"Contemporary Southeast Asia"

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This presentation, the second seminar on the Southeast Asia region, will address contemporary issues and challenges facing contemporary Southeast Asia. Southeast Asia is recognized as a “world region,” but there are still many lines of division. In light of the upcoming ASEAN summit meeting and the ASEAN Peoples’ Forum, this presentation will consider some of the issues which Southeast Asian countries must confront if they are to operate successfully as a regional bloc.

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The community is welcome to attend this lecture!