

## ERIA ranks 28th in the International Economic Policy Think Tanks ~ The only think tank in ASEAN to be honored in this category ~

Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) ranks 28th among the world's "Top 50 International Economic Policy Think Tanks" according to the 2012 Global Go To Think Tanks Index Report.

ERIA has achieved a two-slot advance from the rankings in 2011 report which it was ranked at 30th. ERIA is the only think tank in ASEAN to be honored in this category. Other leading think tanks on international economic policy included Bruegel of Belgium, Brookings Institute of United States and Kiel Institute of World Economy of Germany.

These rankings were produced annually by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program of the International Relations Program of University of Pennsylvania.

"This year ranking was the outcome of hard work and extensive researches done on ASEAN and East Asia including continuous support to the summit activities in close cooperation with Research Institute Network," commented, ERIA Executive Director Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura.

The 2012 rankings are based on a survey of 6,603 think tanks from 182 countries as well as involving some 1,950 policy makers, journalists and scholars from 120 countries in the nomination and ranking process.

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