



**Aris Ananta** is an economist-demographer with a multi-disciplinary perspective. He has been part of the rising flow of return migrants to Indonesia. In early 2015 he returned to the Faculty of Economics and Business (formerly Faculty of Economics), University of Indonesia after working in Singapore for 16 years. He was a Senior Fellow at the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore, Singapore, in 1999 and 2000. He then focused on research at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore, during 2001-2014, where he examined economic-environment-demographic issues in Southeast Asia. As a Senior Research Fellow, he also conducted research in politics, ethnicity, and religion in Indonesia. His 14-year stay at Institute of Southeast Asian Studies has enriched his demographic studies with a more inter-disciplinary perspective. Returning home, he now expands his regional interest to Asia and Africa.

He did his undergraduate study in Economics, focusing on Population, from University of Indonesia. He obtained his Master degree in Social and Economic Statistics, specializing in Population Statistics, from George Washington University, the US, in 1978. His Ph.D degree was earned in Economics, majoring in Population Economics, from Duke University, the US, in 1983. Upon finishing his Ph.D, he had been working full time at the Faculty of Economics University of Indonesia, as a lecturer, researcher, and academic manager. He was inaugurated as Professor in the Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia in 1995.

His current research is focused on ethno-demography, a new frontier in demographic studies. His latest publication is *Demography of Indonesia's Ethnicity* with the following co-authors: Evi Nurvidya Arifin, M. Sairi Hasbullah, Nur Budi Handayani, and Agus Pramono. This book, just published by ISEAS two weeks before the 3<sup>rd</sup> conference of APA in Kuala Lumpur, 27-30 July 2015, is not only beneficial to better understand Indonesia, but also useful to conduct similar studies in other countries.

Being an older person in 26 November 2014 (he was born in 26 November 1954), he already studied ageing issues in early 1990s, when almost nobody paid attention to ageing studies in Indonesia and other developing countries in Asia. While at ISEAS, he was the co-editor of *Older Persons in Southeast Asia*, with Evi Nurvidya Arifin as the editor, published by ISEAS in 2009. In 2014, he published a chapter with a focus on Indonesia. "Employment Patterns of Older Women in Indonesia 2007". In *Gender and Ageing in Southeast Asia*, edited by Theresa Devasahayam. Singapore, published by ISEAS.

Being a migrant in Singapore, he continued his research interest in population mobility, including international and internal migration. In 2003, along with Evi Nurvidya Arifin, he edited *International Migration in Southeast Asia*, published by ISEAS. In 2014, he, with Evi Nurvidya Arifin as the co-author, published "Emerging Patterns of Indonesia's International Population Mobility", *Malaysian Journal of Economic Studies*, 51 (1), pp.29-41.