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The original version of the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) presents a grand spatial design of economic infrastructure and industrial placement in ASEAN and East Asia. Since the submission of such first version of the CADP to the East Asia Summit in 2010, ASEAN and East Asia have made significant achievements in developing hard infrastructure, enhancing connectivity, and participating in international production networks.

However, continuous efforts for infrastructure development and narrowing development gaps are still needed not only for Tier 2 regions to participate in international production networks and for Tier 3 regions to be connected with distant urban centres, but also for Tier 1 regions to upgrade production networks and stimulate innovation by taking advantage of industrial agglomeration and urbanisation.

These economic environments and policy challenges motivated the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to upgrade the original version of the CADP to the second version, titled 'The Comprehensive Asia Development Plan 2.0 (CADP 2.0): Infrastructure for Connectivity and Innovation'. The revision of the CADP was also noted in the Chairman's statement of the 9th East Asia Summit on 13 November 2014 held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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The methodology of the CADP 2.0 leaves much to be improved. But we hope that CADP 2.0 will be a useful reference for international donor agencies and funding institutions to take coordinated and effective actions for developing quality infrastructure for connectivity and innovation.

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