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- Speaker** : **Professor Hal Hill**
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- Topic** : **"Regional Dynamics in a Decentralized Indonesia"**
- Chairperson** : **Professor Tan Kong Yam**
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- Date** : **Monday, 1st September 2014**
- Time** : **2.30pm – 3:30pm**
- Venue** : **HSS Conference Room (05-57)**
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About the Speaker:

Hal Hill is the H.W. Arndt Professor of Southeast Asian Economies at the Australian National University. His general research interests are the economies of ASEAN, including country case studies and thematic, comparative work; industrialization and foreign investment in East Asia; regional (sub-national) development; and the political economy of development. He is the author or editor of 18 books and has written about 150 academic papers and book chapters. He is an occasional oped contributor to Australian and Asian newspapers and magazines, and a radio/TV commentator. He has worked as a consultant for the Australian Government, the Indonesian Government, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and several United Nations agencies. He has held visiting appointments at Gadjah Mada University, the University of the Philippines, the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, the University of Oxford, the International University of Japan, the Tinbergen Institute, Columbia University, University of Freiburg, and the National University of Malaysia. He serves on the editorial board of 13 academic journals.

Abstract:

In 2001, Indonesia embarked on a 'big bang' decentralization, involving a major transfer of administrative, political and financial authority to its now more than 500 sub-provincial districts, in this the world's largest archipelagic state. Together with the rapid transition from authoritarian to democratic rule in the late 1990s, the initiative has transformed the country's political, social and business life. While national government is the major area of contestation, power has irreversibly shifted out of the centre. How this significantly increased regional autonomy works will have a crucial bearing on the future of the Indonesian nation state. This volume, featuring contributions by more than 40 authors, provides a timely, comprehensive and analytical assessment of the country's regional development dynamics in this new decentralized environment. Following an overview of historical, political and development outcomes at the regional level, successive sections examine decentralization and governance; local-level perspectives; migration cities and connectivity; and challenges in the periphery.

Reservation:

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