JAKARTA, 9 December 2018 – The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hosted a reception and High Level Seminar to launch the report of ‘Project 2045: The Path to Peaceful and Prosperous Indonesia 2045’ on 8-9 December 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Project 2045 is to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Indonesia-Japan diplomatic relations. The objective of the Project 2045 Report is to provide a vision of cooperation between the two countries progressing towards 2045, the 100th anniversary of Indonesia’s independence. Dr Takashi Shiraishi, the Chancellor of the Prefectural University of Kumamoto and H.E. Mr Muhammad Lutfi, the former Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Japan co-chaired the committee in
charge of the development of the report. The full report was handed to H.E. Drs. H.M. Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, the Vice President of Indonesia and H.E. Mr Teru Fukui, the former Minister of State for Ocean Policy and for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs, Japan by the two Co-chairs during the reception.

The Project 2045 Report highlighted three common targets of Japan and Indonesia: (1) to uphold democracy and become maritime global powers (political level); (2) to be ranked among the world’s top five economies (economic level); (3) to achieve high quality of life beyond the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (social level). The report stresses the importance of the two countries to form a joint partnership to realise a life of plenty, freedom, and safety for their citizens, and to achieve a peaceful, stable, democratic, diverse, and tolerant society.

The High Level Seminar discussed the importance of long-lasting Indonesia-Japan relations as key maritime countries in East Asia and its future cooperation. A number of high-ranking representatives from both countries including former as well as active ministers, parliament members, ambassadors and academics joined the seminar as speakers and audience members. Among the attendees were H.E. Mr Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr Airlangga Hartarto, Minister of Industry of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr Rudiantara, Minister of Communication and Information of the Republic of Indonesia; Prof. Dr. Ir. Ginandjar Kartasasmita, Chairman of Indonesia-Japan Friendship Association; Prof. Dr. Mari Elka Pangestu, former Minister of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia; Dr Muhammad Chatib Basri, former Minister of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr Tsukasa Akimoto, State Minister of the Environment of Japan; H.E. Mr Tadahiko Ito, former State Minister of the Environment of Japan; H.E. Mr Masafumi Ishii, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Indonesia and Co-Chair of Project 2045.

The High Level Seminar Project 2045 reflects how after six decades of strong, cooperative bilateral relations, Indonesia and Japan remain dedicated in further deepening ties for the realisation of an equitable society.

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ERIA and the Ministry of Electricity and Energy of Myanmar Launched the Natural Gas Master Plan for Myanmar

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‘The Government of Myanmar should continue to play a pivotal role in developing the natural gas market through policy support to promote the use of natural gas,’ said Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura, the President of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in his opening remarks for the launching ceremony of the Natural Gas Master Plan for Myanmar.

The event was held in The Thingaha Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw on 11 December 2018 in cooperation with the Ministry of Electricity and Energy of Myanmar and the Institute of Energy Economics Japan. The publication will be available for free on ERIA’s website in January 2019.

Across the region, ERIA has supported the research and capacity building on energy sector in other countries such as Cambodia and Lao PDR. ERIA worked with the Ministry of Mines and Energy of Cambodia and the Institute of Energy Economics Japan. The publication will be available for free on ERIA’s website in January 2019.

Over the years, ERIA has been working on various research projects together with the Government of Myanmar. During Myanmar’s ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014, ERIA published ASEAN Rising, a comprehensive research publication on the ASEAN Economic Community and its future, as part of the deliverables of the Chairmanship.

In the next year, ERIA developed and published the Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision, a comprehensive industrial and infrastructure development vision for the country.

‘Today, we also mark another historic achievement – the cooperation between ERIA and the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Myanmar, with the publication of the first comprehensive Natural Gas Master Plan,’ said Prof Nishimura, adding that ‘Myanmar’s natural gas will play a very important role in Myanmar’s future. Although Myanmar has been a major producer of natural gas in Asia, the country has not fully utilised natural gas for its own uses.’

Meanwhile, in his welcoming remarks, H. E. U Win Khaing, Union Minister, Ministry of Electricity and Energy of Myanmar conveyed his hope that the Master Plan can be a ‘support and inspiration to the energy sector of Myanmar.’

The leader of the research project, Mr Yoshikazu Kobayashi from the Institute of Energy Economics Japan, presented a summary of the research findings. Mr Kobayashi shared five recommendations from the Master Plan, namely enhancing the role & capacity of government; encouraging & accelerating domestic upstream development; improving resilience of pipeline network; reforming energy pricing system; and growing human capital to utilise LNG.

In closing, U Zaw Aung, Director General of Oil and Gas Planning Department of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Myanmar, expressed his hope that ERIA and the Institute of Energy Economics Japan would continue working together with the Government in the next phase of the Master Plan.

The event presented policy recommendations drawn from the background study jointly conducted by Bappenas and ERIA. The background study reviews the performance of the Indonesian manufacturing sector and discusses various factors that contribute to the development of the sector.

The discussion was marked by the presentation from H.E. Prof Dr Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, on the role of manufacturing sector in Indonesia’s overall development with a focus on policy directions and strategies for revitalizing the Indonesian manufacturing sector. H.E. Mr Airlangga Hartarto, Minister of Industry, presented on the model of ‘Industry 4.0’ for the development of Indonesian manufacturing in the future.

The roundtable meeting was followed by comments from participants on the ideas presented by the ministers. The comments covered a range of topics including participating in global value chains (GVC), improving productivity and upgrading technology, export reorientation, and free trade agreement utilization. Members of the discussion included respected international and local academia, such as Professor Ari Kuncoro of the University of Indonesia, Professor Hari Muhammad of the Bandung Institute of Technology, Professor Premachandra Athukorala of the Australian National University, and Professor Chin Hee Hahn of Gachon University in Korea. The discussion also invited comments from Mr. Mirza Adityaswara, Senior Deputy Governor of Bank Indonesia; Professor Hidetoshi Nishimura, the President of ERIA; and Mr. Warih Tjahjono, Toyota Manufacturing Indonesia. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Dionisius Narjoko, ERIA Senior Economist.

Participants agreed that it is high time for Indonesia to take bold actions to improve productivity of its manufacturing sector. One critical route is through significant technology upgrading, including efforts to effectively improve the quality of human capital for the sector. Productivity improvement is a prerequisite for reorienting to export-led manufacturing growth and for sustaining the value creation of the sector.
ASEAN Secretariat and ERIA pay tribute to Dr. Surin Pitsuwan

The ASEAN Secretariat and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and co-hosted an event to commemorate the legacy of the late Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, who served as ASEAN’s 12th Secretary-General from 2008-2012, at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.

At the event, Dr Surin’s family members, close friends, and high-ranking speakers from across Southeast Asia highlighted his pivotal role in raising the profile and prominence of the regional organisation on the international stage.

‘Dr Surin and I had overcome several difficulties together from the very start of ERIA. After retiring as Secretary-General of ASEAN, he was very engaged as a Special Advisor to the President, providing guidance and inspiration,’ said the President of ERIA, Professor Hidetoshi Nishimura.

In his own tribute to the late Dr Surin, the current and 14th ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi said, ‘Indeed, Dr. Surin has left behind an indelible mark on the pages of ASEAN’s history. He altered the political landscape of ASEAN, particularly in some of its most difficult moments. He was determined to see that everything ASEAN does would benefit the ordinary citizens.’ Dato Lim added, ‘Dr Surin was a strong supporter of ASEAN economic integration, always believing in the region’s inherent dynamism to contribute to the global economy.’

One of Dr. Surin’s profound marks in the ASEAN community was his advocacy for regional integration and peace in addition to his engagement with the civil society organisations. Dr Surin was widely credited for the establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre), which plays a vital role in mobilising resources in the event of large-scale disasters in the region.

Dr Surin was also instrumental in establishing ERIA in 2008, realising that ASEAN would need a world-class research organisation that will generate intelligence regarding the challenges for economic progress and prosperity of the region. It has been announced that Dr. Surin will receive the Memorable Prize of the 4th Asia Cosmopolitan Awards held by ERIA for his significant contributions toward ASEAN’s development through his passion and efforts in making ASEAN a people-centred community.

Beside Dato Lim Jock Hoi and Prof Nishimura, other notable speakers who shared their perspectives about the decorated career of Dr Surin, included former Director-General of the World Trade Organisation and UNCTAD, Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi; Vice Chairman of the Habibie Center, Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar; former Foreign Secretary of the Phili-
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Dr Surin’s leadership is acknowledged as a memorable part of ASEAN’s journey and one that has significantly influenced the organisation’s international renown. The tribute forum hopes to carry on Dr Surin’s spirit and enthusiasm in creating a unified and peaceful ASEAN as the regional organisation forge ahead with the next phase of regional integration.

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in cooperation with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) Office in Japan and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan held the 2nd World Tsunami Museum Conference 2018 on 30 November 2018.

Special Advisor to the President of ERIA Prof Akiko Yamanaka attended the event, which was held in the Tokyo National Museum Auditorium. The participants discussed ways to keep memories and lessons alive and passing them down for future generation. They focused on ‘chronological perspective’, based on the fact that this year marked the 25th year since the Hokkaido-nansei-oki Earthquake in 1993. In her remarks, Prof Yamanaka stated that Tsunami museums would play a noble role in keeping the memories of disasters and handing them over to the next generation.

ERIA invited Ms Hafnidar, Head of the Aceh Tsunami Museum (Indonesia), Ms Feng Zhengbi, Director of 5.12 Wenchuan Earthquake Memorial Museum Management Center (China), and Mr Ricardo Toro Tassara, National Director of National Office of Emergency of the Interior Ministry (Chile) as speakers to share their experience and perspectives.

Ms Hafnidar and Ms Feng talked about ‘How should disasters and threats of tsunami be recorded and communicated?’ based on their activities in each museum. Both of them emphasised the importance of providing opportunities for education on tsunami and disaster to young
The researchers focused on ASEAN due to the extensive regional development occurring among its Member-States. Further, many ASEAN countries are also experiencing rapid urbanisation in its capital cities thus bringing about urban problems. These issues can generate social issues for ASEAN countries, therefore, Dr Murai believes that ‘it is essential to establish an effective development strategy on city management.’

A proposed solution by Prof Maeda and Dr Murai is to counter urbanisation-related problems by turning to ICT. This is namely because the data analysis function associated with ICT usage helps to push for a more efficient infra-

ERIA Hosts ASEAN-focused Special Lecture on New City Management

ERIA’s Economist, Dr Masahito Ambashi moderated ‘The Strategic Perspective of New City Management for ASEAN’ special lecture on Tuesday, 4 December 2018 at ERIA’s Annex Office in Jakarta. The lecture sought to introduce a ‘human-centred design’ (HCD) to city planning for ASEAN countries through the utilisation of information and communication technology (ICT).

Centre President of Epistemic Research Institute of Social Ethics (ERISE), Prof Mitsuhiro Maeda as well as Senior Researcher of ERISE, Dr Jun Murai presented their research findings on the future of ASEAN’s city management. The researchers focused on ASEAN due to the extensive regional development occurring among its Member-States. Further, many ASEAN countries are also experiencing rapid urbanisation in its capital cities thus bringing about urban problems. These
-structure investment, the researchers argued that ICT incorporation into city planning can accelerate the process. Dr Trina Fizzanty from the Indonesian Institute of Sciences argued that ICT adoption in city management is particularly sensible for Indonesia considering the continuous uptick of smartphone and internet users nationwide.

Prof Maeda and Dr Murai's research findings indicated that the construction of HCD city planning in ASEAN countries would enable a 'leapfrog type development'; the term referring to a country's ability to continue moving up the four infrastructure stages without having to undergo the standard stage-by-stage progression. Mostly, the strategic implementation of HCD city planning would support sustainability efforts and possess the hope of better responding to rapid development issues that developed countries such as Japan are currently experiencing.

Prof Maeda is also a Professor at the Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology (AIIT) with research interests in international relations, development finance, and financial geopolitics.

Dr Murai earned his PhD in Labour Management from Tokyo’s Nihon University while his research interests include city management, business administration, and work-style analysis.
Call for Papers

Innovations and Experiences in Financing Disaster Risk Managements

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) invites submissions of original unpublished papers on financing innovations for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and climate change adaptation (CCA): how it evolved, where it is headed, what they have in common, and what their differences are.

Selected papers will be published in an edited book or special journal issue, which will highlight DRR and CCA trends in ASEAN and East Asia, and how they can be accelerated by innovative financing pathways. As different countries have taken different paths, a regional framework called the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) has evolved, setting the foundation for regional cooperation, coordination, technical assistance, and resource mobilisation in all aspects of DRR.

The papers may deal with, but not limited to, the following:

- How can the region shift the financing balance towards more support for pre-disaster activities such as Business Continuity Plans (BCP) and Adaptation Road Maps (ARM)?
- What lessons can be learned from recent experiences in financing CCA and DRR in ASEAN member countries?
- How can the incentives be provided for community involvement in financing DRM and CCA?
- Which innovative and regionally coordinated efforts will help AADMER target agenda?
- How can weather index-based crop insurance schemes help achieve food security against natural disasters?

Selected papers will be presented at an international workshop in April 2019. The seminar, with other invited papers, will analyse the regional level innovations in DRR and CCA, as well as their impact on and risks posed to economic growth strategies, and strengthening resilience in the interconnected economies of Asia. The objective is to provide lessons learned and to recommend policies for ASEAN and the rest of the world. ERIA will cover participation costs for one presenter of each accepted paper.

Abstracts (500 words) must be submitted no later than 15 February 2019 as a Microsoft Word document containing the title, name, and affiliation of the author(s), contact information, and appropriate keywords. However, early applications with a full paper are preferred. Only papers written in English will be considered. All the authors of selected papers should be within the age limit of 35 years. A full draft paper is expected to be submitted by 30 April 2019. (Date and place of the seminar will be announced later)

Submissions of the abstracts and papers with brief author bios should be e-mailed to dian.lutfiana@eria.org.
Report of Project 2045 For ‘Joint Partnership’ towards Our Common Future: A Joint Project of Two Maritime Democracies

By United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East ASIA

The Report of ‘Project 2045: The Path to Peaceful and Prosperous Indonesian in 2045’ sets out the future cooperation between Japan and Indonesia on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their bilateral diplomatic relationship. With funding from the Government of Japan, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP Indonesia) and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East (ERIA) have been implementing this project over a period of one year. Experts from Indonesia and Japan have analysed the development path of their respective countries and have identified options that can contribute to further building a peaceful and prosperous Indonesia. They have three main goals: to uphold democracy and become maritime global players; to rank amongst the world’s top five economies; and to achieve high quality of life beyond SDG 2030. The strategy developed to address the above mentioned development challenges is expected to contribute to meeting the common targets that Indonesia and Japan have set on the occasion of the commemoration of 100 years of Indonesian independence in 2045. This report briefly discusses pathways to reach the target of 10 challenges identified by the Executive Committee of Project 2045. The study points out the complementarity of the two countries and the importance of their cooperation to fully realise their growth potential.

Project 2045 Executive Summary Indonesia - Japan 2045: A Joint Project of Two Maritime Democracies

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The Executive Summary of ‘Our Common Future: A Joint Project of Two Maritime Democracies’ is projecting the bilateral relationship between Japan and Indonesia with three main goals: first, to uphold democracy and become maritime global players; second, to rank amongst the world’s top five economies; and third, to achieve high quality of life beyond SDG 2030. The strategy developed to address the above mentioned development challenges is expected to contribute to meeting the common targets that Indonesia and Japan have set on the occasion of the commemoration of 100 years of Indonesian independence in 2045. This summary discusses pathways to reaching the target of 10 challenges identified by the Executive Committee of Project 2045. The experts believe that to achieve these targets, the quality of human capital and the advancement of digital technology must be prioritised, the resilience to natural disaster improved, and connectivity enhanced.
The European Union is hosting the 12th ASEM Summit in Brussels on 18-19 October, 2018, where the ASEM leaders will meet under the theme of “Global Partners for Global Challenges” to chart ASEM’s common response to global challenges. Leaders will also take stock of Asia – Europe cooperation and connectivity mechanisms and their contribution towards realisation of global development programmes.

Building on ASEM leaders’ resolve for sharing common goals and objectives of important global partnerships and cooperation programmes that add value to ASEM’s vision of connectivity, the “Brussels Report on Strengthening Asia Europe Connectivity: Drawing Synergy from Global Development and Governance Programmes” draws out Asia and Europe’s contribution towards the goals and objectives of important global partnerships and cooperation programmes. The Report suggests pathways for ASEM connectivity mechanisms to contribute to the global development programmes and to draw synergy for ASEM connectivity from the progress made in realizing the developmental goals. The Brussels Report brings out the importance of ASEM’s Voice in global development and governance programmes, and its important role in sustaining the spirit of consensus and multilateralism in global governance. The Brussels Report draws out the interlinkages that will help ASEM to fulfil these roles, strengthen ASEM connectivity across all its three pillars and also facilitate the tasks of ASEM Pathfinders Group on Connectivity.

The book provides theoretical and empirical evidence on how world trade evolves, how trade affects resource allocation, how trade competition affects productivity, how China shock affects world trade and how trade affects large and small countries. It is a useful reference which focuses on new approaches to international trade by looking into country-specific as well as firm-product level-specific cases.

Upcoming Events

The Asia Cosmopolitan Awards & Nara Forum 2019
Date: 10 January 2019
Venue: Nara, Japan

Editorial Meeting of Measuring the Readiness for Industry 4.0 for Circular Economy
Date: 12-13 January 2019
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Cities, Urban Amenities and Global Production Value Chain: New Developments in Trade and Services Liberalization in East Asia and ASEAN
Date: 2-3 February 2019
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Ways Forward to Develop Industrial Parks and Special Economic Zones in Lao PDR
Date: 8 February 2019
Venue: Vientiane, Lao PDR

The Second Workshop of Collaborative Research Project between ERIA and IDE-JETRO on ‘Human Resources for Health and Elderly Care in Asia’
Date: 11 February 2019
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

The Second Workshop of Microdata Fiscal Year 2018
Date: 22-23 February 2019
Venue: Bali, Indonesia

Why Think Tanks Matter Event
Date: TBC
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

About Us

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) is an international organisation based in Jakarta, Indonesia that conducts in-dept research on issues facing the people and governments of ASEAN and East Asia.

ERIA works closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and research institutes from across East Asia and beyond to provide innovative and analytical research and policy recommendations. Our projects are organised under three research pillars:

- Deepening Economic Integration
- Narrowing Development Gaps
- Achieving Sustainable Development