Greetings from SANEM Dhaka Secretariat!

We are happy to announce that the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM, www.sanemnet.org) has stepped into her second year, and I am grateful to you for your kind and continued support.

SANEM (A PEP-GTAP South Asian Network on Economic Modeling) was launched on January 1, 2007. It is primarily a network of economic modelers in South Asia. SANEM aims to promote the production, exchange and dissemination of basic research knowledge in the areas of regional integration, multilateral and domestic trade liberalization, environment and poverty.

To mark the first anniversary occasion, SANEM is organising a book launching programme on 23rd January, 2008 in Dhaka. Following two books will be launched in that event:

“Venturing into a Quota Free World: The Ready-Made Garment Industry in Bangladesh” Edited by Abdur Razzaque and Selim Raihan (published by Pathak Shamabesh, Dhaka); and,


Please see the link below for further details of the book launching programme. http://www.sanemnet.org/sanem_events.php#event01

We are also delighted to let you know that, in collaboration with CUTS-International India and Commonwealth Secretariat London, SANEM is organising a regional seminar on "SAFTA and Its Implications for the Member Countries" on 23rd January 2008 in Dhaka. A number of researchers and policy makers from the South Asian countries will participate in that programme. Please see the following link for full programme of the seminar: http://www.sanemnet.org/sanem_events.php#event02

It is also our pleasure to announce that on 24th January 2008, in collaboration with CUTS-International India, Unnayan Shamanny (Bangladesh) and Commonwealth Secretariat London, SANEM is organising a regional seminar in Dhaka on "Services Trade Liberalisation in South Asia". A number of researchers and policy makers from the South Asian countries will also participate in that programme. Please see the following link for full programme of the seminar: http://www.sanemnet.org/sanem_events.php#event03

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I thank you once again.

With best regards,

Selim Raihan