

III. Recommendations

Finally, the WG issued the following policy recommendations:

Policy Recommendations

The Working Group,

Emphasizing the importance of information security management in deepening economic integration within ASEAN and East Asia through its contribution to the increase of investment, outsourcing and other economic activities,

Reiterating that a common Information Security Management Benchmark (Common ISM Benchmark) can help to improve information security management, and risk communication within ASEAN and East Asia,

Encouraging the economies of ASEAN and East Asia to take further steps to build a more secure, reliable, and efficient business environment, including providing incentives to organizations to implement information security management measures,

Recommends to the economies of ASEAN and East Asia, especially to organizations responsible for establishing business environments within their economies, the following:

1. To encourage the use of the Common ISM Benchmark, which was reviewed and updated by the ERIA working group, as a means for small and medium businesses to assess and recognize their level of information security management within the region,
2. To share between economies, as discussed in this report, statistical data and other information gathered from the use of the Common ISM Benchmark so as to increase recognition among users of the Common ISM Benchmark; and
3. To discuss issues regarding the Common ISM Benchmark at appropriate venues, so that the Common ISM Benchmark will maintain and improve its utility as a means of enhancing information security in ASEAN and East Asia.