

## Sixth Biennial Conferences:

**17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012** Professor Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, Professor Partha. S. Ghosh, President(IAAPS), Professor Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History, Department of History, Harvard University ,USA, Mr. Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, Special Secretary (Public Diplomacy), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Ambassador K Kesavapany, Senior Fellow, Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore. The Keynote Speaker was Sunanda Kumar Datta-Ray, Writer and International Columnist, Singapore, (*Asia can't be a Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark*). The sectional presidents were -

Professor P. Sahadevan, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (*Regional Order in South Asia*), Professor Sutiphand Chirathivat, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (*Southeast Asian Recent Attempts to Broaden Regional Integration in Asia*), Professor Tansen Sen, Weissman School of Arts & Sciences, Baruch College, New York, USA. (*Is there a need for China Studies in India?*) and Professor A.P.S. Chauhan, Centre for Central Asian Studies, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, India (*Revitalizing the Civilizational Ties for a Prosperous and Stable Asia : Focus on India- Central Asian Relations*).

There were 157 papers in all. In South Asia section there were different panels- South Asia politics -9, gender-9, culture-9, west Bengal-13, social exclusion-6 culture religion and identity-7. In South east Asian section there were 9 papers, in East Asia and Pacific section there were 6 papers, in South, South east, East Asia and Pacific section there were 25 papers, in west and central Asia section there were 10 papers, in South and East Asia section there were 23 papers and in South and South East Asia there were 15 papers in the Gender panel and 8 in science and technology panel.

There were 60 participants from West Bengal, 11 from UP, 8 from Delhi, 6 from Orissa, 3 from Madhya Pradesh, 2 each from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka and one each from Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Mizoram, Chandigarh Maharashtra, Gujarat and Manipur. There were 21 overseas participants. The largest contingent were from China and Thailand-

4 each, 3 participants came from USA, 2 each from Malaysia, Philippines, and Sri Lanka and one each from Russia, Indonesia, Japan and United Kingdom. There were participants from 15 Indian states and 10 other countries. Ms Mamata Banerjee, Honble. Chief Minister of West Bengal gave her well wishers' message for the Conference.