



## **PUBLIC LECTURE BY JAPANESE PROFESSOR**

A public lecture by the distinguished Japanese scholar specializing in Politics and Security in the Asia Pacific Region Professor Yoshihide Soeya Yoshihide from Keio University, Japan was held at the SBE Main Meeting Room on 31st August 2008. He presented a paper entitled 'Japan's Middle Power Diplomacy and ASEAN' to almost 100 audiences mainly lecturers and students.

Professor Soeya is currently the Professor of Political Science and Law Faculty Director at the Institute of East Asian Studies, Keio University. His specialization is on history of US-Japan relations, political and diplomatic history; politics, government and defense. He is a writer of several books and among them are 'United Nations Peacekeeping Operation: A Guide to Japanese Policies, Japanese Diplomacy and China 1945 - 1972' and many others. He is also a member of the Prime Minister's Commission on Japan's Goal in the 21st Century under the late Obuchi Keizo.