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2016 Progress Survey Report of Infrastructure Projects in CADP 2.0

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ERIA submitted the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan 2.0 (CADP 2.0) to the East Asia Summit in 2015. CADP 2.0 updates the infrastructure projects from the first CADP, reformulates the conceptual framework for connectivity and innovation, and discusses the quality of infrastructure projects. It lists 761 East Asian infrastructure projects, surveyed in 2015–2016, which cover a wide range of sectors such as roads and bridges, railroads, ports, and electric power.

This study presents the progress of those infrastructure projects and summarises the trends and prospects obtained from the survey. The results reflect to some extent the political and economic situation in each country and the influence of its policies.

'Unbundlings' and Development Strategies in ASEAN: Old Issues and New Challenges

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This paper extends the conceptual framework of 'unbundlings' proposed by Baldwin (2016) and tries to provide a starting point for reorganising development strategies of ASEAN Member States (AMS). The AMS have largely been successful in utilising the mechanics of the second unbundling with a reduction in communication costs; however, a lot of room still exists for exploiting its benefits. In addition, a new wave of the third unbundling, which comes with reduced face-to-face costs, has already arrived in ASEAN, and AMS must start incorporating it into their development strategies.

Current Status and Traits of the Auto Parts Industry in Viet Nam

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This study aims to clarify the current situation and traits of Viet Nam's automobile industry by showing the status of its automobile and auto parts industry. The paper first describes the automobile industry in Viet Nam. Then it highlights the vulnerability of the auto parts industry, which is the biggest feature and an issue to be addressed in the future, as it ultimately determines the competitiveness of the auto industry.

The study reveals that the number of analytical studies dedicated to the auto industry in Viet Nam is extremely small. Besides, most of these have been conducted only in the context of the ASEAN automobile industry in general. Amongst these are studies by Tetsuya Kobayashi (2013) and Yingshan Jin (2016), which are basically intended to paint the actual picture of the automobile industry in Viet Nam. This report focuses on the auto parts industry in Viet Nam to get closer to its core. It should be noted that many auto parts suppliers in Viet Nam started operations as motorcycle parts suppliers; and some of them transformed from motorcycle to auto parts suppliers.

Viet Nam's Automotive Supplier Industry: Development Prospects under Conditions for Free Trade and Global Production Networks

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Despite the inflow of foreign direct investment in the 1990s, automobile production in Viet Nam has not progressed beyond assembly. Due to the forthcoming trade liberalisation in ASEAN, these assembly operations are endangered by closure as carmakers consider importing from more developed automobile manufacturing countries in the region. This paper analyses the current state of the automotive industry in Viet Nam and seeks to formulate policy recommendations based on the findings.