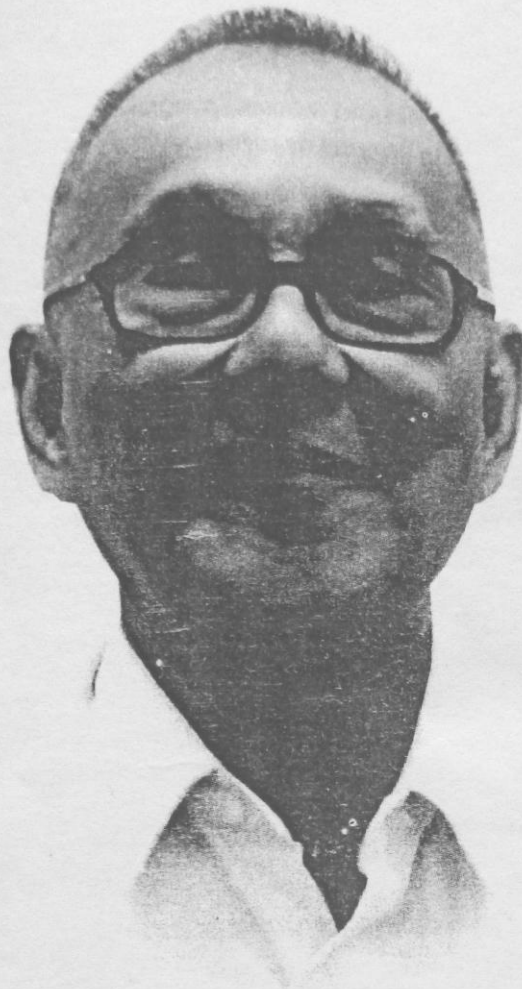
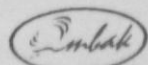


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TRENDS IN THE ECONOMIC HISTORIOGRAPHY OF INDONESIA SINCE 1990

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Over the last two decades, there has been a growing interest in the economic history of Indonesia. Its trends have been depicted by Lindblad (1993) and Van der Eng (1996). These two articles are based mostly on overseas publications and consequently leave a gap by excluding similar works produced in Indonesian. As in other countries, in Indonesia the research interests in economic history is also in a state of continuous development for which economists and social scientists also deserve credit. Although various works by Mubyarto demonstrate a strong interest in the field, Thee deserves to be called the first Indonesian economic historian with his work on the commercial export agriculture in East Sumatra (now North Sumatra) (Thee 1977). With the return of scholars after obtaining degrees and being trained in economic history to various history departments at Indonesian universities, the interest in economic history among Indonesian historians has gradually increased. The Department of History of the Gadjah Mada University, with its energetic scholars, in particular Bambang Purwanto, took the lead in cooperation with Thomas Lindblad of Leiden University, by organizing a series of trainings, conferences, and publishing a great number of articles focusing on issues in regional economic history.

Despite the growing number of studies in regional economic history of Indonesia, the primary scholarly concern has been on issues