



CAPACITY BUILDING

One of ERIA's mandates is to help enhance research capacities in ASEAN countries in need of improving public policymaking and research abilities to build up confidence in these countries as they join the regional integration process. In this connection, ERIA has regularly conducted capacity building seminars and workshops in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam (or the CLMV countries), in particular, over the past six years.

In FY 2014, ERIA held capacity building seminars on topics such as the challenges and opportunities of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) beyond 2015, public-private partnership, Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, intellectual property right, investment practices, urban development, and human resource training. For these capacity building programmes which were organised according, and to respond, to each CLMV country's needs, ERIA gathered top level academia and government officials from the region and elsewhere. These programmes are also a testimony of ERIA's continued support to Myanmar as Chair of ASEAN in 2014. In addition, ERIA accepted Myanmar officials in the ERIA Jakarta office as part its capacity building programme.

ERIA organised the Executive Leaders Initiative for deputy director general level who, as senior officials in their respective countries, would eventually become key players in the fields of logistics, agriculture, and human resource development. Twenty-four participants from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam joined regional experts from Thailand and Japan to discuss issues on good governance, logistics, agricultural management, and vocational training.

Annex L lists the capacity building seminars and workshops held in FY 2014 that were organised by ERIA and its partner institutions in the countries concerned, with the support of the Bangkok Research Center-JETRO Bangkok and each CLMV JETRO branch office.

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