

Liem Sioe Liong's Salim Group: the business pillar of Suharto's Indonesia

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Abstrak

After Suharto gained power in Indonesia in the mid-1960s, he stayed as the countrys president for more than three decades, helped by the powerful military, hefty foreign aid and support from a coterie of cronies. A pivotal business backer for his New Order government was Liem Sioe Liong, a migrant from China, who arrived in Java in 1938. A combination of the Suharto connection, serendipity and personal charm propelled him to become the wealthiest tycoon in Southeast Asia.