

## Seminars and Symposia



ERIA marked its 10th anniversary and organised a wide range of seminars and symposia in FY2018 to (i) contribute to the Chair of ASEAN; (ii) advocate the findings of research ERIA was involved in, (iii) seek inputs from academia as requested by senior government officials in the region, and (iv) promote ERIA as an international organisation with a crucial role in East Asian regional integration. These

seminars and symposia were held in collaboration with various prominent institutions. (see ANNEX....)

The 6th Asia Think Tank Summit with the theme of 'Think Tanks: A Bridge Over Troubled Waters and Turbulent Times' was organised together with the Think Tank Civil Societies Program (TTCSP), University of Pennsylvania. The event was attended

by 80 representatives from more than 50 leading think tanks across Asia and Europe, and discussions focused on how think tanks should respond to the current shifts in the international political scene and the international economy.

Two roundtable discussions were organised in FY2018: the Seventh Editors' Roundtable with the theme of 'ASEAN and Indo-Pacific: Challenges Ahead' in collaboration with S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University; and the Roundtable Discussion on 'New Global Era of Digital Economies', a T20 Japan associated event in collaboration with Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Research Institute of Economy, Trade, and Industry (RIETI).

### 'ERIA 10th Anniversary Symposium and Reception'

To commemorate the 10-year anniversary of ERIA, ERIA's 10th Anniversary Symposium and Reception' was held in Tokyo, Japan. The event was attended by about 200 participants, including ministers, former ministers, high-level government officials, diplomats, representatives of international organisations, universities, private corporations, and research institutions.

ERIA also organised the High-Level Seminar Project 2045 and ERIA's 10-year anniversary reception in Jakarta, Indonesia in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The seminar is a result of the Indonesia-Japan joint research project intended to identify common challenges and visions for Indonesia and Japan towards 2045. The Vice President of the Republic

of Indonesia, H.E. H.M. Jusuf Kalla, delivered his congratulatory remarks at the event. Several ministers from Indonesia and Japan, high-level government officials, academics, researchers, and representatives from the media and private sector also attended.

### 'The 4th Asia Cosmopolitan Awards'

ERIA and the Government of Nara Prefecture, Japan organised the Fourth Asia Cosmopolitan Awards. This biennial awards event recognises individuals who or organisations that have made substantial contributions to the development of a peaceful and stable East Asian Community, to narrowing development gaps in the region, or to achieving sustainable social growth towards cultural and economic integration within East Asia. The winners of the Fourth Asia Cosmopolitan Awards are as follows:

<b>Grand Prize</b>	H.E. Mr. Yasuo Fukuda, Former Prime Minister, Japan
<b>Economic and Social Science Prize</b>	Prof. Richard E. Baldwin, Professor of International Economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva
<b>Cultural Prize</b>	teamLab (art collective), Ms. Mieko Noguchi (glass artist)
<b>Memorable Prize</b>	The late Surin Pitsuwan, Former Secretary-General of ASEAN

The award ceremony and the commemorative 'Nara Forum' were held in Nara Prefecture on 10 January 2019.

