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A B S T R A C T

In March 1980, after five years of discussions, the EEC and ASEAN signed a commercial cooperation agreement. This agreement marks the beginning of a new pattern of economic relations between ASEAN and the EEC.

This study not only examines the evolution of EEC-ASEAN relationship, but also highlights the potential for future EEC-ASEAN cooperation. However, in this particular study emphasis will only be placed on three major types of economic flows, namely trade, investment and aid, between ASEAN and the EEC.

By analysing the present system of North-South linkages, this Essay basically reveals that there is little scope for much cooperation between ASEAN and the EEC, unless the EEC is prepared to promote more liberal economic policies toward ASEAN.

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