East Asia Post Pandemic – An Integrative, Innovative, Inclusive, and Sustainable Region through Digitalisation

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Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP)

CADP 2.0 (2015)

CADP 1.0 (2010)



CADP 3.0 (2022)

Resilience of Factory Asia & Accelerated Digitalisation



Robust and resilient East Asia International Production Networks to COVID shocks.

- Some sectors (e.g., tourism and on-site services) severely affected
- Factory Asia a built-in stabiliser in mitigating the negative impacts on the economy.



COVID-19 accelerated the uptake of digitalisation, mainly in communication technologies.

created a positive impact on economic growth.

Towards Integrative,

Innovative, Inclusive, and

Sustainable Asia Through

Digitalisation

1. Integration

2. Innovation

3. Inclusiveness

4. Sustainability



Integration



- EAS has established **competitive IPNs** by utilizing multinational firms' worldwide **optimization of production sites**.
- Digital technologies creates new wave of international division of labour where task can be performed remotely.
- Intensifying the development of digital economy channels to connect the region is imperative.

Innovation



- Benefit from digital innovation by tapping into younger generations' potentials.
- Necessary reskilling and upskilling for existing workforce to remain agile and versatile.
- Accumulated incremental innovation to be combined with disruptive digital innovation.

Inclusiveness

In 3 Dimensions:





Industrial

Societal

- Digitalisation can rejuvenate traditional industries through productivity enhancement.
- Digital connectivity expands the scope of the supply of goods and services in rural areas, including medical, education, and government services.

Sustainability



3 Key Areas:

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Smart technologies provide **equitable access** to services and increase wellbeing, especially for a region with countries at different development stages.

4IR Technologies are effective accelerators for the **circular business model** in ICT, mining, manufacturing, education, and healthcare industries.



Conclusion

- Institutionalise governance structure
 for consistent implementation of priority
 issues
- Develop digital infrastructure, Support start-ups and human capital for promoting supply chain resilience
- Reform the regulatory framework for digital transformation and facilitation of digital trade
- More public-private coordination including standardization of data sharing and making ecosystem
- Enhance collaboration in ICTs security

Requests from all economic ministers are welcomed

- The research which I presented today will become more important and move into the implementation stage.
- We will further strengthen our research capabilities and deepen our research in the digital innovation and sustainability economy.





THANK YOU

The content of today's presentation will be published upon the launch of the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan 3.0. Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia

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