



## Southeast Asia Research Centre and AIS Postgraduate Society

present a talk by the

# Regional Representative for South-East Asia, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

26 February 2009 (Thursday)

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

B5-427, 5/F, Blue Zone, Academic Building, CityU

## Dr. Homayoun Alizadeh

**Homayoun Alizadeh** is the Regional Representative of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) for South-East Asia with its seat in Bangkok, Thailand. Dr. Alizadeh will be discussing the OHCHR strategy for implementing the United Nations human rights mechanisms throughout the region.

Homayoun Alizadeh was born in 1952 in Zürich, Switzerland and attended primary and high school in Teheran and Shiraz, Iran. He studied Political Science (Ph. D) and Law at the University of Vienna, Austria, and graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983. Since 1987, Alizadeh has been working with the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior as Deputy Director of Department for Refugees and Migration where he is currently on unpaid leave. Since 1995, Alizadeh has been working with the United Nations. From 1995 to 1998, he worked as Government Liaison Officer and Assistant to Chief of Mission with the United Nations Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (UNHRFOR), and from 1999 to 2001, he worked as a Member of the Identification Commission and was Coordinator of the Appeals Analysis Teams with the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO). From March 2001 to June 2005, Alizadeh was Head of Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Khartoum. From July 2005 to March 2006, Alizadeh served as Senior Human Rights Advisor to the Director of the Inter-Agency Internal Displacement Division (IDD), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Geneva, Switzerland. Alizadeh has longstanding experience in human rights training programmes for members of the armed forces, including military, security and police personnel. As a human rights activist, he worked with Amnesty International (AI) from 1976 to 1981 and was a board member of the Austrian Section of AI and responsible for adoption groups and co-ordinator of the campaign against the death penalty. From 1982 to 1987, he was chairperson of the Austrian Committee for the Defence of Human Rights in Iran.

**\*\*\* All are Welcome \*\*\***

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