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In this issue: 2012 ASEAN Assessment, Violence in Southern Thailand, and Corruption in the Philippines.

Upcoming Events:

January 31- Asia Foundation regional cooperation director and prominent Southeast Asia expert, Mr. John Brandon, will join experts for a discussion at the American University in Washington, D.C., on ASEAN's progress, setbacks, prospects, and policy recommendations for 2013 and beyond. The "2012 Annual Assessment of ASEAN: Pulling Together or Falling Apart?", will be held at American University's Hughes Formal Lounge at 4400 Massachusetts Ave., NW in Washington, D.C. from 2:30 to 4:00 PM.

Recent Events:

January 11- Mr. Don Pathan, Director of Foreign Relations at The Patani Forum and renowned journalist, spoke about the continued violence in Southern Thailand. Mr. Pathan examined the motives following the 2004 resurgence of violence with particular focus on the generational split of the insurgent movements and the failure of government actors to ameliorate the violence. You can read more in The Asia Foundation Occasional Paper, "Conflict Management and Resolution in Asia: The Role of Civil Societies in Thailand's Deep South."

Notes from the Field:

Social Weather Stations 2012 Survey of Enterprises on Corruption

The Asia Foundation and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) have been working to support the Social Weather Stations to conduct research on corruption in the Philippines.

Publications of Interest:

Asia Foundation Winter Bulletin 2013

The Asia Foundation has issued its Bulletin update for early 2013, providing news from across the Asia Foundation including updates on Burma, Mindanao and our Books for Asia program.