

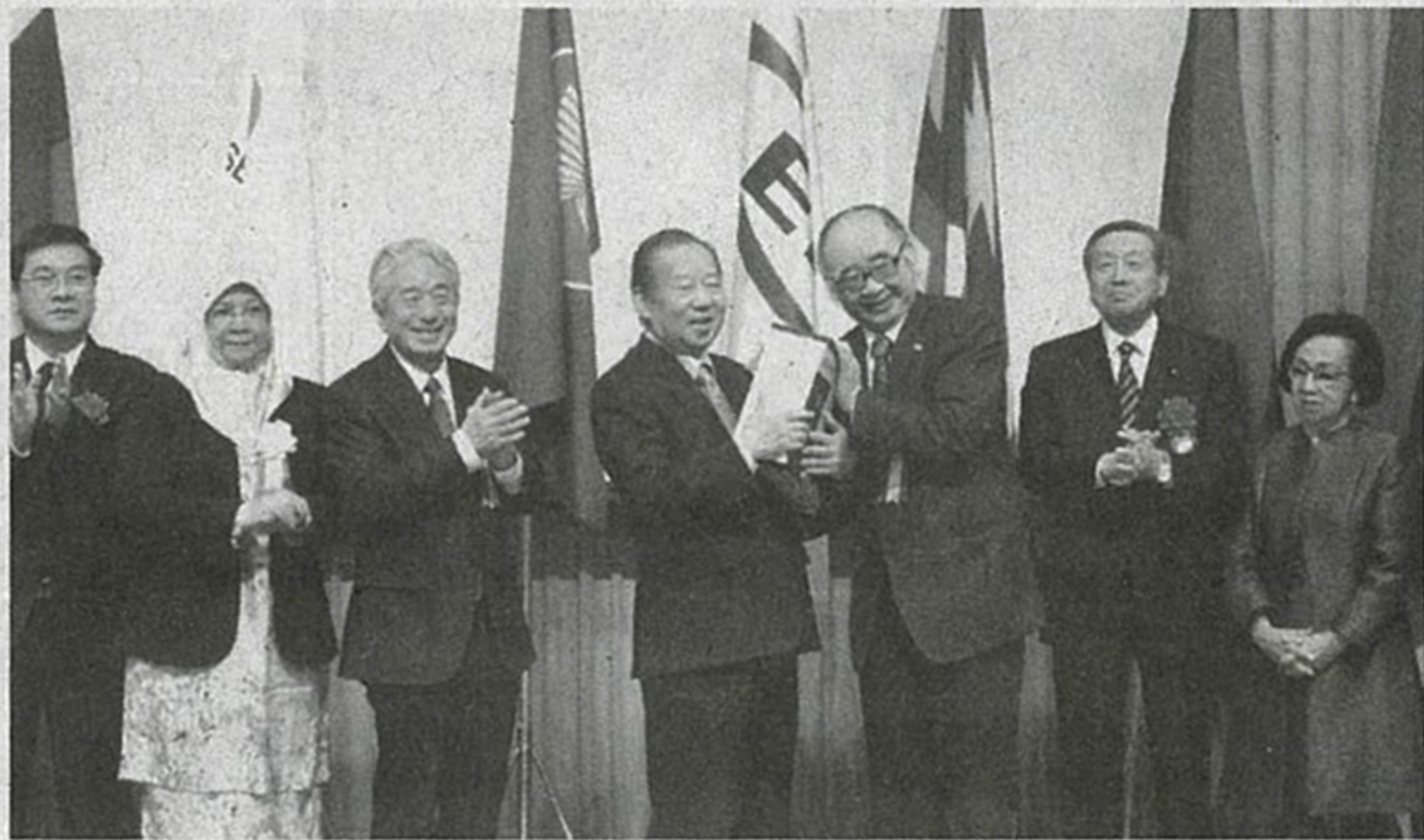
ERIA CO-ORGANIZES ASEAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

Jakarta

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in Jakarta co-organized the ASEAN 50th Anniversary Symposium IV in Tokyo, Japan, on March 1 in a bid to promote understanding of developments that ASEAN has achieved and the challenges it has recently encountered.

The ASEAN-Japan Center and the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo acted as co-organizers of the event, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and other Japanese government ministries and trade bodies.

Masataka Fujita, secretary-general of the ASEAN-Japan Center, delivered the opening remarks, followed by a guest speech by Kazuyuki Nakane, state minister for foreign affairs, and by Masaki Ogushi, parliamentary vice minister of economy, trade and industry.



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This was followed by discussion sessions on themes of “Whether ASEAN community building and centrality in fast changing East Asia?” and of “ASEAN economic transformation and ASEAN Economic Community: the past, the present, and the future”.

The closing remarks were delivered by ambassador Kamilah Hanifah, chairperson of ASEAN committee in Tokyo and ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to Japan. — *JP*