

*The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)* is an international organisation established by a formal agreement among 16 heads of government at the Third East Asia Summit in Singapore on 21 November 2007. It works closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and researchers and research institutes from East Asia to provide intellectual and analytical research and policy recommendations.

These research and policy recommendations are expected to help leaders and ministers during their deliberations in meetings (such as the ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting) and

in the East Asia and ASEAN Summits. The ERIA headquarters is based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The objectives of ERIA are:

- To facilitate the building of the ASEAN Economic Community,
- To contribute to the narrowing of development gaps in the region, and
- To support ASEAN's role as driver of the deepening of economic integration in East Asia.



## RESEARCH

ERIA conducts research under three pillars:

- Deepening economic integration
- Narrowing development gaps
- Sustainable development

Studies cover a wide range of areas such as trade and investment, globalisation, promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises, human resource and infrastructure development, and energy issues.

## DISSEMINATION

In order to disseminate its research findings and solicit inputs from various stakeholders, ERIA organises seminars and symposia which nurture a sense of community in the region. ERIA also publishes reports, discussion papers, and policy briefs that present the key recommendations of its studies. It likewise publishes the *ERIA Frames* newsletter which presents a bi-monthly picture of ERIA activities and research.

## POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the mandate given by the East Asia and ASEAN Summits, ERIA provides policy recommendations to leaders and ministers during their meetings to stimulate economic

growth, deepen regional integration, and strengthen partnership in ASEAN and East Asia.

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

To strengthen policy research capacities and to secure an intellectual basis for the development of the CLMV countries (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam) and other developing areas in East Asia, ERIA, in partnership with regional research institutes, regularly conducts capacity building seminars and workshops for policymakers, administrators, researchers, and business managers of above-mentioned countries. ■

