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### **Panel on**

## **Population, Ethnicity and Violent Conflicts in Asia**

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### **Overview**

Population dynamics - because of changes in fertility, mortality, and especially, migration - has often resulted in a significant change of population composition. The change in composition may not be limited to the one in age structure and sex ratio, but it may also include change in, for example, educational and other human capital composition as well as ethnic and religious composition. The social, economic, and political implications of the changes in the population composition can be very wide.

The panel has five papers and it will contribute to a better understanding of the issue in Asia. It will start with an examination of the issue from a theoretical perspective and some empirical evidences in Asia. The remaining papers will give more detailed empirical discussions. The second paper will examine the impact of changes in the flow of migration of the overseas Chinese on social and political economic conditions of the region. The third to the fifth paper will deal with the impact of the population dynamics on conflicts.

The third and fourth papers will address empirical evidences in two Southeast Asian regions, namely the Southern Philippine and Southern Thailand. The fifth paper will investigate the potential of conflicts in the dynamic province of Riau Archipelago in Indonesia.