

ASEAN philosophical traditions from a development perspective / Rainier A. Ibana

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ABSTRACT

As the largest nation with an Islamic population, Indonesia is also home to an intellectual tradition that has received, preserved and cultivated the Platonic-Aristotelean philosophy, the seedbed of Western Philosophical tradition. Along with Hinduism, Buddhism and other religious traditions, we must not forget the enormous influence of the hard working Chinese traders in Indonesia and in the ASEAN who are inspired by Confucian ethics. The main features of these great Asiatic philosophical traditions blend within the context of our malay-polynesian linguistic sensibilities and our colonial encounter with the West. It shows that despite our differences, there are many commonalities that confirm the parallel structure of humanity's great depositories of wisdom and the basic neurological structure of all human beings.