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**Inaugural Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre Annual Lecture
by Lord Meghnad Desai
Thursday, 12 August 2010, 10.30 am - 12.00 noon**

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Inaugural Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre Annual Lecture will be delivered in Singapore by Lord Meghnad Desai on 12 August 2010. Entitled "**The Re-emergence of Asia: The West and Asia in the Post-Vasco da Gama Era,**" the Lecture will take place at the Ballroom, Raffles Hotel, from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Light refreshments will be served following the Lecture.

Lord Meghnad Jagdishchandra Desai is an India-born British economist and Labour politician. He is a member of the British House of the Lords. Until 2005 he was the Director of the Centre for the Study of Global Governance at the London School of Economics, which he founded in 1992, and he is now Professor Emeritus. He has written on a wide range of topics, from macroeconomics to Bollywood. His books include *Marxian Economic Theory; Marx's Revenge: The Resurgence of Capitalism and the Death of Statist Socialism; Nehru's Hero: Dilip Kumar in the Life of India;* and, most recently, *The Rediscovery of India*. He is currently a member of the Nalanda Mentor Group which is tasked with the supervision of the revived Nalanda University in Bihar, India.

Officially inaugurated on 11 August 2009, the Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies pursues research on historical interactions among Asian societies and civilisations. It serves as a forum for comprehensive study of the ways in which Asian politics and societies have interacted over time through religious, cultural, and economic exchanges and diasporic networks.

May I take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend this lecture, which is generously sponsored by the Lee Foundation. I would be grateful if you could send this invitation to members of the Singapore LSE Alumni Association, of which you are President. If you are able to attend, please complete the attached Reply Form and email to Ms May Wong <may@iseas.edu.sg> by 6 August 2010.

Sincerely yours
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Director

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