



GENERAL AFFAIRS

Four major developments highlighted the management decisions for fiscal year 2013.

One was the strengthening of the Energy Unit, with the assignment of a Special Advisor to the Executive Director on Energy Affairs and the addition of two energy economists, in order to enrich ERIA's capacity to look into and analyse energy-related issues.

Two was the enhancement of the publication and dissemination function, with the designation of a Chief Editor and Publication Director, and one assistant, to increase the Institute's capacity in producing publications.

Three was the setting up of a program where ERIA received visiting officers from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development of the Union of the Republic of Myanmar as part of the capacity building of Myanmar's human resources. Two officers stayed for six months each at ERIA while four stayed for three months each. During their stay, the officers participated in ERIA seminars and workshops, symposia, internal meetings and the like.

And four and finally, ERIA, through its Executive Director, has endeavoured to broaden its reach

to wider arenas as it linked up with international institutions like the OECD and the International Energy Agency (IEA). In FY 2013, ERIA co-published the "Southeast Asia Energy Outlook" with the IEA and worked closely with the OECD in the development and preparation of the ASEAN SME Policy Index. The Executive Director also visited Europe in January 2014 to meet with international organisations and prominent think tanks and introduce ERIA's activities and work. ■

