

Foreword

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) is proud to be associated with the Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit and ASEM Ministerial meetings.



ERIA has been supporting the ASEM through its research and policy work on connectivity, economic integration, and inclusive growth since 2016 when it supported the Government of Mongolia by writing the ‘*Asia–Europe Connectivity Vision 2025*’, which was presented to the ASEM leaders the 11th ASEM Summit in 2016. Since then ERIA has supported the tasks of the ASEM Pathfinders Group on Connectivity (APGC) in developing the focus areas of cooperation and connectivity.

It gives me great pleasure to share the study ‘13th Asia–Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit: Multilateral Cooperation for a Resilient, Sustainable, and Rules–Based Future for ASEM.’ This study conjoins Cambodia’s vision for ASEM with priority actions needed within focus areas of ASEM to support the ASEM Partner countries to address the global and regional challenges together.

I am confident that this study will give direction to the future of Asia–Europe relations and bring the peoples of Asia and Europe ever closer. ERIA will remain committed to providing all possible support and expertise that may be required to make the ASEM a responsive and creative platform for connectivity between Asia and Europe.

I believe that this book will contribute to the success of the 13th ASEM Summit (ASEM13) in Cambodia.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'H. Nishimura' in a cursive style.

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