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ERIA’s President Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura provided a brief overview of ERIA’s recent collaboration with OECD, which was the revised ASEAN SME Policy Index 2018. In addition, he requested further support from several Japanese ministries, namely the Cabinet Office; Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; Ministry of the Environment; Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare; and Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. The support of the ministries is important for the continuity of research studies for ASEAN in various fields such as trade, infrastructure,
population ageing, digital economy, energy, and environmental issues. Prof Nishimura provided examples of ERIA’s research projects conducted in cooperation with the government of several countries, namely the ASEAN@50 Project in 2017 with the Philippines, 2045 Project in 2018 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Japan-Indonesia diplomatic relations, and ASEAN Vision 2040 this year with Thailand.

Mr Angel Gurria, the Secretary-General of OECD, expressed his appreciation for the continuous support from Japanese Parliamentarians lead by H.E. Mr Toshihiro Nikai, the Secretary-General of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan (LDP) and the Chairman of both Parliamentary Leagues for ERIA and OECD. He also mentioned that ERIA and OECD would continue the programmes regarding good regulatory practice (GRP), sustainable infrastructure, and regional programmes.

Mr Kenji Yamada, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mr Yoshihiro Seki, State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry; and Mr Tsukasa Akimoto, State Minister of the Environment, delivered their remarks on behalf of the ministries. They stated the ministries’ appreciation for ERIA and OECD’s contributions in the various fields and they pledged the ministries’ support for further collaboration and for the development of the world economy in the future.

In his closing remarks, H.E. Mr Toshihiro Nikai said that not only the LDP, but the Japanese Government also has to support ERIA and OECD in recognition of Prof Nishimura and Mr Gurria’s past achievements.

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- Mr Yasuhisa Shiozaki, Deputy Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA
- Mr Motoo Hayashi, Vice Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA and Vice Secretary General of Parliamentary League for OECD
- Mr Naokazu Takemoto, Vice Secretary General of Parliamentary League for OECD
- Mr Tsuyoshi Yamaguchi, Vice Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA
- Mr Teru Fukui, Deputy Secretary General of Parliamentary League for ERIA
- Mr Masaaki Tanai, Vice Secretary General of Parliamentary League for ERIA
- Mr Yosuke Tsuruho, Secretary of Parliamentary League for ERIA and Vice Secretary General of Parliamentary League for OECD
- Mr Tadahiko Ito, Vice Secretary of Parliamentary League for ERIA and Secretary of Parliamentary League for OECD
- Mr Hirofumi Kado, Vice Secretary of Parliamentary League for OECD
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ERIA and Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly launch ASEAN Vision 2040

BANGKOK, 29 April 2019—ERIA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand jointly launched the report titled ‘ASEAN Vision 2040: Towards a Bolder and Stronger ASEAN’, which examines future challenges facing ASEAN in the next two decades.

The Deputy Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Thani Thongpakdee, welcomed the four-volume report in his opening speech on behalf of Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Don Pramudwinai.

Thani said that he was pleased that many of Thailand’s priority deliverables for the 2019 ASEAN Chairmanship coincide with the recommendations of ASEAN Vision 2040, particularly the aspirations to advance towards a Sustainable ASEAN, a Digital and Green ASEAN as well as a Seamless ASEAN.

The study was commissioned by Thailand to examine challenges ASEAN will face in the next two decades. ERIA invited 60 regional experts and specialists to work on this important report. Thailand, as the current chairmanship of ASEAN, has adopted the theme, ‘Advancing Partnership for Sustainability.’

Izuru Kobayashi, Chief Operating Officer of ERIA, stated that it was a great honor to collaborate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in developing a base document for ASEAN to produce its Vision 2040, the vision for the next two decades that will address the uncertainties of geopolitical, geo-economic and technological landscapes in the coming twenty years.

According to the report, by 2040, ASEAN will be among the top four economies in the world together with the US, China, and India. However, at the same time, ASEAN will face intense competition in terms of technological capability, skilled manpower, and scientific and engineering talent especially compared to China and India.

Kobayashi added that the next two decades will see the acceleration of digital transformation and the Fourth Industrial Revolution. In order to meet these challenges, ASEAN needs proactive and clear strategies to step boldly forward.

He also highlighted seven recommendations in the report. First, ensuring ASEAN Centrality, for a common diplomatic stance and as the driver of the principle of collective leadership; Second, digital ASEAN, promoting an adaptive and
ERIA Hosts Workshop on CADP 3.0 Infrastructure Projects

Since the initial launch of CADP 1.0 in 2010, it has become a highly-important and oft-referred document by ASEAN government leaders and industry experts.

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) conducted a workshop on Southeast Asia’s infrastructure projects and its progress, as part of the upcoming Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) 3.0 project.

Prominent experts from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations’ (ASEAN) public sector as well as leading think tanks attended the workshop, which was led by ERIA’s Senior Policy Advisor, Mr Takafuli Fujisawa and ERIA’s Economist, Dr Masahito Ambashi. The participants also discussed issues surrounding infrastructure projects in every Southeast Asian country. The input and ideas provided during the event facilitates the completion of the CADP 3.0.

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concept in 2017.

Although ASEAN Member States are at different phases of their infrastructure development, workshop participants remain confident in enhancing their regional connectivity. The aim of such effort is to further push for industrialisation and economic growth in ASEAN. As of 2018, 56% of the infrastructure projects listed in CADP 2.0 have either been completed or nearing completion. This infrastructure advancement made by ASEAN between 2015-2018 indicated the region’s affirmation in creating a strong industry and achieving robust connectivity. Following on from the workshop, ERIA will soon begin accepting and selecting infrastructure project proposals by ASEAN Member-States due to be included in CADP 3.0.

### ERIA Hosts Special Lecture on Ageing and Health in ASEAN Countries

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) hosted a special lecture with Nihon University’s Prof Yasuhiko Saito on the ‘Longitudinal Study of Ageing and Health in ASEAN Countries’ on 4 April 2019 at ERIA’s Annex Office in Jakarta.

The lecture is part of an ongoing project examining the wellbeing of the elderly population in Viet Nam and the Philippines. Moreover, the research assesses health expectancy of the elderly, referring to several measures of population health including mortality and morbidity.

As a researcher specialising in health expectancy, Prof Saito has garnered immense experience having worked on health- and ageing-related research projects in Japan, Singapore, and India. To complete the research, Prof Saito is working with ERIA’s Special Advisor on Healthcare & Long Term Care Policy Dr Osuke Komazawa, University of the Philippines Population Institute’s Dr Grace Cruz as well as Viet Nam’s Institute of Population, Health, and Development’s Dr Nguyen Cong Vu.

In applying their longitudinal study research method, the preliminary findings indicate that a higher GDP in the Philippines does not lead to higher life expectancy, which is at 69.32 years (2015); in contrast, Viet Nam has a higher life expectancy of 76.56 years although it has a lower GDP than the Philippines (2015). Additional findings point to signs of a changing health expectancy that are influenced by factors such as inter-
generation support, gait speed, and a history of falling. The final report of the study is due to be released this upcoming June 2019 by ERIA.

While advanced economies are still finding solutions to counter population ageing, developing countries—including those in ASEAN—are facing a bigger problem. Societies in emerging economies are experiencing rapid population ageing even though they have not achieved the status of advanced economic development. This notion thus underlines the importance of early planning ahead of the ageing population boom so as to support policymaking decisions that can aid in overcoming such future hurdles.

**ERIA Co-host the 7th International Conference for Universal Design 2019**

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), in partnership with International Association for Universal Design (IAUD) and King Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL) Thailand, co-hosted the 7th International Conference for Universal Design in Bangkok, 4-6 March 2019.

This year’s conference was the first that was held outside of Japan for the first time after 16 years and six series of this conference were held in several cities around Japan. With the theme ‘Toward Sustainable Development through Universal Design’, this conference was mostly attended by academics and people who are engaged in various organisations and institutions in charge of universal design from Asia, America, and Europe.

On the first day, a video message from the Prime Minister of Japan H.E. Shinzo Abe officially started the opening ceremony, following the remarks by the Privy Councilor of King Vajiralongkorn and the former Prime Minister of Thailand H.E. Surayud Chulanont.

In his video message, Prime Minister Abe expressed his heartfelt respect to people who are making valuable efforts on a daily basis to create society in which the humanity of every individuals is respected and all people can live comfortably, including the elderly, people with disabilities, and people from other nations with different languages and daily customs.

‘Next year, Japan will take the opportunity to hold 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, to achieve a cohesive society in which all people can participate’.
Olympic and Paralympic Games, to achieve a cohesive society in which all people can participate. Japan will promote town planning aligned with universal design principles, create a world-leading barrier-free society,’ he added. He hoped that all participants can engage in meaningful dialogues and mutual exchanges towards the shared goals of realising a sustainable universal society.

Special Advisor to the President of ERIA, Prof Akiko Yamanaka attended this event as a member of the organising committee. In her opening remarks, Prof Yamanaka invited the audience to work together for a more stable and peaceful work.

Another welcome speech came from the President of King Mongkut’s Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL). On behalf of KMITL, Mr Suchatvee Suwansawat said that this conference was held to celebrate the solidarity of universal design work and to maintain that strength for collective development in creating inclusive society. With continuance of the collaboration among the stakeholders, it could eliminate inequality and leave no one behind in the age of distraction.

After the opening ceremony, Prof Yamanaka delivered keynote speech at the open symposium session. Prof Yamanaka talked about Social Resilience: From Human Beings to Infrastructure. She highlighted her presentation in some points related to Diplomacy, Natural Disaster, Human Development, UN Conference for Women, and World Peace.

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‘Natural and human-induced disaster prevention should be based on the same principles as preventive diplomacy,’ said Prof Yamanaka, while also mentioning a Japanese saying ‘be prepared and you will have no regret.’ Talking about the relationship between disaster and infrastructure, she said, ‘to mitigate disaster, infrastructure will be needed by human, but it should be reviewed based on its function and purpose. Moreover, infrastructure should be designed to serve many purposes based on development plans of communities, villages, town, and cities, supported by adequate budget from Government.’ In the last part of her presentation, Prof Yamanaka emphasised that people can make a difference in their lives, regardless of their race, religion, or nationality, by providing education, lifelines, and infrastructure support.

On the second day of this conference, Senior Advisor for the President of ERIA for Healthcare and Long-term Care Policy, Dr Osuke Komazawa presented a topic about Universal Design related to Aged Society 1 entitled Population Aging, Sustainable Development Goals, and Asia Health Wellbeing Initiative. During his presentation, Dr Komazawa shared information about Asia Health Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN) which was launched by the Government of Japan in 2016, to promote regional cooperation that fosters sustainable and self-reliant healthcare systems in Asia. Since 2017, ERIA, under the Healthcare Unit, has conducted some research projects on population ageing in response to the launch of AHWIN. ‘Population ageing is really the success of the humanity. We have the responsibility to find the way to reap the dividend of extra years of lives,’ said Dr Komazawa in closing.

At the closing ceremony on the third day of the conference, the Chair of Executive Committee of IAUD Mr Satoshi Kose read the Conference Declaration. One point of the Declaration stated that the conference will expand new links and networks in Asian countries and with other parts of the world, as well as lead people to richer dialogues to create societies for all based on celebrating human diversity. The working sessions showed that Universal Design has a fundamental role to play in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.
ERIA Holds 11th Academic Advisory Council Meeting

The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) held this year’s Academic Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting in its Jakarta office on 5 April 2019. The meeting was chaired by Dr Hank Lim, the Chairperson of AAC and Senior Research Fellow in the Singapore Institute of International Affairs.

The Council is composed of internationally renowned East Asia Summit countries’ scholars and experts from universities, research institutions, the private sector, international organisations and non-governmental organisations. It provides advice and support to the Office of the President on the annual work programme, research outcome, and the performance of researchers.

The AAC members in attendance were Prof Dr Peter Drysdale (Emeritus Professor, Crawford School of Economics and Government, Australia), Prof Gary Hawke (Emeritus Professor, Victoria University of Wellington, and Senior Fellow, NZ Institute of Economic Research, New Zealand), Prof Kyoji Fukao (President of the Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organization), Prof Zhang Yuyan (Director, Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEPI), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)), and Mr Pravin Kumar Agarwal (Director of The Energy and Resource Institute, India).

In his opening remarks, Dr Hank Lim mentioned that over the years ERIA has ‘progressively moved up’ on the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report (GGTTI) conducted by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTSCSP) at the University of Pennsylvania. ERIA was ranked number 14 globally in the category of International Economics Policy Think Tanks, up from number 24 last year. Dr Lim said that there were other categories in which ERIA has the potentials to rank higher and he called on the members of AAC to provide their support and advice.

Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura, President of ERIA, provided a brief overview on ERIA’s activities in FY 2018. On the area of economic research, ERIA together with the OECD and the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (ACCMSME), supported by the Government of Canada, officially launched the ASEAN SME Policy Index (ASPI) 2018 in September 2018. ‘The ASPI 2018 maps and benchmarks SME development policies across ASEAN Member States,’ said Prof Nishimura. He also mentioned the joint feasibility studies of the ASEAN–Canada FTA, the work of ERIA’s Policy Design Department related to trade and investment issues, and various energy-related issues.

Moreover, Prof Nishimura mentioned...
ERIA Hosts Special Lecture on Migration by Pew Research Center Researcher

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The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) hosted a lecture by Dr Neil Ruiz from the Pew Research on ‘Trends and Attitudes towards International Migration’ on 18 April 2019.

‘Pew Research Center is a non-partisan, non advocacy fact tank. It’s a very unique organisation because we don’t make any policy recommendations. All our money comes from the $6 billion endowment from the Pew Charitable Trust. They are a family that makes money from oil but now they just really believe in facts,’ said Dr Ruiz as he began the lecture.

‘Facts have been politically charged
lately, especially in the United States, but we still believe that facts exist. One thing that we do, we do a lot of public opinion polling in the US and around the world, we also do demographic work, a lot of innovation and data, looking at big data, administrative data, census data, all sorts of data that we do like to take a look and analyse,’ he added.

Dr Ruiz went on to describe the findings of their research on international migration. One of the findings showed that people in Indonesia (75% of the people surveyed) and the Philippines (69% of the people surveyed) are significantly more optimistic about their children’s future compared to people in other countries, believing that their children will be better off financially than them. However, there are 15% of the people surveyed in the Philippines who stated that they plan to move to another country sometime in the next five years, while there are only 2% of Indonesians surveyed who stated their plan to move.

For many people in ASEAN and East Asia countries, such as the Philippines, India, Japan, Indonesia, and South Korea, outmigration is a big problem. These countries suffered from a phenomenon called brain drain, where high-skilled people left their countries to seek for better paying jobs in other countries.

Dr Ruiz also talked about the rise of foreign students in the US. Five countries from ASEAN and East Asia are among the top countries of citizenship of US foreign students in 2016: China (108,000), India (66,000), South Korea (21,000), Viet Nam (9,000), and Japan (6,000). Furthermore, nearly three quarters of the 1.5 million foreign student graduates under the Optional Practical Training (OPT) programme in the US between 2004 to 2016 were from Asia. Around 30% of the graduates on OPT came from India, 21% from China, 6% from South Korea, and 3% from Japan.

Following Dr Ruiz’s presentation, ERIA’s Senior Economist Dr Ponciano S. Intal, Jr opened the Q and A session, which turned into a lively discussion due to the interesting subject matter.
Cambodia Basic Energy Plan
Prepared by Ministry of Mines and Energy of Cambodia, and supported by ERIA

The Cambodia Basic Energy Plan is the first ever publication of energy policy targets with numerical values, as much as possible, for each energy field such as oil, electricity supply, renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy security, and the energy outlook. This basic energy plan applies a common approach to analysing each energy field including current issues and establishing the appropriate targets for solving the issues, and provides action plans, polices, and roadmaps for achieving those targets. The plan aims for energy supply to Cambodia with affordability and accessibility, and it provides suggestions for creating a transparent energy market. The plan sets out many medium-term targets. These targets will need to be reviewed every 5 years after the government’s implementation of programmes and actions aimed at achieving the targets set.

Myanmar Energy Statistics 2019
Prepared by Ministry of Electricity and Energy of the Union of Myanmar, and supported by ERIA

Insufficient information and inadequate capacity to carry out comprehensive energy planning are identified as the main contributing factors to the current circumstances of the energy sector in The Republic of the Union of Myanmar. To help overcome these constraints, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy (MEE) requested technical support from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). ERIA’s president responded very positively to Myanmar’s request, and ERIA has deployed technical staff and expertise to support staff of the Oil and Gas Planning Department (OGPD) of the MEE with data collection and analysis for the formulation of this ‘Myanmar Energy Statistics 2019’.

This project and publication have greatly enhanced energy policy planning in Myanmar. To ensure the sustainability of the Project, the OGPD will establish a systematic collection of energy data from the electricity sector, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise, and other related sectors, so energy data and statistics can continue to be published. Having good energy statistics will allow Myanmar to contribute to and share data with ASEAN, International Energy Agency, Joint Organization Data Initiative (JODI), and other international forums and organisations.
Upcoming Events


Date: 5-6 May 2019
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Validation Workshop on Good Regulatory Practice in Manila ‘Baseline Study on Regulatory Management Systems (RMS)’

Date: 6-7 May 2019
Venue: Manila, Philippines

Workshop on E-Commerce for Trade Negotiators of Lao PDR

Date: 9-10 May 2019
Venue: Vientiane, Lao PDR

Socialisation Workshop on Good Regulatory Practice in Malaysia ‘Baseline Study on Regulatory Management Systems (RMS)’

Date: 16 May 2019
Venue: Hanoi, Viet Nam

ERIA Special Lecture on ‘Fukushima and its aftermath’ by Mr. Naomi Hirose, Executive Vice Chairman of Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)

Date: 16 May 2019
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

Validation Workshop on Good Regulatory Practice in Brunei Darussalam ‘Baseline Study on Regulatory Management Systems (RMS)’

Date: 21 May 2019
Venue: Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

The 12th ERIA Governing Board Meeting

Date: 22-23 May 2019
Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia

PTIT Special Public Seminar : ‘Hydrogen : A Potential Energy Source – Supply & Demand Outlook to 2040’

Date: 30 May 2019
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

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