

Preface

The "Copenhagen Lectures in East and Southeast Asian Studies", Spring 1989, was organized around the theme of "Economic, Political and Cultural Aspects of the East Asian Modernization Process with Particular Reference to the "Four Small Dragons" (Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, and Taiwan). "This lecture series consisted of four seminars addressed by invited experts.

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In addition, we bring a contribution on Japan's role in the world system.

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