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EXPERTS' BIOGRAPHIES

Launch of the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Programme

Dr Noeleen Heyzer

Social Scientist and
Former United Nations Under-Secretary-General

Noeleen Heyzer was an Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and the highest ranked Singaporean in the United Nations (2007-2014). She was recently the UNSG's Special Adviser for Timor-Leste, working to support peace-building, state-building, and sustainable development.

She was the first woman to serve as the Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific since its founding in 1947. Under her leadership (Aug 2007-Jan 2014), the commission focused on regional co-operation for a more resilient Asia Pacific, founded on shared prosperity, social equity, and sustainable development. She was at the forefront of many innovations including for regional disaster preparedness, inclusive socio-economic policies, sustainable agriculture and urbanisation, energy security and regional connectivity.

She was the first Executive Director from the south to lead the United Nations Development Fund for Women. She was widely recognised for the formulation and implementation of the landmark of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.

She holds a BA (Upper Hons) and an MSc from Singapore University, a PhD from Cambridge University, and has received numerous awards for leadership.



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Mely Caballero-Anthony is Associate Professor and Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Until May 2012, she served as Director of External Relations at the ASEAN Secretariat. She also currently serves in the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters and Security and is a member of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Agenda Council on Conflict Prevention.

Prof Anthony's research interests include regionalism and regional security in the Asia-Pacific, multilateral security cooperation, politics and international relations in ASEAN, conflict prevention and management, as well as human security. She was the principal investigator of the MacArthur Asia Security Initiative (ASI) project of Internal Security Challenges in Asia and Cross-Border Implications. She has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals on a broad range of security issues in the Asia-Pacific. Her latest publications, both single-authored and co-edited, include: 'Understanding ASEAN Centrality', (Pacific Review, 2014), 'Human Security in ASEAN: 20 Years On', (Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, 2014), Non-Traditional Security in Asia: Issues, Challenges and Framework for Action, (ISEAS, 2013), Human Security and Climate Change in Southeast Asia: Managing Risk and Resilience, (Routledge, 2013), 'The Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia: Opening Up Spaces for Advancing Human Security' (Pacific Review, 2012), and Energy and Non-Traditional Security (NTS) in Asia and Rethinking Energy Security in Asia: A Non-Traditional View of Human Security (both Springer, 2012).

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