

Preface

Over the past nine years, the Asia Leadership Fellow Program (ALFP) has contributed to the creation of a close personal network among Asian intellectual leaders, both theorists and practitioners, coming from different cultural, disciplinary, occupational and geopolitical backgrounds. One of the distinctive features of the ALFP is its collaborative interaction among such diverse fellows. During their fellowship terms in Japan, the ALFP fellows, as a group, participate in various workshops, seminars, field trips and visits, thus immersing themselves in intensive discussions on various important issues in the Asian region. Through their shared experiences in Japan, the fellows have reaffirmed their roles as public intellectuals committed to the never-ending efforts for the betterment of the region, beyond visible and invisible boundaries.

The issuance of a resource book of the ALFP alumni 1996-2004 is intended not only to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the program but also to share the program's assets among the Fellows as well as the general public. In addition to basic information on the alumni, this directory also provides such extended details as their current concerns/interests and their major publications. Hence, it is hoped that this Directory will be fully utilized so that networking among Asian intellectuals with similar interests or specialties will be further strengthened, and that those who have not participated in the program will have a glimpse of what the ALFP is about and what the fifty-four fellows have experienced during their residency in Japan.

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