Preface

This volume’s initial seed came from an ASEAN Inter-university Seminar on “Human Insecurities in Southeast Asia” hosted by the Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam December 10–12, 2012 and organized in cooperation with the National University of Singapore. An editorial team coalesced around the decision to pull together a selection of contributors who embraced and reflected multidisciplinary perspectives. The editors sought to identify a blend of early career and more established scholars from different disciplines currently working on the complex issue of human security and insecurities in the region. Our aim was to provide a volume that gave voice to a broad spectrum of views and diversity of experiences which in turn articulated the varying consequences of human insecurities particular to Southeast Asia. As such, the volume focuses on Southeast Asian perspectives and discourses on human security and insecurities. These range from Islamist militancy in Indonesia and the plight of Penans in Sarawak to plantation agribusiness in the Uplands of Mindanao and border practices in maritime Sabah. The contributions in this book will hopefully encourage a more critical reflection on the ways in which we approach the study of human insecurities in Southeast Asia and how some of these might be ameliorated.

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