



The ADS has the following on-going projects:

■ **BUILDING A BETTER ASIA: YOUNG ASIAN LEADERS RETREAT.**

(This 9 day programme is held twice a year in China (Peking University) and India and brings together young men and women of various backgrounds and countries (ASEAN, East Asia, South Asia and Central Asia) for learning and networking. The fourth retreat will be held in Oct-Nov 2008 while the fifth retreat will be held in Feb 2009.

■ **Research Project on Human Security in Asia.**

■ **An ASEAN Initiative for an Asian Renaissance, Study Group Report (forthcoming May 2009)**

■ **Young Asians Forum**

■ **Story-Telling Academy**

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ADS is an informal “fellowship of citizens and friends of Asia” brought together to address issues that will affect the course of political, economic and social developments in Asia and the world. It is founded on four pillars: culture, learning, economics and politics.

Its core mission is to promote better mutual understanding through dialogue, which involves intellectual, cultural and people-to-people exchanges. The presupposition is that to attain a mutually beneficial regional cooperation and a symbiotic relationship, cultural exchanges and dialogue are a sine qua non.

ADS is an autonomous project of the Information and Resource Center (IRC). IRC was set up in 1985 as a regional research institution whose programs were conceived to contribute relevant alternatives to decision-makers in the Southeast Asian region for a better human order based on free institutions, the free market, regional peace and harmony, multifaceted cooperation and national independence.



IRC's activities have been extensive as they have been varied: including research and analysis, public lectures, debates, closed-door discussions, conferences; publishing; human resource training and development programs; networking with leaders in business and government; cooperation with non-governmental organizations; and cooperation among scholars and research institutions throughout ASEAN and the world.

Guided by a philosophy of active scholarship and a proactive approach IRC has projected itself as a vanguard institution in the definition of its objectives, the materialization of its various programs, and the mobilization of human resources. Simply put, it plays the role of a catalyst in the origination of ideas, debate, as well as leadership networking.

ADS believes that cultural diversity must be underpinned by the principle of co-existence, tolerance and harmony. Since its inception in 2002, ADS has organised numerous projects and programmes to bring people together from various sectors including civil society, think

The ADS has issued 4 reports since 2003:

■ **Quality of Partnership - Myanmar, ASEAN and the World Community**

Report of the Asian Dialogue Society

December 2003

■ **Shared Integration - Promoting A Greater Asia, Report of the Asian Dialogue Society's Greater Asia Initiative, Study Visit to Northeast India**

November 2006
(The Northeast India Mission by the ADS is one endeavour that aims to build bridges between the peoples of Southeast Asia, East Asia, South and West Asia).

■ **Building a Better Asia - Dialogues on Culture and Human Security, A Report, Bangalore and Goa, India, 11-17 February 2005, unpublished;**

■ **Building a Better Asia - Dialogue on China-Southeast Asia Relations, A Report, Kunming, China, 29-30 April 2005, unpublished.**

