific: Patterns, Consequences and Management* (Routledge, 2010), and a number of book chapters and academic articles.

Members: Name: Dr Jacob Bercovitch; Role: project leader; Affiliation: University of Canterbury, New Zealand.

My Role: project member and major investigator

External Support: Amount of subsidy: NZD88,000 (¥6,900,000); Organization: Royal Society of New Zealand (Marsden grant)

## 2. “New Patterns of Managing Conflicts in Southeast Asia: A New ASEAN Way”

Duration: 10/01/2013 ~ 09/30/2015

Outline: The established pattern of managing conflicts in the part of Southeast Asia covered by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) had long been that countries avoided conflicts between themselves by exercising self-restraint while they prevented conflicts within national boundaries from becoming internationalized by mostly resorting to repressive measures. However, since the end of the Cold War, this fixed pattern has increasingly been challenged by new cases of conflict. To identify new patterns of conflict management in the ASEAN region, this project looked at seven contemporary conflicts in the region and their management. Major findings of the project are: (1) that internationalized intrastate conflicts have been addressed mostly by establishing mechanisms that accept the involvement of international actors such as extra-regional states and international NGOs and enhancing the capability of ASEAN to influence the conduct of the government concerned within national boundaries; and (2) that interstate conflicts, which have increasingly led to open confrontation or stand-off between the states, have been handled by placing effective crisis management mechanisms and increasing mutual confidence between the states concerned. The project resulted in a book, *Contemporary Conflicts in Southeast Asia: Towards a New ASEAN Way of Conflict Management* (Springer, 2015).

Members: (book chapter contributors) Mr. Efri Yoni Baikoeni, Universiti Brunei Darussalam; Dr. Stephen Druce, Universiti Brunei Darussalam; Mr. Nguyen Minh Quang, Can Tho University, Vietnam; Ms Nina Ghanai, independent researcher; and Mr. Nichan Singhaputargun, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

My Role: project leader

External Support: Amount of subsidy: the cost of the project was borne by the project leader and members except for the free use of research facilities at Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

## 3. “Managing Conflicts Arising from the Globalization of ASEAN”

Duration: 10/01/2015 ~31/08/2019

Outlines: As the ASEAN region is more and more integrated to the global system, as exemplified by the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community at the end of 2015, conflicts tend to emerge as a side effect of the globalization, whether they are interstate or intrastate. This is in a clear contrast with the pattern of conflicts in the ASEAN of the previous era, when most conflicts were the spin-offs of the twin process of state-formation and nation-building in a post-independent Southeast Asia. This project picks up as cases studies current conflicts or disputes that more or less reflect a globalizing ASEAN in terms of their origins, causes and aggravating/ameliorating factors, and examines the ways they are addressed. These cases are: (1) the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar; (2) ethnic nationalities in Myanmar; (3) the Khmer Krom people in Vietnam; (4) the West Papuans in Indonesia; and (5) political turmoil in Thailand in

the process of its democratization, as intrastate conflicts; and (6) disputes over the development of the Mekong River involving riparian states and the local people; and (7) the haze issue in the southern ASEAN region, as interstates conflicts. Despite a variety of external appearances of these conflicts or disputes, what is in common among them is the impact of globalization and the increasing importance of good governance in their management. By investigating these seven cases of conflict from the standpoint of incompatibility management, the project seeks to identify new patterns and trends of conflict management in the era of globalization of ASEAN. A contract has already been signed by myself (the applicant) and Springer Singapore to publish the results of the project in a book, *Managing Conflicts in a Globalizing ASEAN*.

Members: (book chapter contributors) Dr. Stephen Druce, Universiti Brunei Darussalam; Mr. Nguyen Minh Quang, Can Tho University, Vietnam; Associate Professor Dr. Suwit Laohasiriwong, Khon Kaen University, Thailand; Dr. Helena Varkkey, Universiti Malaya, Malaysia; and Mr. Nichan Singhaputargun, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

My Role: project leader

External Support: Amount of subsidy: the cost of project has been borne by the project leader and members except for the free use of research facilities at Universiti Brunei Darussalam and Universiti Malaysia Sabah.

#### 4. “Border Issues and Challenges in the BIMP-EAGA Sub-Region”

Duration: 04/01/2017 ~ Present

Outline: Since the independence of Southeast Asian states, national borders have served as frameworks within which the twin process of state formation and nation-building has been expected to progress. Where national borders are in dispute as has frequently been the case, conflict has largely been avoided or sidelined so that the status quo of the framework of nation state may be maintained and the twin process may not be disrupted. However, the establishment of the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) in 1994 marked the beginning of transformation of national borders in the sub-region covered by this scheme. It is a transformation in the nature of borders from ‘divider’ to ‘interface’. This project aims to identify various functions of national borders in the BIMP-EAGA sub-region as interface, while acknowledging their long-serving functions as divider, and to find the implications of this transformation for international and transnational relations and peace, stability and governance in this sub-region. With such a geopolitical perspective in mind, the project investigates national borders in the BIMP-EAGA in terms of: overlapping claims, security (traditional, non-traditional and human security), defense diplomacy, economic integration, cross-border joint project, culture and identity of the population concerned and human migration. The results of the project will be presented in an international conference to be held in Kota Kinabalu in November 2017, and eventually be published as a book from a reputable international publisher.

Members: (Universiti Malaysia Sabah research project team) Ms. Diana Peters, Dr. Ayesah Uy Abubakar, Ms. Marja Azlima Omar, Ms. Andhika Bambang Supero, Mr. Carlevin Sukim, Mr. Ramli Dollah, Mr. Wan Shawaluddin Wan Hassan, Dr. Zaini Othman

My Role: project leader

External Support: Amount of subsidy: RM4,800; Organization: Universiti Malaysia Sabah Ethnography and Development Research Unite (UPEP)

### Regional Studies Surveys

1. “A Field Study of Domestic Development-Related Conflicts in Malaysia and Their Management”

Duration: 12/01/1992 ~ 05/31/1995

Outline: The theories and concepts of conflict resolution have overwhelmingly been applied to armed conflicts, such as interstate conflicts and ethnic insurgencies. To examine whether these theories and concepts could also be applied profitably to the type of conflict where violence rarely took place, I (the applicant) conducted a long-term field survey on cases of domestic development-related conflict (DDR conflict) in Malaysia, as represented by the forced eviction of ‘urban pioneers’ (who are usually called ‘squatters’) and the opposition of the local people to large-scale development projects. I lived in Malaysia for the duration of the survey and engaged in various research activities, such as participant observations, in-depth interviews and archival research. As a result, three case studies of DDR conflict in Malaysia were carried out. They were on: (1) a conflict over the Thean Teck agricultural estate in Penang; (2) urban pioneers’ resistance against forced eviction in the Klang Valley (Greater Kuala Lumpur) area; and (3) a successful opposition by a coalition of Malaysian NGOs to a large-scale development project on Penang Hill. Besides identifying the constructive roles of local NGOs in the resolution of DDR conflict, this survey contributed to expanding the scope of conflict resolution so that it could be applied to non-violent conflicts with such new concepts as ‘reformer-mediator’ and ‘problem-solving space’. This field survey was financially supported by Toyota Foundation’s individual grant scheme for one year (May 1993 – April 1994).

Members: Name: (one-person project by the applicant)

My Role: sole investigator

External Support: Amount of subsidy: ¥1,500,000, Organization: Toyota Foundation