



The Progress Report

(ERIA: Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)

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1. The Progress of ERIA's Establishment & its Organization

History of East Asian Economic Integration ①

1967 Establishment of ASEAN

1976 1st ASEAN Summit

Bali Concord was adopted.

1985 Plaza Accord

1989 Establishment of APEC

1992 Establishment of AFTA

1995 Establishment of WTO

1996 Establishment of ASEM

1997 1st ASEAN+3 Summit

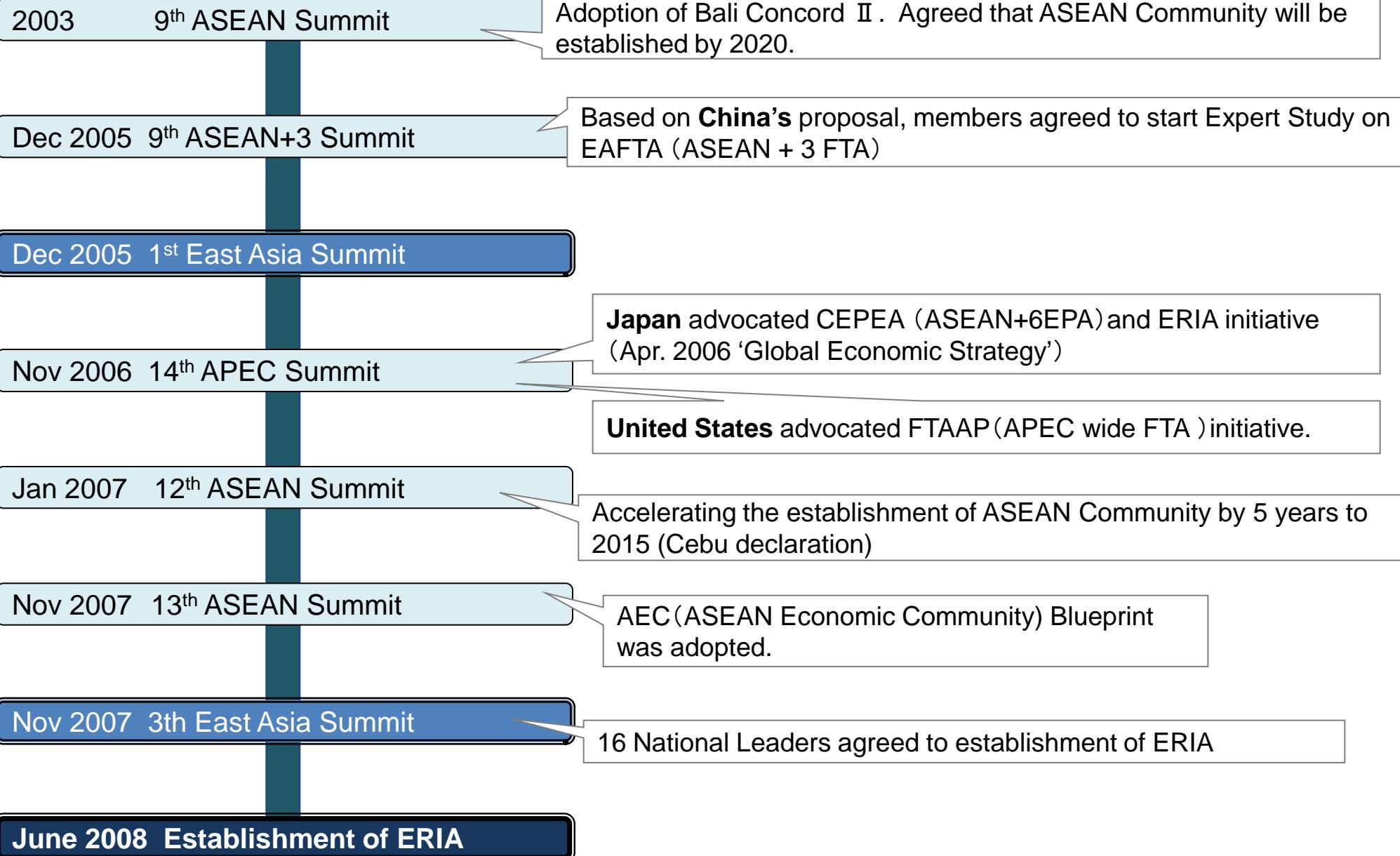
Financial Crisis in Asia(1997)

2001 5th ASEAN+3 Summit

Korean President Kim Dae Jun led the East Asian Vision Group, submitted a report and proposed the establishment of “East Asia Summit”.

2001 China's Accession to WTO

History of East Asian Economic Integration ②



History of East Asian Economic Integration ③

ERIA , ADB and ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) were encouraged to work together to prepare as soon as possible a coherent master plan.

Jun 2009 Joint Press Statement of the East Asia Summit on the Global Economic and Financial Crisis

Aug 2009 41st ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Meeting

ERIA is tasked out on AEC Scorecard Phase 1.

Oct. 2009 15th ASEAN /4th East Asia Summit

ASEC, ERIA, ADB, UN ESCAP and other relevant organizations were asked to develop an ASEAN Master Plan on regional connectivity ASEAN. ERIA is encouraged to accelerate the completion of Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP).

Aug. 2010 4th AEC Council (42nd AEM Meeting)

ERIA is tasked out on Report of Mid-term Review (MTR) of AEC Blue Print.

Oct.2010 17th ASEAN/5th East Asia Summit

Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) was endorsed. ERIA submitted the CADP report and its completion was appreciated.

Aug. 2011 43rd ASEAN AEM Meeting

ERIA reported AEC Scorecard and MTR of AEC Blueprint.

Sep. 2011 5th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting

5 Task out

Nov. 2011 19th ASEAN/6th East Asia Summit

ERIA was encouraged to continuously provide support to the Summit activities as a Sherpa organization at 19th ASEAN Summit.

Aug. 2012 8th AEC Council, 1st East Asia Summit Economic Ministers Meeting

ERIA reported MTR of AEC Blueprint, decided its Executive Summary will be published.

Sep. 2012 6th East Asia Summit·20th ASEAN Energy Ministers Meeting

Proposals of 5 projects were appreciated.

Nov. 2012 21st ASEAN/7th East Asia Summit

Report of MTR of AEC Blueprint was welcomed. ERIA was encouraged for its continued support to the Summit activities as Sherpa organization at 7th EAS. RCEP negotiations were launched.

- The formal establishment of ERIA was agreed upon by all the leaders at the 3rd East Asia Summit.
(EAS: ASEAN, Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand)



Excerpt from Chairman's Statement of the 3rd East Asia Summit

13. We agreed to the establishment of the Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to be accommodated temporarily at the ASEAN Secretariat. We welcomed the report submitted to us by the Expert Group, which focuses on research topics of strategic interest to the EAS countries. We encouraged the Expert Group to continue its research work and we looked forward to practical policy recommendations to further regional integration and strengthen partnerships in East Asia.

- The inauguration was held at the ASEAN Secretariat. Attendees included board members nominated from 16 countries in East Asia. ERIA launched as a full fledged research activity body.

ERIA Governing Board Members



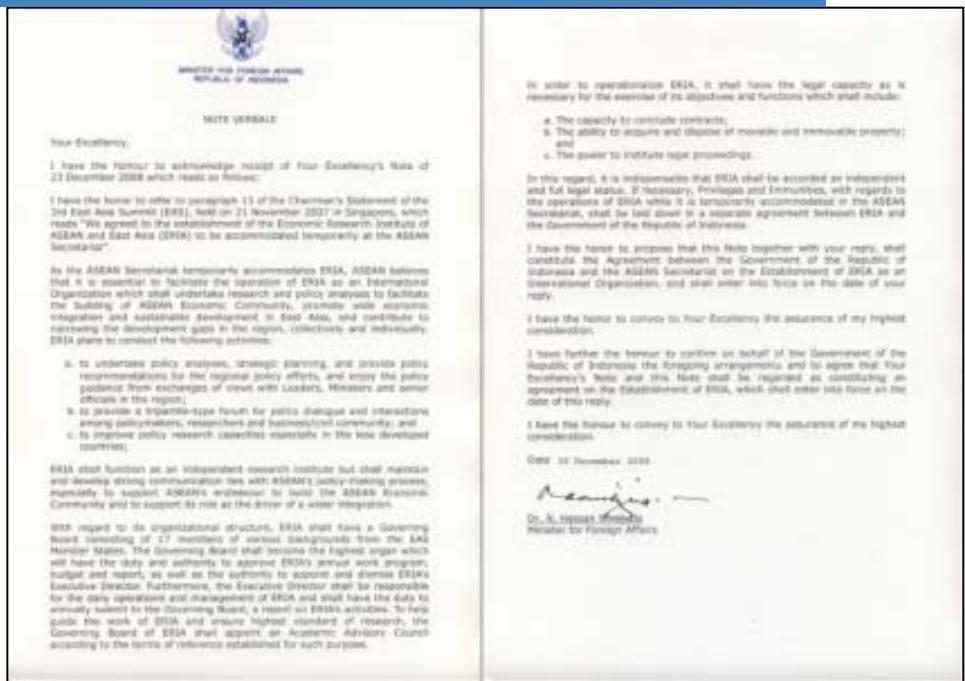
1st ERIA Governing Board Meeting, June 3rd, 2008

Statement on the Establishment of ERIA

1. The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) will be temporarily accommodated at the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. ERIA shall function as an independent research institute but shall maintain and develop strong communication ties with policy-making process. The results of its research works shall produce concrete and tangible policy recommendations that shall meet the needs of Ministerial and National Leader's meetings.
3. ERIA shall maintain its highest academic standards in its research activities and provide a tripartite-type forum for policy dialogue and interactions among researchers, policymakers, and civil society.
4. ERIA shall provide meaningful resources for narrowing development gaps and enhancing research capabilities in countries in need for improvement of public policy-making and research abilities.
5. ERIA shall function as a common asset to the ASEAN and East Asian countries in providing a common platform for rigorous economic studies, and its activities shall be open in cooperation with various prominent economic research institutions and organizations around the world, just as the East Asian economic integration shall be wide open.

- Following the agreement at the 3rd EAS meeting, formal agreement to endorse the status of ERIA as an International Organization was concluded on December 30, 2008 between the Indonesian Government and ASEAN Secretariat.
- Basis for Privileges and Immunities including Tax Exemption finalized.

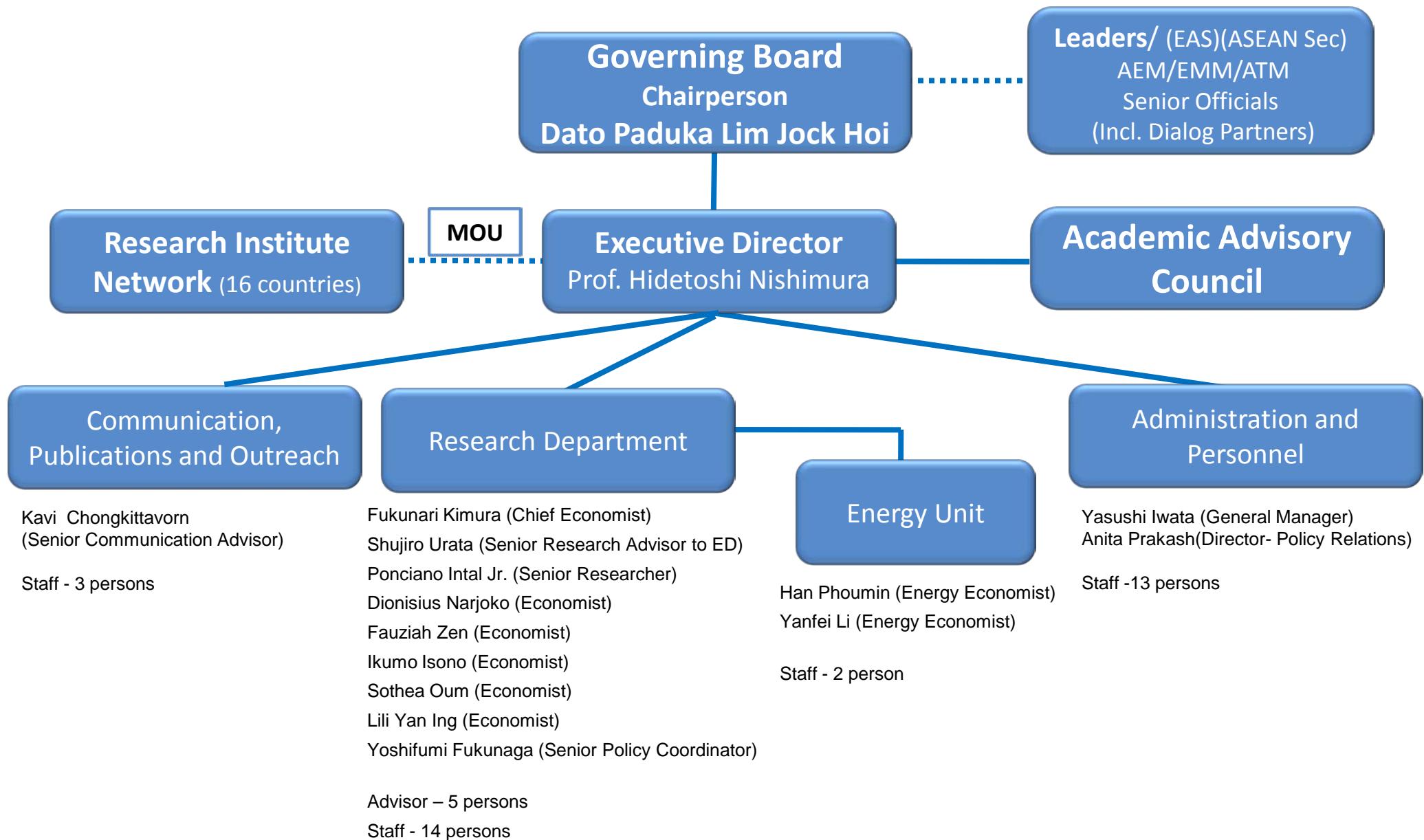
Exchange of Notes between the ASEAN Secretariat and the Indonesian Government



Note from the ASEAN Secretary General (Dec. 23, 2008)

Reply from Foreign Minister of Indonesia (Dec. 30, 2008)

Organizational Structure of ERIA



Governing Board Members

- The Governing Board is the Supreme Decision Making Body of ERIA.
- The Governing Board consists of 17 members, which includes the Secretary General of ASEAN and 16 other members (each representing a member country) from various backgrounds such as Academics, Policy Making and Business.

Brunei (Chairman)	Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Thailand	Ms. Srirat Rastapana	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand
Cambodia	H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron	Minister of Education, Youth, and Sports of Cambodia; Permanent Vice Chairman of the Supreme National Economic Council	Vietnam	Prof. Le Xuan Ba	President, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)
Indonesia	(Dr. Djunaedi Hadisumarto)	Advisor to the State Minister of National Development; Former Chairman of Bappenas	Australia	Dr. Stephen Grenville AO	Former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia
Laos	H.E. Mr. Bounthavy Sisouphanthong	Vice Minister of Planning and Investment	China	Professor Zhang Yunling	Professor of International Economics; Academy Member, Director of Academy Division for International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Malaysia	Tan Sri Datuk Asmat bin Kamaludin	Group Chairman, UMW Holdings Berhad; Former Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry	India	Dr. Rajiv Kumar	Senior Fellow, Center for Policy Research; former Secretary General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
Myanmar	Daw Lai Lai Thein	Deputy Minister, Planning Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	Japan	Mr. Fujio Mitarai	President and CEO of Canon Inc.
The Philippines	Dr. Ramon Millar Quesada	Chairman and CEO, Small Business Corporation, Department of Trade and Industry,	Korea	Mr. Suck Rai Cho	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Hyosung Corporation; Honorary Chairman, Federation of Korean Industries
Singapore	Ambassador Barry Desker	Dean, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies	New Zealand	Dr. John Wood	Pro Chancellor, University of Canterbury; Former Senior New Zealand Diplomat
			ASEAN Secretariat	H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh	Secretary General of ASEAN

Academic Advisory Members

- Academic Advisory Council is composed of a number of internationally renowned East Asia Summit countries' scholars and experts from universities, research institutions, the private sector, international organizations and non-governmental organizations.
- The council provides advice and support to the Office of the Executive Director on;
- ❖ Advices on the annual work program plan,
 - ❖ Review and evaluation of the research outcome,
 - ❖ Review and evaluation of the performance of researchers.

Prof. Peter Drysdale	Emeritus Professor Crawford School of Economics & Government, Australia
Mr. Pravin Kumar Agarwal	Director (HR) of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India
Dr. Takashi Shiraishi	President of The Institute of Developing Economies, The Council for Science Technology Policy, Japan
Encik Mohd. Radzuan bin Abdul Halim	Director of the Financial Mediation Bureau (FMB) (A Columnist and Writer), Malaysia
Prof. Dr. Hank Lim Giok-Hay (Chairman)	Senior Research Fellow of Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), Singapore
Prof. Gary Richard Hawke	Emeritus Professor; Former Head of School, School of Government, & Professor of Economic History, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
Prof. Zhang Yuyan	Director, Senior Fellow Institute of World Economics & Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, China

Research Institute Network from 16 countries

- The Research Institutes Network consists of research institutes from 16 East Asia Summit countries.
- MOU was signed between Research Institute Network(RIN), on February 24, 2009 in Thailand.
- RIN recognized the extensive efforts for carrying out a series of ERIA's research project.

MOU between Research Institute Network

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Economic Research Institute for Asia and East Asia
and the Research Institute Network

Economic Research Institute for Asia(AIEA) and the Research Institute Network (RIN), consisting of research institutes from sixteen countries as defined in Appendix I,

RECOGNIZING the extensive efforts by RIN for constructing ERIA's institutional arrangement and for carrying out a series of ERIA's joint research projects as great contributions to the successful establishment of ERIA;

Have reached an understanding as follows:

ERIA shall request RIN for continued cooperation in the following:

- To support ERIA's research activity through providing ERIA with country information and research findings from individual countries and giving advice to ERIA's research themes and policy recommendations
- To encourage the dissemination of ERIA's research outcome to policy-makers and political leaders who shall implement policy as well as opinion-leaders in the countries
- To support ERIA's capacity building programs
- While ERIA will seek the best available talent for its research activities, it will look especially for participants from within members of RIN.

RIN shall offer continued support and assistance to ERIA's activity based on aforementioned requests from ERIA.

For the purpose of supporting ERIA, RIN shall hold Research Institute Seminar Meeting (RISM) to collect information and exchange views. The RISM will elect a chairperson amongst its members for the term of two years.

ERIA English Research Center shall continue to undertake a role as an administrative office to manage RIN, including liaison and coordination among RIN members, and arrangement for RISM.

Singapore, February 28, 2009

Economic Research Institute for Asia(AIEA) and the Research Institute Network (RIN)

 
W. Ichimura
M. Hashimoto
Executive Director
Secretary General
Chairperson

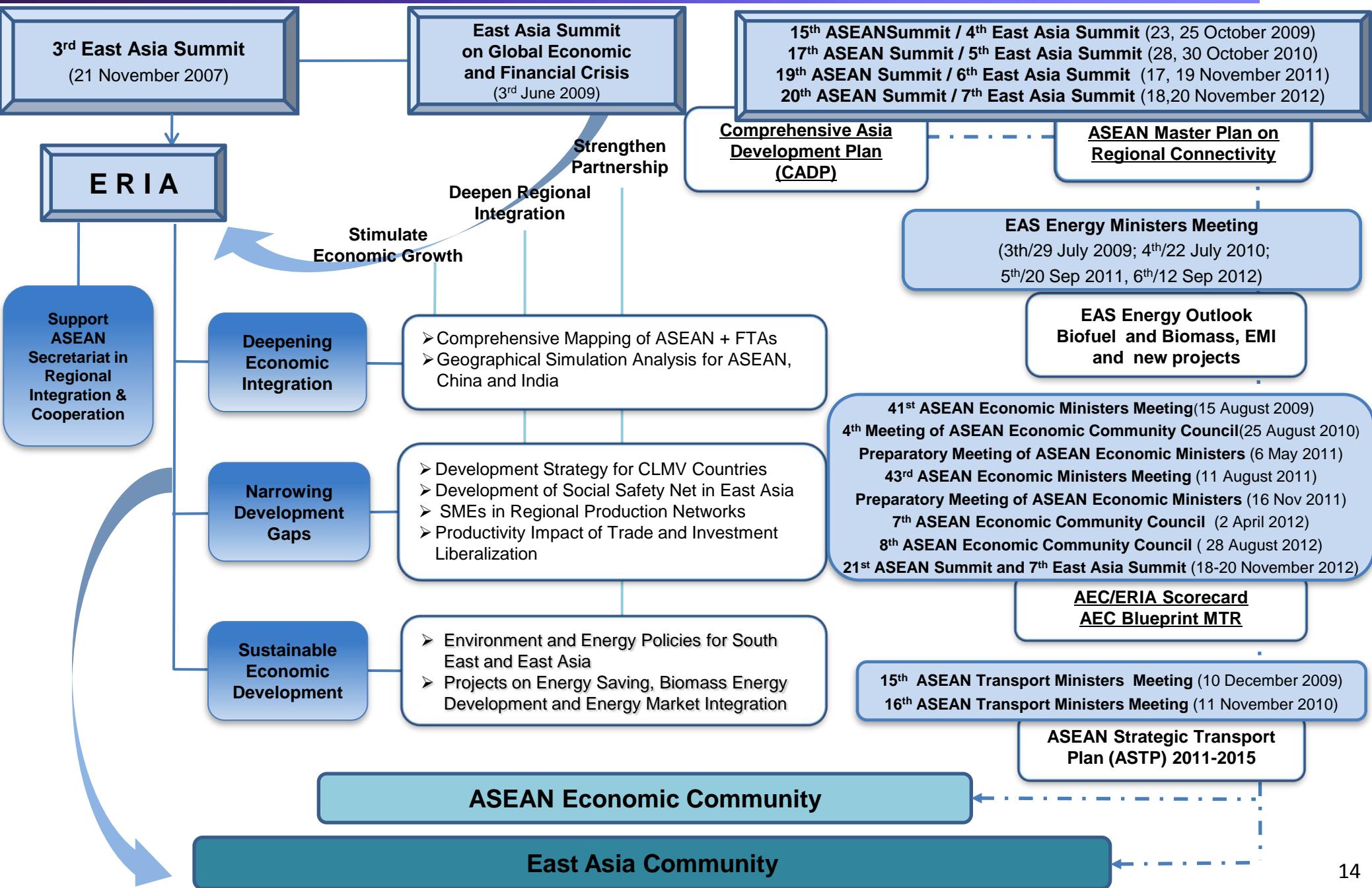
Appendix: List of the Research Institute Network members

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Australia	The Australia-Japan Research Council (AJRC), Crawford School of Economics and Government, The Australian National University
Brunei	Brunei Darussalam Institute of Policy & Strategic Studies (BDIPSS)
Cambodia	Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)
China	Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
India	Research and Information System for Developing Countries
Indonesia	Centre for Strategic and International Studies
Japan	Institute of Developing Economies-Japan External Trade Organization
Korea	Korea Institute for International Economic Policy
Latvia	National Economic Research Institute
Malaysia	Malaysian Institute of Economic Research
Myanmar	Yangon Institute of Economics
New Zealand	New Zealand Institute of Economic Research
Philippines	Philippine Institute for Development Studies
Singapore	Singapore Institute of International Affairs
Thailand	Thailand Development Research Institute
Vietnam	Central Institute for Economic Management

- Australia:** Australian National University (ANU),
- Brunei:** Brunei Darussalam Institute of Policy & Strategic Studies (BDIPSS)
- Cambodia:** Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP),
- China:** Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
- India:** Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS),
- Indonesia:** Centre for Strategic and International Studies(CSIS),
- Japan:** Institute of Developing Economies (IDE/JETRO)
- Korea:** Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP),
- Laos:** National Economic Research Institute (NERI)
- Malaysia:** Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER),
- Myanmar:** Yangon Institute of Economics (YIE),
- New Zealand:** New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER)
- Philippine:** Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS),
- Singapore:** Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)
- Thailand:** Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI),
- Vietnam:** Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)

ERIA's Mandate for Policy Research from East Asia Summit and ASEAN Summit

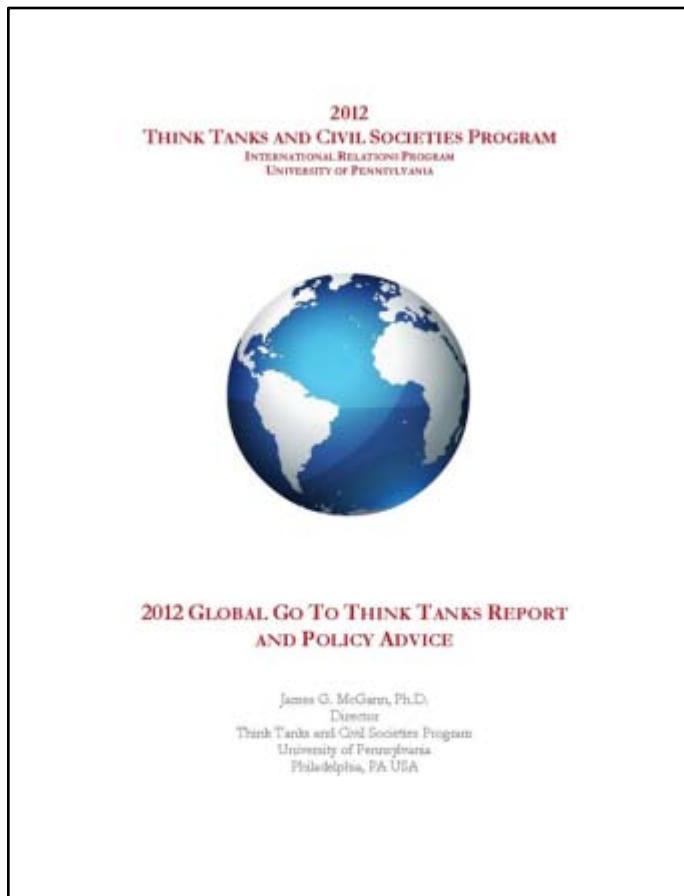


➤ Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, as the ASEAN Chair and the East Asia Summit (EAS) Coordinator, has been mandated by the EAS Leaders to issue Joint Press Statement of the East Asia Summit on the Global Economic and Financial Crisis.

8. They expressed determination to strengthen the region's growth potential and expand demand, including through accelerating basic infrastructure improvement, policies and measures for expanding domestic demand, assistance to the private sector in particular SMEs, and human resources development as well as advancing regional cooperation efforts, such as ASEAN integration, facilitation of trade and investment, promotion of subregion-wide development and promotion of people-to-people exchanges.
11. In order to promote sub-regional development, they encouraged the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), ADB and ASEAN Secretariat to work together to prepare as soon as possible a coherent master plan, which would contribute to coordinating, expediting, upgrading and expanding sub-regional initiatives and promoting private sector participation. In addition, they called upon ERIA to provide policy recommendation to **stimulate economic growth in the region, deepen regional integration and strengthen partnership in East Asia.**

THE GLOBAL GO TO THINK TANK REPORT 2012

- According to THE GLOBAL GO TO THINK TANK REPORT 2012, ERIA is ranked as a No. 28 among the Top 50 International Economic Policy Think Tanks Ranking. 6,603 think tanks from 182 countries were invited to participate in the process.



Top 50 International Economic Policy Think Tanks
Table # 18

1. Bruegel (Belgium)
2. Brookings Institution (United States)
3. Peterson Institute for International Economics (United States)
4. Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Germany)
5. Chatham House (United Kingdom)
6. American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research (AEI) (United States)
7. Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) (United States)
8. National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER) (United States)
9. RAND Corporation (United States)
10. Adam Smith Institute (United Kingdom)
11. Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) (United States)
12. Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy (BRIE) (United States)
13. Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO, RAS) (Russia)
14. Heritage Foundation (United States)
15. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (United States)
16. Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS) (Belgium)
17. Cato Institute (United States)
18. European Center for International Political Economy (ECIPE) (Belgium)
19. Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (Austria)
20. Korea Institute of International Economic Policies (KIEP) (Republic of Korea)
21. Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO) (Japan)
22. Fraser Institute (Canada)
23. Center for Global Development (CGD) (United States)
24. Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII) (France)
25. Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) (Australia)
26. Israel Center for Social and Economic Progress (Israel)
27. Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEPP, CASS) (China)
28. Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) (Indonesia)
29. Center for Independent Studies (Australia)
30. Center for Social and Economic Analysis (CASE) (Poland)
31. Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais (Brazil)
32. Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) (United States)
33. Ifo Institute for Economic Research (Germany)
34. Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM) (Turkey)
35. Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (Ethiopia)
36. African Economic Research Consortium (Kenya)
37. Razumkov Center (Ukraine)
38. Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales (CARI) (Argentina)
39. India Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) (India)

- In 2011 edition, ERIA is ranked as a No. 30 in the same ranking from 6,545 think tanks from 182 countries.

2. ERIA's Major Activities 2013-2011

- ERIA and Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia organized ERIA Capacity Building Seminar 2013 in Cambodia on RCEP, competition law, consumer protection, IPR "Strengthening Cambodia's Competitiveness in Regional Integration" in Phnom Penh from October 31 to November 1, 2013.
- A total of 300 Cambodian officials and representatives from private sectors and educational institutes attended the two-day seminar and the seminar discussed on the 4 topics above which are important issues in fulfilling the commitments for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015 and beyond and all countries of ASEAN have to address these issues.
- During the Seminar, H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister, Minsiter of Commerce, the Kingdom of Cambodia made welcome and closing remarks and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura made opening remarks.
- Prof. Nishimura said that competitiveness in ASEAN and East Asia is a critical driver of both prosperity and integration in this region as well as in enabling this region to become the growth center of the world.



October 21, 2013, Thailand

ERIA Executive Capacity Building Program "Executive Leaders Summit 2013 in Thailand

- ERIA organized the ERIA Executive Capacity Building Program "Executive Leaders Summit 2013 in Thailand", together with the Ministry of Commerce, the Kingdom of Thailand and supported by Bangkok Research Center (BRC), JETRO Bangkok was held in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, Thailand from October 21 to October 25, 2013. The program started with the Executive Capacity Building Seminar "Building Robust, Efficient and Value Creating Connectivity for Regional Development" in Bangkok, Thailand on October 21, 2013.
- Deputy Director Generals (DDGs) of various line Ministries of governments from Thailand and CLMV countries, who would become the key role players in the development of the region, were also invited to the program.
- In the Seminar, H. E. Niwatthumrong Boosongpaisarn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce, the Kingdom of Thailand, gave welcome remarks and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made opening remarks. H.E. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Former Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and H.E. Olarn Chairpravat, Thailand Trade Representative (TTR) made key note speeches. The seminar was closed by Prof. Yasuhiro Yamada, President, Bangkok Research Center, JETRO Bangkok. Ms. Srirat Rastapana, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand, Governor of ERIA, was also invited. Around 60 participants discussed regional issues of connectivity and regional development.



- The 23rd ASEAN Summit, the 8th East Asia Summit (EAS) and related summits were held in Brunei Darussalam on October 9-10, 2013.
- The ERIA's annual review of the CADP (Comprehensive Asia Development Plan) and the Outcomes and Recommendation of the UOB-ERIA-Harvard Symposium held on 14 September were distributed at the 8th EAS. The leaders attending the 8th EAS called on ERIA to continue its extensive research activities to promote economic integration of ASEAN and East Asia.
- On the occasion of the Summit, Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, met with H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia and several Ministers.



Chairman's Statement of the 23rd ASEAN Summit on October 9, 2013

ASEAN Economic Community

29. We were also pleased to note the continuing support of dialogue partners through various initiatives to promote SME development. In this regard, we welcomed the convening of the Universiti Brunei Darussalam-Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)-Harvard Symposium entitled "*SME Development and Innovation Towards a 'People-Centred' ASEAN Community*", held on 14 September 2013 in Brunei Darussalam.

32. We welcomed the progress of the work on integrating ASEAN into the global economy, particularly through the implementation of the ASEAN+1 FTAs, the on-going negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and preparations for the ASEAN-Hong Kong Free Trade Area (AHKFTA) negotiations. We were pleased to note that initiatives are being undertaken to make the existing FTAs more responsive to the needs of businesses and increase their utilisation.

ASEAN Connectivity

48. We recognised the importance of ensuring synergy and mutual reinforcement between sub-regional cooperation arrangements and the MPAC. We also welcomed the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee's (ACCC) engagement with dialogue partners, external parties as well as the private sector in the implementation of the MPAC. In this connection, we welcomed the outcomes of the 4th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium entitled "*Partnering Private Sector for ASEAN Connectivity*" held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on 27 August 2013 with the contribution of the ERIA.

Chairman's Statement of the 8th East Asia Summit on October 10, 2013

Energy

10. We welcomed the outcome of the 7th EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM) on 26 September 2013 in Bali, Indonesia, especially on the steady progress made in the implementation of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force (EAS ECTF) Work Plan 2012-2013 for the work streams of Energy Efficiency and Conservation; Biofuels for Transport and Other Purposes; and Energy Market Integration. We welcomed the establishment of the new and fourth work stream of the EAS ECTF namely "Renewable and Alternative Power Generation Work Stream", and congratulated Brunei Darussalam and the United States for initiating the comprehensive effort as one of the activities under the USACEP and the EAS ECTF.

11. We recognised the close collaboration of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), and other parties in conducting energy outlook studies for the Southeast Asia and the EAS regions. We welcomed publication of the Special Report on "Southeast Asia Energy Outlook" in connection with the IEA's 2013 edition of the World Energy Outlook (WEO 2013) that manifested a robust analysis on Southeast Asia's energy prospects.

Connectivity

32. We continued to welcome the ongoing efforts in mobilising financial and technical resources and the promotion of PPP. In this connection, we welcomed the outcomes of the 4th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium entitled "Partnering Private Sector for ASEAN Connectivity" held on 27 August 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, with the contribution of ERIA. In this regard, we also welcomed the initiative to hold the ASEAN-Japan 40th Anniversary Symposium, entitled "Partnering Private Sector for ASEAN Connectivity Part II" to be held in November 2013, as a follow-up to the 4th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium.

Trade and Economics

33. We recognised the necessity of strengthening economic relations among EAS participating countries and welcomed the outcomes of the EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting, held on 21 August 2013, in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

34. We also emphasised the importance of deepening economic integration through trade liberalisation initiatives such as RCEP aimed at narrowing the development gaps and maximising mutual benefits. In this regard, we appreciated analytical works and policy recommendations by the ERIA for maximising benefits of economic integration through coordinated cooperation among all EAS participating countries, and encouraged ERIA for its continued contribution to the region through its research and policy recommendations, including proposing a region-wide industrial cluster policy which will attain optimal production networks to further promote growth in ASEAN from a medium- and long- term perspective.

Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)

36. We welcomed the Statement of ERIA's 6th Governing Board Meeting issued on 4 May 2013, which expressed ERIA's strong will to formulate effective region-wide policy recommendations to achieve greater connectivity and to address the global issues, and anticipates closer communication with policy makers. We also commended ERIA's activities in various fields such as Small and Medium Enterprises (SME), Energy, as well as on Connectivity including the Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision and in this regard, encouraged ERIA to continue its support to the ASEAN and EAS activities.

October 2, 2013, Thailand

Launching Ceremony on Special Report : Southeast Asia Energy Outlook

- ERIA jointly published Special Report on "Southeast Asia Energy Outlook" with International Energy Agency (IEA) and its launching ceremony was held on October 2nd 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. There were more than 100 key participants from various Agencies in Thailand including Executive staff from Ministry of Energy, PPT Public Company limited, embassies and key stakeholders in energy sectors.
- The launching ceremony was presided over by His Excellency Dr. Wichianchot Sukchotrat, Vice Minister of Energy of Thailand, Her Excellency Mrs. Maria van der Hoeven, Executive Director of IEA, and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA.
- In his opening remarks, Prof. Nishimura said that ERIA is strongly committed to support the activities in energy field and it will continue to collaborate with IEA and ASEAN countries on energy issues and challenges through providing information impacting the country policy formulations. Beside his role as chair of the Panel Discussion during the launching of this Outlook, Prof. Nishimura also joined the Press Interview.



7th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting①

- The 7th East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Ministers Meeting (EMM) was held on September 26, 2013 in Bali, Indonesia. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. JeroWacik, Minister of Energy and Mineral resources of Indonesia and co-chaired by H.E. Kazuyoshi Akaba, State Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.
- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA reported key findings and policy implications of the research studies tasked out by 6th EAS EMM. (i. Energy outlooks for medium-to-long term; ii. Strategic usage of coal through Clean Coal Technologies; iii. Optimum electric power infrastructure; iv. Nuclear power safety management; v. Smart urban traffic promoting energy efficiency of transport sector) and introduced the new research studies in energy fields.



7th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting ② Joint Ministerial Statement

4. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the further progress made in the Biofuels for Transport and Other Purposes Work Stream, specifically the further development of the Biofuels Database in East Asia Countries to include good practices of utilizing biofuels in respective countries, the research activities taken under the Asia Biomass Energy Researchers Invitation Programme, and the joint studies on Biodiesel Fuel Standardisation and Sustainability Assessment of Biomass Utilisation in East Asia that include sustainability indicators conducted by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

5. The Ministers noted the ERIA Research Study Project on “Energy Market Integration (EMI) in East Asia”, the focus of which in 2012-2013 was the integration of renewable energy into the power transmission grid.

6. The Ministers welcomed the United States Asia Pacific Comprehensive Energy Partnership (USACEP) announced by the United States, Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia at the 7th East Asia Summit in November 2012. The Ministers welcomed the establishment of the new and fourth Work Stream of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force, namely “Renewable and Alternative Power Generation Work Stream”, and congratulated Brunei Darussalam and the United States for initiating the comprehensive effort as one of the activities under USACEP and the EAS ECTF. The new Work Stream will cover seven work areas, namely: (a) Strengthening Policies to Scale-up Investments, (b) Renewable Technology Demonstration and Testing, c) Knowledge Sharing and Renewable Energy Resource Mapping, (d) Climate Change Impacts on the Energy Sector, (e) Sustainable Hydropower Technology Development, (f) Study on Best Mix of Renewable and Conventional Energy Sources Sustainable for various Asian Countries, and (g) Sustainability Assessment of Utilising Conventional and New Type of Geothermal Resources in East Asia.

7. In order to enhance EAS energy cooperation and promote energy security, the Ministers recognised the importance of sharing medium-to-long term outlooks for energy supply and demand across the EAS region, given the growing energy demand in the region and the probable implications of natural disasters and extreme weather on existing energy infrastructure. In this regard, the Ministers acknowledged the close collaboration of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), the International Energy Agency (IEA), ERIA, and other parties in conducting energy outlook studies for the South East Asia and EAS regions. The Ministers particularly welcomed the Special Report on “South East Asia Energy Outlook” which is published in connection with the IEA’s 2013 edition of the World Energy Outlook (WEO 2013) and ERIA’s East Asia Energy Outlook. This outlook provides a robust analysis of energy demand prospects, energy resources and supply potential, implications of energy development in balancing supply for domestic use, exports and impacts on energy security, environment and economy in the associated regions and is expected to be followed up by IEA in collaboration with ERIA. The Ministers also expressed appreciation to Thailand for hosting the IEA-ERIA Workshop on the ASEAN Energy Outlook on 7 May 2013.

8. The Ministers welcomed with appreciation the steady progress of the ERIA research studies as agreed upon at the 2012 Ministerial Meeting: namely (a) EAS energy outlooks for the medium-to-long term, (b) strategic usage of coal through Clean Coal Technology including high efficiency coal-fired power generation, (c) optimum electric power infrastructure, (d) nuclear power safety management, and (e) smart urban traffic promoting energy efficiency of the transport sector. The Ministers also endorsed the commencement of a new research study on a sustainable natural gas market in the EAS region. The Ministers appreciated the contribution of relevant institutions to the enhancement of energy cooperation and energy security in EAS region. The Ministers tasked ERIA to report the outcomes of the research studies and cooperation initiatives to future relevant ASEAN and EAS energy cooperation fora.

September 17, 2013, Japan

Asia Leaders Business Summit 2013

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, was invited as a panelist in the Asia Leaders Business Summit 2013 which was held on September 17, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. The Summit was hosted by Asia Leaders Association and ERIA was one of the supporters of the Summit. The Summit brought together business people who are actively operating in Japan and Asia region and provided them opportunities for business and networking.
- In the keynote dialogue session one, H.E. Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and Mr. Hideo Sawada, Chairman of Asia Business Association discussed Japan's growth strategy.
- Prof. Nishimura made a presentation entitled "New Era of Asia: Potential Power of ASEAN and East Asia" at the keynote dialogue session two. Together with Mr. Song Wen-Zhou, Founder of Softbrain Co. Ltd., and Mr. Kiwon Han, Commissioner of Invest KOREA, Prof. Nishimura gave his insight into the potential growth of ASEAN and East Asia region while explaining the outcomes of ERIA's research and highlighted the role of private sector which is the key motor of the sustained high and equitable growth in ASEAN and East Asia.



September 14, 2013, Brunei Darussalam

Universiti Brunei Darussalam-ERIA-Harvard Symposium

“SME Development and Innovation towards a ‘People-Centered’ ASEAN Community”

- The Symposium on "SME development and innovation towards a people-centered ASEAN Community" was co-organized by Universiti Brunei Darussalam-ERIA-Harvard University.
- Symposium discussed and articulated to the public a number of key elements such as accelerating ASEAN economic community building, ensuring an equitable, people-centred, stable and robust growth of ASEAN, and enhancing innovation and technology capability toward a competitive ASEAN SMEs. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made a opening and closing remark, highlighting “the success of SMEs and their development are critical for the long-term sustainable growth of the region” . H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN, and Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam made key note speeches respectively.
- Discussions at the Symposium will put forward possible recommendations in supporting the role of SMEs in the realization of AEC building. These recommendations are expected to be submitted at the upcoming ASEAN Summit meeting in October.



Universiti Brunei Darussalam - ERIA - Harvard Symposium

September 14, 2013

Senate Room, Chancellor Hall, Universiti Brunei Darussalam

2nd ERIA Editors Roundtable “Challenges Ahead: AEC2015 and Beyond”

- ERIA organized its 2nd Editors Roundtable on September 11, 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. The 1st roundtable was held in Phnom Penh last November as a pre-summit event and this 2nd roundtable is special in terms of the mix of media, editors, policy makers and experts. The roundtable is aimed at increasing awareness and understanding among journalists from the member countries of East Asia Summit on key issues affecting the ASEAN Community, touching on the progress report of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity and the prospect of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.
- It was opened by H.E. Mr. Mahrub Murni, Permanent Secretary for Media and Cabinet, Prime Minister’s Office of Brunei and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei attended the session 1 on “Overcoming Common Challenges of AEC” as a panelist. At the end of the roundtable, a Dialogue with H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN was conducted.



September 8, 2013, Brunei Darussalam

Opening ceremony of EAS-ECTF Renewable and Alternative Power Generation Workstream

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the opening ceremony of East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF) Renewable and Alternative Power Generation Workstream on September 8, 2013 in Brunei Darussalam, which was organized by the Energy Department at The Prime Minister's Office and The US Department of Energy in partnership with the Brunei National Energy Research Institute (BNERI).
- In his opening address, Prof. Nishimura highlighted that the potential new, renewable and geothermal generation is very promising. Although the introduction of the new and renewable energy power generation system requires certain costs, he is optimist that at the same time, application of the fossil fuel can be reduced.
- During the opening ceremony, His Excellency Ambassador Daniel Shields, US Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam and Prof. Nishimura made opening remarks and the keynote speech was conveyed by Yang Berhormat Pehin Dato Mohammad Yasmin Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office.



- ERIA held the 4th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium “Partnering Private Sector for ASEAN Connectivity” co-organized by the ASEAN Secretariat and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam. The one-day symposium, which was organized by ERIA consecutively for the fourth year, is designed to connect the policy makers, private investors and academics within the region and dialogue partners to implement ASEAN Connectivity projects.
- The symposium was attended by around 140 representatives from ASEAN and dialogue partner countries. International and regional experts reviewed the implementation of ASEAN Connectivity, methods to mobilize funding as well as recommendations of best practices within the PPP framework.
- Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, made welcome remarks and Mr. Subash Bose Pillai, Director, Market Integration Directorate, ASEAN Secretariat, made opening remarks.
- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a closing remarks pointing out the importance of PPP guideline for ASEAN which can realize “PPP in ASEAN way” and the necessity of a Regional PPP Center of Excellence.



Joint Media Statement of the 45th AEM Meeting on August 19, 2013

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

28. The Ministers noted the progress in the development of the ASEAN SME Policy Index and the integrative and country reports to be finalised by September 2013. The Ministers welcomed the enhanced regional cooperation on SMEs as well as the enhanced cooperation between ASEAN and the dialogue partners focusing on SME development.

Joint Media Statement of the EAS Economic Ministers Meeting on August 21, 2013

Enhancing Connectivity

8.The role of ERIA in assisting EAS members in better understanding and advancing regulatory connectivity was acknowledged.

Updates on ERIA Activities

15. The Ministers commended the updates provided by ERIA in various fields such as SME, AEC Scorecard, connectivity, energy, and Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV), and agreed on the important role of ERIA in ASEAN's efforts to develop a blueprint for the AEC beyond 2015. The Ministers also welcomed ERIA's presentation on the new development and integration model for East Asia, in which deepening economic integration and narrowing the development gaps would be attained simultaneously. The Ministers looked forward to ERIA's continued support and contribution for integration and prosperity of the region as a whole.

16. The Ministers welcomed the ERIA's 6th Governing Board Meeting Statement, which expresses ERIA's strong will to formulate effective region-wide policy recommendations to achieve greater connectivity and to address the global issues, and anticipates closer communication with policy makers.

17. The Ministers agreed to provide guidance and continue their oversight of ERIA's activities. Specifically, based on their discussion of connectivity enhancement and ASEAN Economic Integration, they instructed ERIA to research and propose industry cluster policy which will attain an optimal production network to further promote growth in ASEAN from a medium- and long-term prospective.

18. The Ministers appreciated contributions from ASEAN Member States, India, Japan and New Zealand to ERIA.

August 21, 2013, Brunei Darussalam EAS Economic Ministers Meeting

- The East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers Meeting was held on August 21, 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a presentation to the ministers on ERIA's activities and some ideas on a new development model for the East Asia. He thanked the ministers for their continued support to ERIA and reiterated his commitments to the region in his second term as the Executive Director of ERIA.
- He drew the attention of the ministers to the growing income disparities within the countries, firms and sectors in the region. He emphasized upon the need of a proper economic policy regime in the region which would include enhancing the human capital and making industrial agglomeration efficient. Prof. Nishimura urged the ministers to discuss how this new development model can be realized in the region through active cooperation and seamless coordination. The Ministers appreciated the presentation made by Prof. Nishimura.



August 20, 2013, Brunei Darussalam

ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA and Dr. Lili Yan Ing, Economist of ERIA were invited to the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS) as panelists on August 20, 2013 in Brunei Darussalam.
- The ABIS is the side event of 45th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting organized annually by the ASEAN Business Advisory Council and brings together, Economic Ministers, prominent Government, Business and Leaders to discuss issues of strategic important to ASEAN and East Asia.
- Prof. Nishimura made a presentation entitled “ASEAN in Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)” in a Special Ministerial Session with H.E. Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry of India and H.E. Tim Groser, Minister of Trade of New Zealand. Prof. Nishimura explained about recent trends in trade in goods and investment and highlighted on ASEAN Centrality, saying that “ASEAN has already played the central role as the facilitator of RCEP negotiation process. ASEAN can be the driver of the substance of regional economic integration, if the ASEAN Economic Community 2015 succeeds”.
- Dr. Lili attended Session 2 regarding regional integration and spoke on “The Use of FTAs by Private Sector”.



10th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting

- The 10th ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council Meeting was held on August 19, 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a presentation in this meeting on “Towards Informed Regulatory Conversations and Improved Regulatory Coherence in ASEAN: Logistics Sector and Trade Facilitation”. This is an ERIA’s study under AEC Scorecard Phase 3. He impressed upon the ministers that efficient logistics and trade facilitation are critical to deeper ASEAN integration and greater ASEAN competitiveness. This can be achieved through institutional connectivity and regulatory coherence.
- In his presentation he urged the leaders to look into the issues of regulatory burdens and regulatory improvement in a concerted manner and to use the same as a competitiveness tool for the region. The AECC thanked Prof. Nishimura for his presentation and in bringing the attention towards this important issue.



August 19, 2013, Brunei Darussalam

Meeting with H.E. Niwatthamrong Bunsnngphaisan, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA had a meeting with H.E. Niwatthamrong Bunsnngphaisan, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand on August 19, 2013 in Brunei Darussalam during 45th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting and related meetings. From the Government of Thailand, Ms Piramol Charoenpao, Director-General, Department of Trade Negotiations was present at the meeting.
- Prof. Nishimura expressed his appreciation to numerous supports from Thailand and cooperation activities with ERIA, which include the support of ERIA Capacity Building Programme in Thailand. Also, Prof. Nishimura updated Deputy Prime Minister on the progress made by ERIA in its Community building efforts.
- Deputy Prime Minister noted the achievements made by ERIA, which have brought about benefits to the region and beyond and reassured the readiness of ERIA to support this regional efforts.
- Both parties confirmed their cooperation towards the success of the Capacity Building Programme that ERIA will organize with support of the Government of Thailand.



- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA was invited as a panelist to the 10th ASEAN Leadership Forum entitled "ASEAN at a Crossroads - Towards a Common Future, Shared Prosperity and Regional Stability" which was held in Malaysia, on July 18, 2013.
- The forum this year created opportunities for government, business leaders, academia, civil society leaders, and experts from ASEAN member countries to discuss the road ahead for ASEAN and the challenges and opportunities towards the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015, focusing on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).
- Prof. Nishimura made a presentation on "ASEAN & AEC beyond 2015 and development of RCEP" in the session of "Pushing Forward ASEAN Integration: Strengthening Community Building". He explained the progress towards AEC 2015 reflecting ASEAN's achievements and successes, and recommendations on beyond AEC. He also emphasized about the importance of Malaysia's leadership when Malaysia will be the Chair of ASEAN in 2015. ERIA is ready to contribute for supporting the Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN, he added.



July 14, 2013, Thailand

1st Research Institute Network (RIN) Meeting for FY2013

➤ The first Research Institute Network (RIN) Meeting for the fiscal year 2013 was held in Bangkok, Thailand on July 14, 2013 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hank Giok-Hay LIM, Chairman of Academic Advisory Council of ERIA. (Senior Research Fellow of Singapore Institute of International Affairs(SIIA).

➤ Dr. Hank Lim opened the meeting and stressed the growth of importance of the role of 16 countries network (RIN).

Session 1 was moderated by Prof. Yasuhiro Yamada, President, BRC-JETRO. Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA presented the status of research project in FY 2013. Mr. Yasushi Iwata, General Manager of ERIA, briefly explained on ERIA's activities since last RIN meeting in October 2012. After that, Dr. Han Phoumin, Energy Economist of ERIA reported on "Energy Market Integration: Renewable Energy & Policy Implications for EAS Countries".

➤ In the Session 2 moderated by Dr. Hank Lim, the members discussed on how to further cooperate for ERIA's future activities and on next RIN Statement on "Whither WTO".

➤ Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made a closing remark. He appreciated RIN members for their numerous contributions and saying that "ERIA will remain committed towards Community building in ASEAN and East Asia".

➤ The meeting noted that ERIA's research has grown in both quality and quantity. The RIN gave academic and practical recommendations to ERIA for its forthcoming projects.



July 12, 2013, Vietnam

Symposium on “Economic Integration in East Asia”

- The Symposium on “Economic Integration in East Asia” was held on July 12, 2013, in Hanoi, Vietnam. It was hosted by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), co-organized by ERIA and Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN, and supported by Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam.
- The purpose of the Symposium is to seek ways to take advantage of regional economic integration for further industrial growth and deeper mutual economic relationship between ASEAN and Japan corresponding to the fast development of regional economic integration worldwide. Around 200 participants from government, academia and private sector were there.
- H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN made a keynote speech on “Significance of Economic Integration in East Asia for ASEAN”.
- Prof. Hideyoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made a concluding remark, saying that “ Strong partnerships with the private sector are called for even more as ASEAN embarks on even deeper regional economic integration beyond 2015 because the challenges for ASEAN are greater both within the ASEAN Economic Community and the wider East Asia region under RCEP”.



July 12, 2013, Vietnam

6th Dialogue between FJCCIA and Secretary General of ASEAN

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA was invited to the 6th Dialogue between the Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN (FJCCIA) and Secretary General of ASEAN, H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh on July 12, 2013 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- Purpose of this Dialogue initiated in 2008 is to facilitate mutual coordination and contribute to regional economic development while improving business environments for Japanese enterprises through dialogue with the ASEAN Secretariat. Responding to the requests from FJCCIA at its 5th Dialogue last year, ASEAN Secretariat shared the current progress of FJCCIA requests in February 2013. At this 6th Dialogue, FJCCIA conducted an evaluation from Japanese business community's viewpoints and submitted new requests to the ASEAN Secretariat in 2014.
- H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN made a keynote address. He said that the dialogue was a good mechanism for assessing implementation of comprehensive measures to realize the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) goal in 2015. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura stated in his speech that the FJCCIA Dialogue is deeply involved in ASEAN can help make ASEAN more attractive to investors, stronger, and more dynamic and inclusive.



July 4, 2013, Cambodia

ERIA Capacity Building Program 2013 in Cambodia on PPP

"Utilizing an Efficient Infrastructure Development Framework"

- ERIA and Ministry of Commerce, Kingdom of Cambodia co-organized ERIA Capacity Building Program 2013 in Cambodia on PPP entitled "Utilizing an Efficient Infrastructure Development Framework" on July 4, 2013 in Phnom Penh. It was supported by Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and Bangkok Research Center, IDE-JETRO. This is the 5th seminar organized by ERIA in Cambodia since 2008. More than 150 local and international experts including government ministries, private companies, financiers, and legal practitioners participated.
- H.E. Dr. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, Kingdom of Cambodia and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made opening remarks. Dr. Fauziah Zen, Researcher of ERIA also attended to make a presentation on Trends and Overview of PPP Framework in ASEAN: Lessons from ASEAN Five Countries.
- The participants explored potential opportunities and shared lessons on PPP strategies in infrastructure development framework.



Chairman's Statement of the 3rd East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting

➤ The 3rd East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers Meeting was held on 2 July 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. ERIA's efforts were mentioned in paragraph 9, 25, 26 of its Chairman's Statement.

Chairman's Statement of the 3rd EAS Foreign Ministers Meeting (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

9. The Ministers noted the progress of the U.S. – Asia-Pacific Comprehensive Energy Partnership (USACEP) by Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and the United States of America. The Ministers also welcomed the establishment of the Renewable and Alternative Power Generation Work Stream co-chaired by Brunei Darussalam and the United States of America at the 18th EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force Meeting. The Ministers also noted that the Work Stream shall be brought to the 7th EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM) for endorsement in September 2013 in Bali, Indonesia, and to be announced by Leaders at the 8th EAS. The Ministers acknowledged the commencement of new research studies by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) with support from Japan, and the successful convening of the Workshop on the ASEAN Energy Outlook on 7 May 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand, collaborated with the International Energy Agency (IEA), aiming at its launch in the 7th EAS EMM. The Ministers noted the successful convening of the 1st East Asia Summit New Energy Forum held on 15-16 April 2013 in Kunming, China.

25. The Ministers recognised the importance of mobilising financial and technical resources and the promotion of public-private partnership (PPP). In this connection, the Ministers welcomed the theme of the 4th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium entitled "Partnering Private Sector for ASEAN Connectivity" to be held in August 2013 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, with the contribution of the ERIA. The Ministers also welcomed an EAS Regulatory Roundtable to be co-chaired by Thailand and New Zealand, which is aimed at supporting ASEAN's own objectives with regard to regulatory reform and at sharing best practice in this area. The roundtable will be held back-to-back with Thailand's initiative to host the Workshop on "Enhancing Connectivity through Multi-layered Regional Frameworks: The Roles of Dialogue Partners" in July 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand.

26. The Ministers also welcomed the Statement of ERIA's 6th Governing Board Meeting issued on 4 May 2013 and its work plan to undertake research and policy recommendations to enhance community-building efforts.

June 23, 2013, Japan

ERIA Symposium on "The Economic Integration of East Asia and Japan's Growth"

➤ ERIA Symposium on "The Economic Integration of East Asia and Japan's Growth" was held on June 23, 2013 at United Nations University in Tokyo, Japan. The Symposium was supported by The Sankei Shimbun, Japan Association of Travel Agents, All Nippon Travel Agents Association, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and cooperated by Asia Leaders Association. Around 250 participants from the Diet, government, industrial world, academia, and private sectors were there.

➤ The Symposium was opened by H.E. Mr Nikai and Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Governing Board Member of ERIA (Governor of Japan Bank for International Cooperation). H.E. Mr. Haji Mahamud bin Haji Ahmad, Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to Japan and H.E. Ms. Akira Matsu, Vice Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA (Member of House of Counselors) made guest speeches. There were video messages from H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan and H.E. Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. Prime Minister Abe and Minister Motegi praised ERIA for its achievements and contributions to ASEAN Community building efforts and expressed their expectations and further supports to ERIA.

➤ Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Former Secretary-General of ASEAN made a keynote lecture on "Development of ASEAN and the Future Integration of East Asia". After that, the panel discussion was conducted moderated by Mr. Daisuke Hiratsuka, Executive Vice President, Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO). Presenters and participants discussed how to strengthen supply chain in East Asia, how Japan should grow in East Asia, and what roles to expect ERIA. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made concluding remarks.



June 6-7, 2013, Myanmar

22nd World Economic Forum on East Asia

- Prof. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA was invited to participate in the 22nd World Economic Forum on East Asia on June 6-7, 2013 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The meeting provided value not only to participants from the ASEAN region, but also to those who see in ASEAN an important evolving geopolitical and geo-economic pillar of the global economy. The main theme of the forum is Courageous Transformation for Inclusion and Integration and the forum brings over 900 participants including over 500 business leaders from 55 countries.
- During the event, Prof. Nishimura met with H.E. U Tin Naing Thein, Incumbent Minister of the President's Office of Myanmar, H.E. Dr. U Kan Zaw, Minister of National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar, H.E. Mr. Keat Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance of Cambodia, H.E. Mr. Kittirat Na Ranong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Thailand, H.E. Dr. Mari Elka Pangestu, Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Gita Wirjawan, Minister for Trade of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Senior Vice-Minister of Cabinet Office of Japan, Mr. Motohisa Furukawa, Former State Minister of National Strategy, Economic and Fiscal Policy of Japan, Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, the Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and reported them ERIA's recent progress and achievements especially for the projects related to Myanmar.



➤The 3rd Asia Macroeconomic Forum on "Middle Income Trap and East Asia Economic Transition" was held on May 24-25, 2013 in Beijing, China. Prof. Zhang Yunling, Director, Academic Division of International Studies (ADIS), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), member of ERIA Governing Board, leads the hosting of this conference.

➤ The 1st day of the conference, focused on the challenges to overcome the "Middle Income Trap" in East Asia, was jointly organized by Institute of Economic Research, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) of the Government of the People's Republic of China and academic division of international studies, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The conference was opened by Mr. Zhu Zhixin, Vice Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC). Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a keynote speech titled "East Asia Economic Integration and Transition" with focus on how to realize East Asia economic transition and manage transition.

➤The 2nd day of the conference, jointly organized by ERIA, discussed the challenges and responses to economic transition in East Asia, utilizing the results from ERIA's project on "Moving towards a New Development Model for East Asia - The Role of Domestic Policy and Regional Institutions". Prof. Nishimura made the concluding remarks. During the conference, Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA and Dr. Sothea Oum, Economist of ERIA, also attended the conference as commentators.



Mr. Zhu Zhixin, Vice Chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC)

May 22, 2013, Japan

Parliamentary League for ERIA holds its 2nd meeting

- Parliamentary League for ERIA consisting of the Liberal Democratic Party, New Komeito, and the Democratic Party of Japan led by Chairman, Mr. Toshihiro Nikai (Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan) hold its 2nd meeting on May 22, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the meeting.
- The meeting was moderated by Mr. Takamori Yoshikawa, Secretary-General of Parliamentary League for ERIA. During the meeting, Mr. Nikai and Mr. Teruhiko Masuko, Vice Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA, reported the result of the ERIA Tour, which is the mission consisting of Parliamentary League for ERIA and Japanese Enterprises to visit Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Thailand, and Brunei for evaluating and encouraging ERIA's contribution and efforts in the region conducted from April 24 until May 6.
- In conclusion, Prof. Nishimura reported his reappointment for another five-year term as Executive Director of ERIA which decided at 6th ERIA Governing Board meeting on May 4, 2013 and expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of Parliamentary League for ERIA for all the encouragement, support received during my first five-year term.



- The delegates of Japanese Enterprises, led by H.E. Ms. Akira Matsu, the Former Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan, visited Indonesia on May 3-5, 2013. The delegation visited ERIA on May 5, 2013 during their visit and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA and senior officials of ERIA welcomed the delegation. Ms. Matsu has supported the establishment of ERIA and has remained a strong supporter for ERIA as the Vice Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA.
- Prof. Nishimura reported ERIA's recent activities and important outcomes from the Summit in previous year and expressed his appreciation to Ms. Matsu for her support since ERIA's establishment. Ms. Matsu also attended the Exchange of Views between ERIA Governing Board and Academic Advisory Council Members and Ambassadors of ERIA Member States and its Farewell Dinner Reception which was held on May 4, 2013.



6th ERIA Governing Board Meeting

- The 6th ERIA Governing Board Meeting was held on May 4, 2013 at ASEAN Secretariat and endorsed the ongoing and future activities undertaken by ERIA focusing on economic integration and connectivity in ASEAN and East Asia. The meeting was chaired by Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Permanent Secretary (Trade), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Brunei Darussalam.
- Apart from reviewing ERIA's activities, the Governing Board exchanged views on regional and global economic conditions and challenges faced by ASEAN and East Asia. The statement from the Governing Board was issued at the end of the meeting. The statement underlined the current economic landscape in the region and the prospects of ASEAN Economic Community in 2015 and beyond.
- During the meeting, ERIA Governing Board unanimously reappoints Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura for another five-year term as Executive Director.
- After the Governing Board Meeting, the Exchange of Views between ERIA Governing Board and Academic Advisory Council Members and Ambassadors of ERIA Member States was held. Ambassadors were updated on the current research activities of ERIA and the 6th GBM statement.



The 6th ERIA Governing Board Meeting



Exchange of Views between ERIA Governing Board and Academic Advisory Council Members and Ambassadors of ERIA Member States

- ERIA organized the 1st workshop (part1) on “Explicating Jakarta Framework of Moving ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) beyond 2015” on April 29-30, 2013. The workshop was attended by 35 participants including researchers from East Asia Countries as well as ASEAN Secretariat representatives.
- The objective of this workshop was to discuss and share the idea on how to move ASEAN and AEC forward beyond 2015. This workshop is part of the large-scale project which is intended to follow up of the Jakarta Framework on Moving ASEAN forward toward 2015 and beyond. The explicated Framework can provide some basis for the preparation of a Framework for the Action Agenda for Moving ASEAN and AEC Forward Beyond 2015. During the workshop, the participants discussed wide range of topics which comprise of single market and production base, industrial cluster, SME development, trade facilitation, connectivity, investment climate, technology and innovation, food security, social safety net, as well as other relevant issues related to the aspects on how the AEC should move forward beyond 2015. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, expressed his gratitude to the participants and expected them to provide recommendation that can further support the progress of ASEAN and AEC beyond 2015.



➤H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Shindo, Minister of International Affairs and Communications of Japan, visited ERIA on April 29, 2013 and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, and other senior officials welcomed the Minister.

➤Prof. Nishimura explained the history of ERIA's establishment and achievements highlighting the outcomes from the ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit in previous years. The Minister expressed his expectations to ERIA for contributing towards ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 and beyond. They also exchanged the views on ICT matters in the region.



- ERIA Welcoming Reception was held at Hotel Mulia, Jakarta, Indonesia on April 26, 2013. It was one of the events during the visit of delegates of Japanese Parliamentary League and Enterprises, led by H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, the Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan to evaluate the achievements of ERIA and encourage the efforts for ERIA.
- H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN, Ambassadors and representatives of embassies, senior officials of Indonesian Government, private sectors, members of academia, 50 executives from Japanese companies, and media attended the Reception.
- H.E. Mr. Kimihiro Ishikane, Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN made remarks and commended ERIA's works. Mr. Iman Pambagyo, Director-General of International Trade Cooperation, Ministry of Trade of Indonesia showed Indonesia's strong support as the host country of ERIA and recounted the achievements of ERIA to the Japanese Parliamentary Mission.



April 26, 2013, Indonesia

Visit of the delegation led by H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, the Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

- The delegation led by H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, the Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan, visited ERIA on April 26, 2013 during their visit of Indonesia and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, welcomed the delegation.
- Mr. Nikai had the vision to propose establishment of ERIA in 2007 and has remained a strong supporter for ERIA as the Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA. The delegation included Mr. Motoo Hayashi, Member of Japanese House of Representatives (Vice Chairman of ERIA Parliamentary League) and Mr. Tadahiko Ito, Member of Japanese House of Representatives (Vice Secretary of ERIA Parliamentary League).
- Prof. Nishimura expressed sincere gratitude to Mr. Nikai for his continuous support to ERIA since its establishment.



- The delegates of Japanese Parliamentary League and Enterprises, led by H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, the Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan, visited Indonesia on April 24-27, 2013.
- On this occasion, ERIA organized “Dialogue on ASEAN Tourism” in Lombok, Indonesia on April 25, 2013. H.E. Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, Member of Japanese House of Representatives (Chairman of Parliamentary League for ERIA), H.E. Prof. Dr. Ir. I Gde Pitana, Deputy Minister for Human Resources Development, Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy, H.E. Mr. Yoshinori Katori, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Indonesia, and H.E. Mr. Lalu Gita Aryadi, Head of Cultrual and Tourism Bureau, West Nusa Tenggara, addressed the Dialogue.
- In session 1 on “Promoting People-to-People Connectivity in ASEAN”, Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a presentation on “Boosting Tourism Sector and People-to-People Connectivity in ASEAN”, explaining about the big potential for tourism sector in ASEAN Member States. He said that “overcoming the obstacles towards ASEAN integration, boosting ASEAN tourism sector and enhancing connectivity with Japan will make East Asia the most promising tourism market in the world”. The participants shared their knowledge about Indonesia and Lombok island’s unique place in tourist’s itinerary.



➤ Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA visited Brunei Darussalam on 18 April, 2013 and he had a meeting with Hon. Pehin Dato Mohammad Yasmin Umar, Minister of Energy, Brunei Darussalam.

The Minister suggested complementing the study by adding LNG and its infrastructure for the whole region. Also, the Minister expressed his keen interest in SMEs and innovation and especially those SMEs which were related to gas and oil industry due to their direct relevance to Brunei economy. The minister also suggested ERIA to have close interaction with Brunei National Energy Research Institute (BNERI).

➤ The meeting was also attended by senior researchers from ERIA and Mr. Azhar Yahya, Permanent Secretary (Upstream), Ministry of Energy.



April 13, 2013, Indonesia

Official Diplomatic Gathering hosted by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono,
President of Republic of Indonesia

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA was invited to the programme of the Official Diplomatic Gathering hosted by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Republic of Indonesia at Cipanas Presidential Palace on April 13, 2013.
- H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Republic of Indonesia received and welcomed the Foreign Ambassadors of 102 missions in Jakarta and heads of international organizations. Attending this diplomatic gathering were some two hundred Ambassadors and their spouse representing the 134 Embassies, ASEAN Missions and International Organizations in Jakarta.
- The invitees enjoyed a stroll in the Palace walk path and also saw the horse stables, the special Villa, and the Herbal Garden.



April 10, 2013, Japan

Book Publication Ceremony on "Building Japan's National Resilience"

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, was invited as a keynote lecturer to the book publication ceremony on "Building National Resilience" organized by the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Japan on April 10, 2013 at the headquarters office of LDP. The ceremony was moderated by Mr. Takamori Yoshikawa, Chief of National Resilience Committee. Mr. Shigeru Ishiba, Secretary General of its Committee, Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, Chairman of its committee, and H.E. Mr. Keiji Furuya, Minister of Disaster Management and Building National Resilience of Japan, made their remarks. Around 500 participants were there.
- Prof. Nishimura made a presentation entitled "Japan's Resilience in East Asia Network". He introduced ERIA's activities for developing its three resilience such as Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP), Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV) and Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of AEC Blueprint and explained the importance of production network in Asia for Japan's economic recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake and infrastructure development in the region especially pointing to the role of Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC) , saying "deepening of ASEAN economic integration will contribute to the Japan's resilience".



April 9, 2013, Japan

Meeting with H.E. Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Toshimitsu Motegi, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan on April 9, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan.
- Prof. Nishimura briefed on ERIA's history and its organization and updated ERIA's recent activities toward ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015. The Minister noted about the ERIA's works and expressed his expectations for further ERIA's contribution to ASEAN and East Asia.



5th Academic Advisory Council Meeting

- The 5th ERIA Academic Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting was held on April 6, 2013 at ERIA Annex Office.
- It was chaired by Dr. Hank Lim Giok Hay, Chairperson of AAC (Senior Research Fellow of Singapore Institute of International Affairs). Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, delivered opening remarks highlighting that ERIA's past successful years of hard work and some meritorious achievements was appreciated by national leaders at the ASEAN and East Asia Summit.
- Mr. Yasushi Iwata, General Manager of ERIA, presented the recent achievement of ERIA since last AAC meeting, explaining ERIA's participation in the summit, various meetings and symposiums in the region. Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA, gave an explanation on ERIA's research activities in the year 2012-2013 and working program of ERIA in FY2013.
- The AAC members reviewed the results of ERIA studies in the year 2012-2013 and ERIA's achievements so far, set the direction to ERIA's future activities, and explored how we can more effectively cooperation on ERIA's work in FY2013. The meeting filled with exchange of some very important ideas on ERIA's activities.
- Taking today's discussion into consideration, ERIA will improve its working program in FY2013 and prepare for the submission to the 6th Governing Board meeting which will be held on May 4th, 2013.



April 3, 2013, Japan

Meeting of the Parliamentary League for ERIA

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the meeting of the Parliamentary League for ERIA consisting of the Liberal Democratic Party, New Komeito, and the Democratic Party of Japan led by Chairman, Mr. Toshihiro Nikai (Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan) on April 3, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan.
- The meeting was moderated by Mr. Takamori Yoshikawa, member of the House of Representatives and Mr. Nikai gave an opening remarks. Prof. Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, briefed on the process of ERIA's history since its establishment and its organization. He also touched upon Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV) as one of recent activities, highlighting the importance of strengthening connectivity in the region.
- The members shared an understanding about the important role of ERIA in the region and expressed their support for ERIA.



- To provide a platform for knowledge transfer and substantial discussions among government officials, academia, and public and private sector leaders, ERIA and the UPH (Universitas Pelita Harapan) organized the 2nd Distinguished Lecture Series Seminar "ASEAN in 2015: Engendering ASEAN's Services Value Chains" in Jakarta, Indonesia on March 18, 2013.
- H.E. Gita Wirjawan, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia was the keynote speaker of the seminar. After opening by Mr. Henry Soelistyo Budi, Head of Master of Law and Doctor of Law Program, the seminar had two lecture sessions: first session "Global Value Chains in Services" by Prof. Pierre Sauvé, Director of External Programs and Academic Partnerships World Trade Institute and second session "Investing in the ASEAN Services Sector" by Michael Ewing-Chow, Associate Professor and WTO Chair at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. Around 100 participants attended the event.
- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA stressed at the closing remarks, "In order to strengthen the service industry, attracting investment of high quality service industry from abroad is inevitable."



- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended International Symposium on "Indonesia-Japan Relations and Economic Integration in East Asia" organized by Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Centre for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) on March 4, 2013 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- The Symposium was supported by Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia, and ERIA. The participants mostly from Government, business world, and Japanese companies in Indonesia were there. The objective of the Symposium was to explore the possibility of strengthening the cooperation between Japan and Indonesia aiming for mutual interest in the era of globalization beyond the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).
- Dr. Ponciano S. Intal, Senior Researcher of ERIA, made a presentation on "Current status of AEC" in session 1. Prof. Nishimura delivered closing remarks mentioning 4 topics, which are "Institutional Connectivity: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), "People to People Connectivity: Asia Cosmopolitan Awards, "Physical Connectivity: Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP), Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and Master Plan for the Acceleration and Expansion of Indonesia (MP3EI), and Beyond 2015: Jakarta Framework".



February 27, 2013, Japan

BBL Seminar hosted by Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI)

➤ Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the BBL Seminar hosted by Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) as a commentator on February 27, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan.

Speaker was Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Former Secretary-General of ASEAN and moderator was Mr. Daiki Kasugahara, Director, Asia and Pacific Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan.

➤ Dr. Surin spoke on "ASEAN Future: Responsibility of Thailand and Expectations for Myanmar". Dr. Surin highlighted the 4 pillars of ASEAN's responsibility to face, which are 1. Regional Integration, 2. Improvement of Competitiveness, 3. Equitable Society, 4. Linkage with the world. He added that the existing supply chain network and further infrastructure development are important for realizing these 4 pillars.

➤ Prof. Nishimura commented that the 4 pillars mentioned by Dr. Surin are the potential way for realization of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015 and furthermore, the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC). He added the importance of economic corridor taking an example of Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC).



February 25, 2013, Japan

Meiji Institute for Global Affairs Symposium II

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the Meiji Institute for Global Affairs Symposium II on February 25, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. It was held by the Meiji Institute for Global Affairs (MIGA), the think tank affiliate of Meiji University.
- It was opened by Prof. Ryozo Hayashi, Director of MIGA. The Symposium consists of 2 sessions, which are "East Asia under the New Regime and the Security Order" and "Peaceful Development in Asia and Japan's Role". Session 2 was opened by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former Secretary General of ASEAN and Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Member of the House of Councilors. In the panel discussion moderated by Mr. Naoaki Okabe, Fellow MIGA and Columnist Nikkei, Prof. Nishimura was assigned as a commentator.
- Dr. Surin spoke about ASEAN's progress toward the goal of Economic Community (AEC) by 2015 and touched upon the importance of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). Prof. Nishimura added the talks with the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and RCEP, highlighting "RCEP negotiations should be completed by 2015 as one of the priorities for AEC measures". Also, he stressed that demonstrating the real strength of Japan is essential for the growth of this region and it also leads to the development of Japan.



February 22, 2013, India

Meeting with Hon Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, India

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA met with Hon Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat, India on February 22, 2013 in Gandhinagar. They had fruitful discussions on forging partnership between Gujarat and ERIA for human resource and skill development among technical professionals, especially in the automobile manufacturing sector.
- The Chief Minister expressed the state government's determination for lending full co-operation to the Asian Professional Education Network (APEN) programme of ERIA, and suggested the Gujarat Technological University (GTU) to join the APEN for human resource development in the field of technology.
- Prof. Nishimura lauded the Chief Minister's vision behind the development of Gujarat's automobile manufacturing sector and suggested to jointly organize a symposium on skill developments. The Chief Minister welcomed Mr. Nishimura's suggestion and appreciated the co-operation extended by JETRO and ERIA.



February 20, 2013, India

Delhi Dialogue V on “India-ASEAN: Vision for Partnership and Prosperity”

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the Delhi Dialogue V on “India-ASEAN: Vision for Partnership and Prosperity” on February 20, 2013 in Delhi, India. The Delhi Dialogue is an annual international conference of political and economic leaders, officials, academics and opinion-makers of ASEAN countries with their Indian counterparts to discuss how to intensify and broaden political, strategic, economic and civil society interaction between the two regions.
- Prof. Nishimura made a presentation on “ASEAN-India Connectivity and its Missing Links” at session 4 on “Expanding Networks through Connectivity: Land, Sea and Air”, mentioning several key issues on physical and institutional connectivity. He highlighted the importance of enhancing Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC) and equitable development of Myanmar for sustainable economic growth of the region.
- The Dialogue highlighted India’s increasing engagement with ASEAN countries and explored the agenda for consolidation of their relationship in the coming years.



February 15, 2013, Japan

Board Meeting of the Parliamentary League for ERIA

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the meeting of the Parliamentary League for ERIA led by Chairman, Mr. Toshihiro Nikai (Former Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan) on February 15, 2013 in Tokyo, Japan. This time is all parties' meeting consisting of the Liberal Democratic Party, New Komeito, and the Democratic Party of Japan. The members exchanged views on ERIA's activities and its future direction/cooperation.
- Prof. Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, briefed on the process of integration in East Asia and ERIA's developments along with a role in supporting the Summit activities. After that, Mr. Takayuki Ueda, Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, reported on "Japan's policy for East Asia and its activities through ERIA".
- The members shared an understanding about the importance of promoting the Community building in the region and its ERIA's contribution and encourage ERIA to continue working on those initiatives.



- ERIA organized the one-day forum, ERIA Fukuoka Forum "Economic Integration in East Asia: Opportunities and Challenges for Japanese SME" jointly with Fukuoka Prefecture to strengthen economic cooperation and investment between Fukuoka, Japan and Asia on February 14, 2013 in Fukuoka, Japan.
- It was opened by Mr. Hiroshi Ogawa, Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, and Ms. Vasana Mututanont, Deputy Secretary General Thailand Board of Investment, made a keynote speech. In concluding, Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, wrapped up the conference by emphasizing that the ASEAN economic integration will benefit the economy of the whole region.
- At the forum, the speakers and participants agreed that the ERIA Fukuoka Forum should serve as a forum exclusively to discuss SMEs prospects and challenges for the region. More than 300 participants including those from SME community in Kyushu attended the conference.



February 6, 2013, Indonesia

ERIA-UPH Distinguished Lecture Series "International Trade and ASEAN Integration 2015 - Can Trade Barriers be Reduced in Support of Deeper ASEAN Integration"

➤ ERIA organized the first lecture session of the Distinguished Lecture Series "International Trade and ASEAN Integration 2015 - Can Trade Barriers be Reduced in Support of Deeper ASEAN Integration" jointly together with Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH) on February 6, 2013 at the ERIA office in Jakarta. Around 60 participants from government officials, embassies, international organizations, research institutes, and private sectors attended this event.

➤ The presentation was given by Dr. Arthur E. Appleton, Founding Partner, Appleton Luff, who has been engaged in the field of international trade law for more than 22 years and is WTO specialist. He gave a distinct insight and made recommendations to ASEAN by comparison with the EU cases. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Ponciano S. Intal, Jr., Senior Researcher, ERIA with Dr. Appleton and the guest discussant, Ms. Donna Gultom, Deputy Director, Directorate General of International Trade Cooperation, Republic of Indonesia and open to the floor at the end.



February 4-5, 2013, Japan

JEF-JETRO International Symposium on "FTAs as a Growth Strategy for Asia"

➤JEF-JETRO International Symposium on "FTAs as a Growth Strategy for Asia" was held on February 4-5, 2013, in Tokyo, Japan. Witnessing signs of slowdown in the global economy, each country has been actively pursuing FTAs as a measure to stimulate its economy. Based on these circumstances, the Japan Economic Foundation (JEF) and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) organized an open forum, inviting FTA negotiators and leading experts in FTAs from 11 major countries and regions throughout Asia and Oceania to intensively discuss the future outlook of FTAs in the Asia-Pacific Region. We are looking forward to your active participation.

➤Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, was invited as a presenter in Session 1 on "Status of Bilateral and Regional FTAs in the Asia-Pacific Region" moderated by Dr. Andrew ELEK, Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University and The inaugural chairman of APEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM). Prof. Nishimura highlighted the importance of RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) from the Mid-term Review of AEC Blueprint which ERIA submitted to the 21st ASEAN Summit in November 2012. Also, he reported the good effect of RCEP on the development of the region from the ERIA's studies of FTA mapping.

➤Next day on February 4, 2012, Roundtable session was convened and the participants at the Symposium and experts in Asia-pacific region were there. Extensive discussions were held focusing on the role of regional economic integration that the Asia-Pacific region should aim.



- Asia Professional Education Network (APEN) "Only One" Small Medium Enterprises (SME) Mission in Cambodia was conducted on January 13-16, 2013 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It was led by the president of Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology (AIIT), and supported by ERIA and Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Phnom Penh. The 15 delegates from selected 12 Japanese SMEs which have an interest in investment and business expansion in Cambodia participated in this mission.
- Mission took place for four days consisting of series of events, such as visiting special economic zone (SEZ) of Manhattan, Tai Seng, and Phnom Penh, some companies in SEZ area, industry-government-academia workshop, and business matching between Japanese and Cambodian SME.
- The delegation had an opportunity to make a courtesy visit to H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia, on January 15, 2013. On the same day, the delegates also made another courtesy visit to H.E. Mr. Sok Chenda Sophea, Minister Attached to Prime Minister, Secretary General of the Council for the Development of Cambodia and H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Cambodia. Each company presented for their business during the courtesy visit.



Photo session between Prime Minister Hun Sen and Delegation on January 15, 2013

December 18, 2012, Japan

1st Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Awarding Ceremony

- ERIA and Nara Prefecture of Japan held an awarding ceremony at the awards commemorative forum called NARA FORUM 2012 at Nara Prefectural New Public Hall in Nara City in Japan on December 18, 2012.
- The Asia Cosmopolitan Awards aims to recognize on a biennial basis individuals or organizations that have made substantial and significant contributions to the development of a peaceful and stable East Asian Community, to narrow the developmental gaps in the region, as well as to establish the sustainable social growth towards economic and cultural integration within East Asia. This event marks the first time for the awards to be presented.
- The NARA FORUM 2012 featured commemorative speeches by the Grand Prize winner Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi (Secretary-General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development [UNCTAD]), the Economic and Social Science Prize winner Prof. Benedict Anderson (Professor Emeritus of Cornell University), and the Cultural Prize winner Mr. Takehiko Inoue (Japanese manga artist), as well as keynote speeches by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (Secretary-General of ASEAN) and Dr. Takashi Shiraishi (President of the Institute of Developing Economies Japan External Trade Organization [IDE-JETRO]).

○ Winner of the Grand Prize: Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi
/ Second from the left

○ Winner of the Economic and Social Science Prize: Prof.
Benedict Anderson / Third from the left

○ Winner of the Cultural Prize: Mr. Takehiko Inoue
/Third from the right

○ Winner of the Memorable Prize: (representative) Dr.
Rizal Sukma, Executive Director of the Centre for Strategic
and International Studies (CSIS) (on behalf of the late Hadi
Soesastro) / Second from the right



➤The 21st ASEAN Summit and the 7th East Asia Summit (EAS) and related meetings were held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 18-20 November 2012. This year was a unique opportunity for ERIA as Prof. Nishimura was invited by the Chair of the Summit to attend; Opening Ceremony of 21st ASEAN Summit, Plenary Session of the 21st ASEAN Summit, Plenary Session of the 7th East Asia Summit, 15th ASEAN-Japan Summit, 10th ASEAN-India Summit, and ASEAN Global Dialogue. ERIA has submitted a series of recommendations (the following four documents) to accelerate the economic integration to the ASEAN leaders during the Summits.

1. Integrative Report/ Country Report/ Executive Summary of Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of AEC Blueprint
2. Phnom Penh Initiatives for Narrowing Development Gaps
3. Toward CADP3: Regional Connectivity, the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) and Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV)
4. Outcomes and Recommendations from Royal Government of Cambodia-ERIA- Harvard Symposium "Realizing a More Integrated, Comprehensive, Equitable, and Resilient ASEAN Community"

In addition to the above, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN, handed over the CADP2 "ASEAN-India Connectivity" to Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh on the occasion of just after the 10th ASEAN-India Summit.



21st ASEAN Summit- Plenary Session



7th East Asia Summit- Plenary Session

Outcomes of the 7th East Asia Summit

Chairman's Statement of the 7th East Asia Summit (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

7. We took note with appreciation the outcomes of the First EAS Economic Ministers Meeting which was held on 30 August 2012, in Siem Reap, Cambodia. We recognized the necessity of striking a balance between the deepening of ASEAN integration and its enhanced participation to the global supply chain. In this regard, we stressed the important role of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) which has been providing valuable inputs to regional efforts towards East Asian Economic Integration under the three pillars, namely "Deepening Economic Integration" "Narrowing Development Gaps", and "Sustainable Development", covering a wide range of policy areas, such as trade and investment, economic integration, SME promotion, human resource and infrastructure development, connectivity as well as energy and environment issues.
8. We welcomed with appreciation the report of the Royal Government of Cambodia-ERIA-Harvard Symposium on "Realizing a More Integrated, Competitive, Equitable, and Resilient ASEAN Community" and the "Phnom Penh Initiatives for Narrowing Development Gaps", which set out the key strategies to further ASEAN agenda to narrow development gaps within ASEAN, both within and between ASEAN Member States, and amplifies an important element of the Phnom Penh Agenda to Realize the ASEAN Community by 2015.
9. We welcomed the Statement of ERIA's 5th Governing Board Meeting issued on 23rd June 2012 and its work plan to undertake research and policy recommendations to enhance community building efforts through consultation, cooperation and consensus in order to maximize the benefits of integration in East Asia and bring them closer to ordinary people. We also encouraged ERIA for its continued support to the Summit activities of ASEAN and East Asia through its research and policy recommendations.
14. We encouraged the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and its counterparts under EAS to work out the issue of financing connectivity projects towards realizing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity with appropriate support from ADB, ERIA, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the World Bank.
22. We welcomed the successful convening of the 6th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting on 12 September 2012, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, such as commencement of new research studies by ERIA, and tasked relevant Ministers to strengthen energy cooperation.....
28. We adopted the Phnom Penh Declaration on EAS Development Initiative and called for various parties to step up cooperation in this regard...

November 18, 2012, Cambodia

Outcomes of the 21st ASEAN Summit

Chairman's Statement of the 21st ASEAN Summit (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

30. We welcome the prioritization of AEC measures undertaken by the AEC Council, as well as the recommendations of the AEC Blueprint Mid-term Review, on taking forward the timely, full and consistent realization of our AEC commitments.
40. Monitoring the progress of the AEC remains our priority. Toward this end, we reiterate the need to strengthen the development of strong AEC monitoring framework to monitor the AEC outcomes, identify issues and address implementation gaps. ...
43. We welcome the outcomes of the seminar on "Realizing a more Integrated, Competitive, Equitable and Resilient ASEAN Community" jointly organized by the Royal Government of Cambodia, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and Harvard University in Phnom Penh, in October 2012, which provides useful basis recommendations for ASEAN in moving toward realization of ASEAN economic integration in 2015.
74. We welcomed the convening of the 3rd ASEAN Connectivity Symposium held in Phnom Penh, on 7-8 September 2012.

Joint Statement of the 4th ASEAN-U.S. Leaders' Meeting(Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

- 11.... We also noted the U.S. interest in supporting the development of the Mekong-India-Economic-Corridor (MIEC) which will contribute to the realization of ASEAN's broader regional connectivity goals.

Opening Statement by Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen at Opening Ceremony of the 21st ASEAN Summit (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

- I believe that the Report of the Mid-Term Review of the AEC Blueprint and the enhancement of AEC Scorecard as well as policy actions at the country level to address ATIGA obligations constitute the foundation for ASEAN to review and put forward concrete policy measures to be implemented before 2015.....

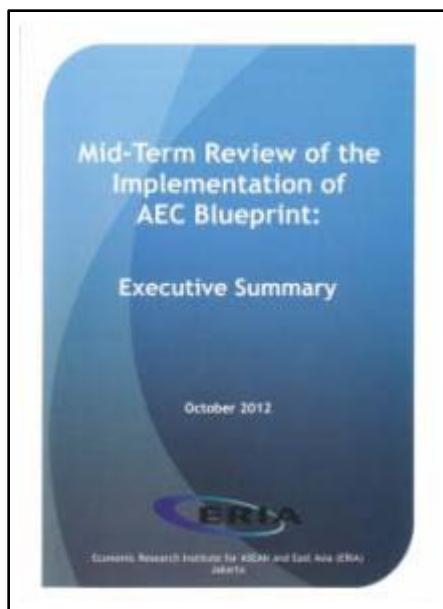
Phnom Penh Declaration on the East Asia Summit Development Initiative (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

8.at the same time encourage the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat to engage with EAS participating countries and other external partners, including the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank, in implementing the Declaration of the 6th EAS on ASEAN Connectivity.
- These initiatives will be implemented through existing regional frameworks and mechanisms of ASEAN, in close consultation with EAS participating countries and with appropriate support from relevant international organizations such as Asia Development Bank (ADB), Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

November 18, 2012, Cambodia

ASEAN Business & Investment Summit

- On the sideline of the Summit, ASEAN Business & Investment Summit (ABIS) 2012 was organized in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, November 16-18, 2012. The program of ABIS is closely being coordinated between the Cambodian Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC). The Cambodia Chamber of Commerce is the lead organization for the event. More than 800 government officials, business executives, international institution representatives, and academia from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) gathered to discuss ways to broaden business and investment opportunities in the region. The Summit was a good opportunity to discuss and strengthen cooperation and partnership between the governments and private sectors in order to promote business and investment in industries.
- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, invited to the session “Looking Forward: What Does the Future Hold for ASEAN?” moderated by H.E. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, Kingdom of Cambodia on November 18, 2012 as a speaker. Prof. Nishimura made a presentation on “Toward AEC 2015 as ASEAN’s Landmark Achievement”, reporting viewpoint from the final report of Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of AEC Blueprint. Executive Summary of the Mid Term Review of Implementation of AEC Blueprint and its translation in the languages of Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam was officially released and circulated to the public.



November 16, 2012, Cambodia

ERIA Editor's Roundtable / Press Conference of Asia Cosmopolitan Awards

➤ On the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit, ERIA Editors' Roundtable on ASEAN "ASEAN towards Global Connectivity" was organized by ERIA, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and ASEAN Foundation on November 16, 2012. It was opened by H.R.H. Prince Norodom Sirivudh, Chairman of Directors, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP). Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA and Dr. Makarim Wibisono, Executive Director, ASEAN Foundation, made opening remarks. H.E Khieu Kanharith, Minister of Information, Kingdom of Cambodia, made key note address. Newspaper editors and journalists from 10 EAS countries participated to discuss issues related to and increase awareness about challenges facing ASEAN and East Asia.

➤ On the same day, the Press Conference of Asia Cosmopolitan Awards was organized. ERIA proudly announced the inaugural winners of the Grand Prize, the Economic and Social Science Prize, the Cultural Prize and the Memorable Prize of the Awards. The 1st Asia Cosmopolitan Awards awarded to:

Grand Prize: Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Economic and Social Science Prize: Prof. Benedict Anderson, Professor Emeritus at Cornell University

Cultural Prize: Mr. Takehiko Inoue, Japanese Manga Artist

Memorable Prize: The late Hadi Soesastro, Founder of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

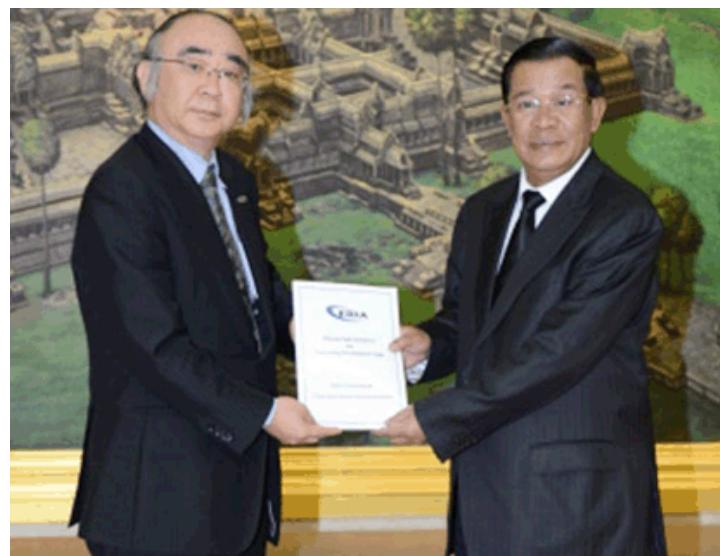


ERIA Editor's Roundtable



Press Conference of Asia Cosmopolitan Awards

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, senior officials and researchers of ERIA, paid a courtesy call to H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia on November 1, 2012 at Peace Palace, Prime Minister's office.
- Prof. Nishimura handed over Prime Minister the following three documents; 1. Outcomes and recommendations of the Symposium on "Realizing a More Integrated, Competitive, Equitable, and Resilient ASEAN Community" jointly organized by the Royal Government of Cambodia-ERIA-Harvard University / 2. Executive Summary of Phnom Penh Initiative for Narrowing Development Gaps" which is the framework to support Cambodia's ASEAN Chairmanship this year / 3. Executive Summary of Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of AEC Blueprint (MTR).
- During the meeting, Prime Minister Hun Sen expressed his appreciation to Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura and to all researchers for their tireless efforts to complete this important research and compiled documents and mentioned that the submitted documents are very crucial for not only for ASEAN community building by 2015 but beyond.
- Prof. Nishimura expected that these documents would be useful for all ASEAN member states to utilize and transform the region and the country to be more competitive and responsible.



Royal Government of Cambodia-ERIA-Harvard Symposium

- The Symposium on "Realizing a More Integrated, Competitive, Equitable, and Resilient ASEAN Community" jointly organized by the Royal Government of Cambodia, ERIA, and Harvard University, was held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia on October 30-31, 2012.
- The Symposium is the third of a series of symposia organized by ERIA to support Summit activities. Around 30 distinguished speakers and moderators discuss a range of topics such as economic integration, narrowing the development gaps, food security, energy security and innovations. Around 300 participants from various ministries and governmental agencies, diplomats, universities and the private sector attended the first day of the Symposium and around 200 participants were attended at the second day of the symposium.
- H.E. Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia, opened the symposium and proposed an action plan for building the ASEAN Economic Community into a more competitive, equitable and resilient community. Prime Minister thanked ERIA for recent publication of this Mid-term Review Report of the AEC Blueprint, and said that the symposium is an important dialogue platform for Cambodia and ASEAN members to review the overall ASEAN achievements.



October 1-2, 2012, Myanmar

ERIA Capacity Building Nay Pyi Taw Seminar and Workshop 2012

- ERIA Capacity Building Nay Pyi Taw Seminar and Workshop 2012 themed “Globalization and Development Strategy in Myanmar toward ASEAN Economic Integration” was held in Myanmar on October 1 to 2, 2012 in cooperation with Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Yangon Institute of Economics, Bangkok Research Center, and JETRO Yangon. It was opened by Dr. U Kan Zaw, Minister, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made opening remarks.
- This is the 5th time that ERIA conducts Capacity Building Seminar in Nay Pyi Taw since 2008. This year, with the consultation from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, ERIA upgraded the Capacity Building Program for Myanmar from one day seminar to two day and workshops and newly included an interactive working session for the four Country’s current important topics. More than 200 participants from government institutions, universities and private sectors has been actively participated in seminar and workshop with 4 classes: Development of Agribusiness in Myanmar, Foreign Exchange Management in the midst of kyat appreciation, Effective Aid Management and the Development of Myanmar and Improvement of Investment Environment in Myanmar.
- During the Seminar, Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA, made a presentation on “Production Network in East Asia; Future Perspective of Myanmar” and Mr. Toshihiro Kudo, Senior Researcher, IDE-JETRO explained on “Industrialization Strategy and Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV) which ERIA is supporting.



September 19, 2012, Japan

LNG Producer-Consumer Conference

- The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and the Asia Pacific Energy Research Center (APERC) organized a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Producer-Consumer Conference on September 19, 2012 in Tokyo, Japan. This was the first global conference at which both government and private LNG producers and consumers met. Around 500 participants attended including Ministerial-level representatives from producing and consuming countries, major oil companies in the US and European countries, Middle Eastern and other state-owned enterprises producing LNG, LNG consumers in Asia and the EU as well as Japan, trading companies and international organizations.
- This conference was organized for the purpose of sharing perspectives on the long-term supply and demand projections of LNG and enhancing transparency on LNG trading market, which will lead to establishing cooperation among concerned businesses.
- H.E. Mr Yukio Edano, Minister of METI made opening address. Dr. Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada, Minister of Energy and Industry, Qatar, Mr. Martin Ferguson, Minister for Resources and Energy, Minister for Tourism, Australia, Mr. Sukwoo Hong, Minister of Knowledge Economy, Republic of Korea, Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Governor of JICA, Mr. Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources, Canada gave special lecture. The conference was closed by Mr. Ichiro Takahara, Director-General for Natural Resources and Energy Policy.
- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura moderated Session 4 on "LNG Finance and Technology". The Session 4 focused on the topic of development and future of LNG finance and new technology for gas production and transportation. Prof. Nishimura summarized the Session, saying "It is important to ensure LNG finance, including consideration of the environment, safety and social responsibility." (Speakers in Session 4: Mr. Hiromi Kawano, President of JOGMEC, Mr. Shigeo Hirai, Representative Director, President and CEO, JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation, Mr. Didier Houssin, Director of Energy Markets and Security of IEA, Mr. De la Rey Venter, Global Head of LNG of Royal Dutch Shell, Mr. Koji Miyahara, Chairman of the Board of Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Mr. Koichi Kawana, President and Representative Director of JGC Corporation, Mr. Takashi Kubota, President and CEO of Chiyoda Corporation.)



Session 4

6th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting ①

- The 6th East Asia Summit (EAS)Energy Ministers Meeting was held on 12 September 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy of Cambodia, and co-chaired by H.E. Keiro Kitagami, Parliamentary Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan. The Meeting was attended by the Ministers and senior officials responsible for energy from the EAS Countries namely, ASEAN Member States, Australia, People's Republic of China, Republic of India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Russian Federation and the United States. The Secretary-General of ASEAN was also in attendance.
- During the meeting, Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, briefed the meeting on the outcomes of the 2nd EAS Energy Efficiency Conference which was held on July 31 – August 1, 2012 in Phnom Penh Cambodia and report on the progress of research studies tasked out to ERIA by Energy Ministers at the 5th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting which was held in Brunei Darussalam last September.



6th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting



H.E. Mr. Jero Wacik, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia (left)

6th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting ② Joint Ministerial Statement

3. The Ministers welcomed the steady progress made by EAS countries in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Work Stream. This includes the adoption, on a voluntary basis, of energy efficiency goals and national plans on energy efficiency, which resulted in a reduction in energy intensity in most EAS countries in the period 2005-2009. The Ministers noted that Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) of the EAS region is projected under the IEEJ Asia/World Energy Outlook to account for 62% of the World TPES in 2035, demonstrating that actions to be undertaken to improve energy efficiency in the region will play a very important role in the future global energy landscape. The Ministers appreciated the contribution of relevant institutions of member countries by organising activities for the development of human resources and information sharing on energy efficiency. The Ministers also welcomed the studies on energy saving potentials that reflect the progress of action plans of the ASEAN member countries to improve energy efficiency. The Ministers expressed appreciation to Cambodia for hosting the Second Energy Efficiency Conference on 31 July – 1 August 2012 including the report on Lao PDR and noted the Conference's policy recommendations.
4. The Ministers commended the energy officials for the further progress made in the Biofuels for Transport and other Purposes Work Stream, particularly the further development of the Biofuels Database in East Asia Countries to include good practice of biofuel utilisation in respective countries, the research activities undertaken under the Asia Biomass Energy Researchers Invitation Programme, and the joint studies on Biodiesel Fuel Standardisation and Sustainability Assessment of Biomass Utilisation in East Asia conducted by ERIA. The Ministers encouraged the energy officials to further advance the implementation of these programmes, building on the good achievements made in the past years.
5. The Ministers expressed appreciation to ERIA for its contribution to the work of the Energy Market Integration Work Stream by conducting the Study on "Energy Market Integration (EMI) in East Asia: Theories, Electricity Sector and Subsidies". The Ministers tasked the Senior Officials to consider the recommendations of the Study for possible practical adoption. The Ministers also expressed appreciation to Singapore and New Zealand for the organisation of the inaugural EAS Energy Market Deregulation Forum on 23 October 2012 in Singapore, to be held in conjunction with the Singapore International Energy Week 2012. The Ministers encouraged the EAS Countries to send representatives from relevant Ministries/Departments/Organisations in-charge of trade, investment and energy and energy regulatory authorities to participate in the Forum.
6. In order to enhance EAS energy cooperation and energy security, the Ministers acknowledged the importance of sharing medium-to-long term outlooks for energy supply and demand, given the growing energy demand in the region and taking into account the possible implications of natural disasters on existing energy infrastructure. In this regard, the Ministers acknowledged that ERIA, in coordination with ACE, will collaborate with the International Energy Agency (IEA) in conducting studies on energy outlooks.
7. With respect to further enhancement of EAS energy cooperation, the Ministers noted the commencement of the following research studies by ERIA with support from Japan: (i) Energy outlooks for medium-to-long term; (ii) Strategic usage of coal through Clean Coal Technologies; (iii) Optimum electric power infrastructure; (iv) Nuclear power safety management; and (v) Smart urban traffic promoting energy efficiency of transport sector. The Ministers welcomed the establishment of a new energy unit at ERIA and requested ERIA to report on the progress of the new research studies and cooperation initiatives at future ministerial meetings.

30th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting

- The 30th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) was held on 12 September 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. H.E. Mr. Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy of Cambodia chaired the Meeting. H.E. Mr. Jero Wacik, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia was the Vice-Chairperson.
- ERIA was invited by the ASEAN Secretary General, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, to participate in the 30th ASEAN Energy Ministers Meeting. The Ministers expressed their appreciation to ERIA's support in Energy field in its Joint Ministerial Statement, paragraph 16.

Joint Ministerial Statement of 30th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting

16. The Ministers noted that energy cooperation between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners had progressed further in the past year, and expressed their appreciation to the Dialogue Partners for the valuable assistance in supporting the implementation of the APAEC 2010-2015. The Ministers noted the recent convening of the 13th SOME-METI Consultations, the 3rd SOME-EU Dialogue on Energy Cooperation, the 3rd SOME-Russia Consultation, the 3rd SOME-US Consultation, the SOME-IEA Dialogue, the 17th EAS-ECTF in July 2012 and the 11th SOME+3 in September 2012. The Ministers welcomed the adoption of the work plans and concrete cooperation activities with the respective Dialogue Partners for implementation, including the activities under the SOME-METI Energy Cooperation Program Priorities 2012-2013, the SOME-EU Energy Cooperation Annual Work Plan 2012-2013, the ASEAN-US Energy Cooperation Work Plan 2012-2014 and the EAS-ECTF Work Plan 2012-2013. The Ministers welcomed the continued sharing of best practices and capacity building activities through the ASEAN-US Energy Efficiency Education Workshop on 4-5 July 2012 and the ASEAN-EU Seminar on Energy Security and Investment Regulation Framework on Interconnections on 10-11 September 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In this connection, the Ministers expressed their appreciation to the **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)** for its support in research and valuable recommendations for energy cooperation in ASEAN and EAS member countries.



➤ The two-day symposium on "Realizing ASEAN Connectivity for ASEAN Community Building" was organized jointly by ERIA, The Royal Government of Cambodia (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cambodia) and ASEAN Secretariat on September 7-8, 2012, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. More than 150 participants from ASEAN, dialogue partners, private sectors, business associations were there. The ASEAN Connectivity Symposium is a flagship annual event on ASEAN Connectivity to identify the gaps in the implementation of the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and recommend actions that ASEAN could pursue to address them.

The symposium focuses on fostering regional partnership in connectivity for an equitable development and for future shared prosperity within ASEAN. Prof. Nishimura Hidetoshi, ERIA executive director, reiterated that the connectivity is one effective way to accelerate industrialization, narrow development gaps and enhance the region's economic weight. He expressed the hope that the symposium's outcomes can be used as recommendations and inputs for Royal Government of Cambodia in implementing the MPAC and as inputs during the ASEAN chairmanship this year.

➤ The ACCC's informal consultation on connectivity with Dialogue Partners and external partners (ERIA, ADB, World Bank, UNESCAP) was held on September 9, 2012 in Phnom Penh. The views of all the members present on the current state and implementation of connectivity master plan was reported in the meeting. ERIA offered its support to any upcoming activity on enhancing connectivity in the region. The ACCC held a one to one meeting with ERIA on September 10, 2012. General Manager of ERIA, Mr. Yasushi Iwata made a presentation on ERIA's contribution to the regional connectivity through its research works. The meeting appreciated the presentation and ERIA's works.

H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong,
Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of Foreign Affairs
and International
Cooperation, Kingdom of
Cambodia (center) ->



H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol,
Senior Minister and Vice
Chairman of Council for
the Development of
Cambodia (left) ->

The 3rd ASEAN Connectivity
Symposium on
September 7-8, 2012

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, Dr. Ponciano S. Intal Jr, Senior Researcher of ERIA, and some ERIA senior officials attended the 8th ASEAN Economic Community Council Meeting on August 28, 2012, in Siem Reap, Cambodia, and made a presentation on the Mid Term Review of the AEC Blueprint. The Ministers overall welcomed the report and commended ERIA for successful completion of the report and invited ERIA to participate in the ASEAN Business Investment Summit to be held during the Summit in November.
- The East Asia Summit Economic Ministers Meeting was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on August 30, 2012. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA, and some ERIA senior officials attended and made a presentation to the meeting on activities of ERIA and also gave a small introduction on the need to deepening of connectivity and production networks in the region. H.E. Dr. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce of Cambodia chaired the meeting and initiated the discussion calling ERIA a common creation of the East Asia Summit. The Chair concluded the discussion by once again recognizing the contribution of ERIA to the ASEAN and EAS.



8th ASEAN Economic Community Council on August 28, 2012



EAS Economic Ministers Meeting on August 30, 2012

August 30, 2012, Cambodia

Joint Media Statement of the EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting

➤ Economic Ministers from of East Asia Summit (EAS) participating countries - the ten ASEAN Member States, Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea and New Zealand, the Russian Federation (Russia) and the United States of America (US) gathered in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 30 August 2012 for the EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting. ERIA is mentioned in paragraph 6,7,8 in its Joint Media Statement.

Joint Media Statement of EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

Implementation of the *Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)*

6. The Ministers welcomed the updates provided by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and commended on its activities in a variety of fields that include SMEs, energy, environment, trade and investment, infrastructure development as well as assistance provided to ASEAN through the Mid-Term Review of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint, improving the AEC Scorecard and conducting a comprehensive mapping of ASEAN's free trade agreements.

7. The Ministers, recognising that there is still scope for ERIA to do work in some other important areas, encouraged ERIA to explore expanding its research activities to other emerging areas such as on future economic challenges to sustainable growth and prosperity in the region. The Ministers also underscored the importance of systematically aligning the work of ERIA with the policy objectives of the EAS. This could be achieved through practical arrangements for engagement between policymakers and ERIA's researchers, including consultation about research topics and regular feedback from policymakers on ERIA's research and analysis. The Ministers looked forward to ERIA's continued support and contribution and recognised the importance of further strengthening ERIA to effectively contribute to economic integration and community-building in ASEAN and the greater East Asian region through its research work and policy recommendations. The Ministers appreciated contributions from ASEAN Member States, India, Japan and New Zealand to ERIA.

Regional and global economic development

8. Reaffirming their support to ASEAN's efforts towards the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015, the Ministers also underlined the importance of deepening ASEAN's economic integration beyond 2015 with enhanced participation in global supply networks. In this context, the Ministers reaffirmed their support for the effective implementation of the Declaration of the 6th EAS on ASEAN Connectivity, and anticipated ERIA's further support to the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee as well as to the ASEAN Secretariat.

August 27-28, 2012, Cambodia

Joint Media Statement of the 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers' (AEM) Meeting / Opening Address by H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen

- The 44th Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) was held on 27 – 28 August 2012 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. H.E. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce of Cambodia, chaired the Meeting. In its Joint Media Statement, the Ministers thanked the ERIA for its contribution of Mid-Term Review of the AEC Blueprint in paragraph 7.
- At the 44th AEM Meeting on August 27, H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Kingdom of Cambodia, and H.E. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister, Minister of Commerce of Cambodia, mentioned the efforts of ERIA in their address during the 44th AEM Meeting.

Joint Media Statement of 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

Implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint

7. The Ministers thanked the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for its contribution in undertaking the Mid-Term Review of the AEC Blueprint which highlighted the progress, challenges, and recommendations in moving forward on the implementation of the AEC Blueprint.

Opening Address by H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen at the Opening of the 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting

.... *First*, realizing the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 is the top priority in order to transform ASEAN to be a single market and production base, with free flow of goods, services, investment, skilled labor, and freer flow of capital. Thus, there is a need to prioritize actions and key concrete measures to address challenges and bridge the development gap, which hinders the realization of ASEAN Economic Community as planned. In this regard, I believe that the Report of the Mid-Term Review of the AEC Blueprint completed by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) can serve as a basis for the Economic Ministers to review and put forward concrete policy measures to address implementation gaps between now and 2015 including ways and means to tackle protectionism in trade in goods and services within ASEAN.

Welcoming Remark by H.E. Cham Pradish at the Opening Ceremony of the 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting

.... Furthermore, the ASEAN Economic Ministers and Economic Ministers from Dialogue Partners will be also interacting with a number of influential business representatives from the ASEAN Business Advisory Council, the US-ASEAN Business Council, the US Chamber of Commerce, the East Asia Business Council, the Federation of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN, the Canada-ASEAN Business Council, ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX) as well as the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in order to further facilitate and promote trade and investment in ASEAN, in East Asia as well as with other regions in the world.....

July 31- August 1, 2012, Cambodia

2nd EAS Energy Efficiency Conference

- The 2nd East Asia Summit Energy Efficiency Conference was held on July 31-August 1, 2012, hosted by the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, Cambodia (MIME) in cooperation with ERIA, the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).
- H.E. Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, mines and Energy, Cambodia, made welcoming remarks and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made opening remarks and closing remarks. Prof. Nishimura stressed that the main objective of the conference is to share views and best practices in energy efficiency among policy makers, academia and private sector.
- East Asian leaders and experts in energy efficiency held two days of discussions to identify best practices to promote energy saving and enhance energy security in the region.
- The outcome of the discussions will be reported to the upcoming East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting (EMM6), scheduled in September, as well as ASEAN Summit meetings.



July 27, 2012, Thailand

ERIA Bangkok Symposium on Making Human Capital and Improving Productivity

- ERIA organized the symposium entitled "Making Human Capital and Improving Productivity: Between better quality of life and the world competition" on 27 July 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand in cooperation with The Embassy of Japan in Thailand, Bangkok Research Center (BRC-JETRO Bangkok), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Thailand Office, National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), and Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI).
- There are 100 participants attended the symposium, which ranging from Thai government officials, ASEAN Secretariat, research institutions across ASEAN, academic institutions, private sector, and other international organizations.
- The main objective of the symposium is to explore venues for the uninterrupted expansion of middle-income class in the region. It is aimed at facilitating knowledge transfer, sharing of information, and improving the understanding of various stakeholders on how to reach a better quality of human capital to enhance the region's economic productivity.
- The symposium was opened by the speech from H.E. Mr. Masato Otaka, Minister, Economic Affairs, Embassy of Japan in Thailand. The symposium was honored with two keynote speakers, H.E. Mr. Kittiratt Na Ranong, Deputy prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Thailand and H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN.
- The symposium concluded with a closing remark from Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA saying "I would like to propose the 'modern Asian-type social security system' at the next occasion."



- The 2nd EAS Foreign Ministers' Meeting was held in Phon Penh, Cambodia on 12 July 2012. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. HOR Namhong, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia.
- The EAS Foreign Ministers focused on reviewing the future direction of the EAS cooperation and the preparation for the 7th EAS to be held in Phnom Penh in November 2012. ERIA was mentioned in paragraph 18 of ASEAN Connectivity.

Chairman Statement of 2nd EAS Foreign Ministers' Meeting (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

18. The Ministers stressed the importance of ASEAN Connectivity in promoting economic integration and looked forward to the effective implementation of the Declaration of the 6th EAS on ASEAN Connectivity adopted at the 6th EAS in Bali, Indonesia, in November 2011, in particular the development of a regional public-private partnership (PPP) development agenda, the active involvement of the public and private sectors in key priority projects under the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, close cooperation in people-to-people connectivity. They reaffirmed their support for the enhancement of ASEAN Connectivity, and shared the importance of expanding Connectivity beyond ASEAN as well. In this context, the Ministers supported the implementation of the Master Plan as it will contribute to intra-regional efforts towards greater connectivity and integration. To this end, the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Connectivity (ACCC) with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat and **ERIA will discuss and implement the above-mentioned initiatives**, as well as consider working out the modalities of establishing a Working Group under the EAS rubric to look into the issue of financing ASEAN Connectivity.

5th ERIA Governing Board Meeting

- The 5th ERIA Governing Board (GB) Meeting was held on June 23, 2011 at ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting was chaired by Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Chairperson of ERIA Governing Board. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN addressed the meeting. Prof. Hideyoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA briefed the GB members on recent activities of ERIA since last GB Meeting. Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA explained on research projects FY2011 and research program FY2012.
- During the meeting, valuable comments for ERIA's activities were proposed by GB members and Statement from 5th Governing Board Meeting entitled "Community Building Efforts through Consultation, Cooperation and Consensus was adopted.
- After the GB meeting, EAS ambassadorial meeting was held. Ambassadors from EAS countries were updated on the current research activities of ERIA, ERIA's research program, and the statement. The importance of close communication and cooperation was reconfirmed by all participants.



The 5th ERIA Governing Board Meeting



EAS Ambassadorial Meeting

May 30 - June 1, 2012, Thailand

21st World Economic Forum on East Asia

- Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA was invited to World Economic Forum on East Asia themed "Shaping the Region's Future through Connectivity" which was held from 30 May- 1 June 2012 in Bangkok, Thailand. Prof. Nishimura attended on the last day, 1 June with Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN.
- To Achieve the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint by 2015, strong linkages across South-East Asia are strongly needed to ensure a competitive and connected region. To discuss how senior decision makers can shape the region's future opportunities while creating the models for improved risk management and sustainable and equitable growth, the 21st WEF on East Asia was convened, drawing more than 450 business leaders together with other members of civil society and academia, including five heads of state or government, from Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.
- Dr. Surin attended the session on ASEAN Connectivity: Roadmap to 2015" and introduced three reports related to ERIA, Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, Comprehensive Asia Development Plan, and India-ASEAN Connectivity. Prof. Nishimura met with several Ministers in ASEAN and Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, Chairman of the National League for Democracy (NLD), Myanmar. WEF in next year is scheduled to be held in Myanmar.



- ERIA organized the capacity building seminar entitled "Major Issues and Challenges in Cambodia: Materializing the Phnom Penh Agenda" from 29 to 30 May 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia and Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), supported by Bangkok Research Center (BRC), IDE-JETRO. Over 220 participants attended the seminar.
- The capacity building program aims to improve the competency of wide range of policy makers, administrators, researchers, and business managers and provide key ideas for the better preparation for the ASEAN and East Asia summit as ASEAN chair country. It also gives a prime opportunity for the participants to access to both internal and external experts to get background and updated information of economic condition in Cambodia and other east Asian countries by utilizing the ERIA's research human networks.
- The two day program composes of a half day morning seminar and two half day workshops. At the Seminar, Dr. Cham Prasidh, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce of Cambodia, and Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, gave opening remarks. Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA gave a presentation on Achievement of Jakarta Framework and Materializing the Phnom Penh Agenda. Dr. Hank Lim, Chairman of ERIA Academic Advisory Council made a presentation on AEC Blueprint and Trade Liberalization. It was closed by Mr. Ung Huot, Vice Chairman of CICP, Former Prime Minister of Cambodia.
- Prof. Nishimura emphasize that ERIA is committed to support ASEAN's goal to establish the AEC by 2015 and working closely with Cambodia continually in his speech. The summary and outcomes of the seminar and workshops will be presented to the Senior Minister of Cambodia, the ASEAN chair country.



ASEAN Roadshow to Japan ①

- The ASEAN Roadshow to Japan took place from 25 to 28 April 2012 in Sendai and Tokyo, Japan. ASEAN Economic Ministers visited and several events were held with the purpose of enhancing economic relations between ASEAN and Japan by both the public and private sectors, accelerating overseas operations of Japanese products and services, sharing the lessons of the reconstruction activities of the disasters in East Asia including the Great East Japan Earthquake, and promoting trade and investment in East Asia.
- Outcomes of the Roadshow (excerpt from the Joint Media Statement on the ASEAN Roadshow) :
 1. Conducted site visits to the Sendai and noted the remarkable progress of the recovery of Japan.
 2. Assured of the continued support of Japan in its economic integration efforts including the early launch of the negotiation for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)
 3. Promoted "ASEAN" to key stakeholders in Japan at the ASEAN Investment Forum and the FTA Symposium.
 4. Viewed best practice principles being employed Japan to steer the growth and encourage the development of SMEs.
 5. Exchanged views of concrete cooperation projects of the ASEAN-Japan 10 year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap.
- Events related to ERIA are as follows:
Welcome Dinner (April 25)／ERIA Lunch Reception・ERIA Sendai Symposium (April 26)／ Site Visit to SME and Model of Comprehensive Higher Professional Education System・FTA Symposium (April 27)／ ASEAN-Japan Public and Private Policy Dialogue・Closing Reception (April 28)



Welcome Dinner (April 25)



Site Visit to Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology (April 27)



ASEAN-Japan Public and Private Policy Dialogue (April 28)

April 26, 2012, Japan

ASEAN Roadshow ② / ERIA Sendai Symposium

- ERIA Sendai Symposium on “Towards a Disaster Resilient Economy in East Asia” was held on 26 April 2012 in Sendai, Japan. In the context of the ASEAN Roadshow, ERIA organized this symposium in cooperation with Miyagi Prefecture, and Sendai City and with the support of IDE-JETRO. It was attended by ASEAN Economic Ministers, Mr. Yoshihiro Murai, Governor of Miyagi Prefecture, Ms. Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City, Government officials, experts, people from private sector and economic organizations with around 200 participants.
- At the symposium, Mr. Hiroshi Okuda, Governing Board Member of ERIA (Governor of JBIC) made a key note speech, Mr. Boonsong Teriyapirom, Minister of Commerce of Thailand and Dr. Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar, and Ms. Kazuko Koori, Parliamentary Secretary for Reconstruction of Japan made a presentation about the reconstruction process from the disasters of each country. Dr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA, Mr. Ikumo Isono, Economist of ERIA made a presentation about Connectivity Enhancement towards Disaster Resilient Society in East Asia. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made a closing remarks, saying that ERIA will set up disaster management as one of the flagship projects for this year and support the establishment of disaster-resilient networks in East Asia. At the symposium, Mr. Murai, Governor of Miyagi Prefecture, explained the proposal by reflecting on ERIA 4th Governing Board Statement in his presentation.
- Before the Symposium, ERIA Reception was held on the same occasion and Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Chairman of ERIA, made an opening speech.



ERIA Reception



ERIA Sendai Symposium

ASEAN Roadshow ③ / FTA Symposium

- As a part of ASEAN Roadshow, ERIA and IDE-JETRO organized FTA Symposium on “Toward Economic Integration in ASEAN and East Asia” on 27 April 2012 in Tokyo, Japan. Around 250 participants including ASEAN Economic Ministers, government officials, and experts attended the Symposium.
- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, mentioned that ASEAN is regarded as the driving force of FTA formation in the region and stressed the importance of FTA/EPA covering a wide area of cooperation and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) for further economic integration and further development of production networks in his opening speech.
- In the Symposium, Dr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN made a keynote speech on “Overview and Status of ASEAN Regional Economic Integration”. Dr. Ganeshan Wignaraja, Director, Research Department of ADBI, and Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA, and Mr. Masao Suematsu, COO of DENSO International Asia co., Ltd. made a presentation. After that, the Discussion/Q&A session was conducted. It was moderated by Dr. Takashi Shiraishi, President of IDE-JETRO and ASEAN Economic Ministers participated. In conclusion, Mr. Boonsong Teriyapirom, Minister of Commerce of Thailand made a closing speech.
- The Symposium enhanced the knowledge of Japanese stakeholders on ASEAN regional integration initiatives such as: the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and RCEP.



ASEAN Roadshow ④/Joint Media Statement on the ASEAN Roadshow to Japan

- The ASEAN Roadshow to Japan took place from the 25th to the 28th of April 2012 in Sendai and Tokyo, Japan. The Roadshow was organized by the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM), the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan and the Secretary-General of ASEAN, with the support of the AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC), the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), business organizations, government-affiliated organizations and local governments.

Joint Media Statement on the ASEAN Roadshow to Japan (Excerpt the paragraph related to ERIA)

Outcomes of the Road Show

1. The AEM expressed sympathy to the people of Sendai for the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that occurred last year and noted the remarkable progress of the recovery of Japan, particularly in the Tohoku region, from this natural disaster. They conducted site visits to the Sendai Port and a Japanese manufacturing facility and participated in the ERIA Symposium towards a Disaster Resilient Economy in East Asia, all of which were held in Sendai.
2. Following the discussions at the ERIA Symposium, the AEM re-affirmed the importance of deepening and strengthening the resilience of the supply chain network in East Asia, recognizing the speed at which economic activities were restored after natural disasters such as the earthquake in Japan and floods in the Mekong region took place.
4. The AEM also successfully promoted "ASEAN" to key stakeholders in Japan at the ASEAN Investment Forum which included an exhibition showcasing ASEAN goods and information on investing in ASEAN Member States and the FTA Symposium towards Economic Integration in ASEAN and East Asia.

(1) Boosting Trade and Investment between ASEAN and Japan in the Evolving Regional Architecture (Connectivity Enhancement)

-Materialize the idea of "connectivity master plan plus" with appropriate reference to the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan based on the importance of connectivity between ASEAN and the other areas in East Asia.

(2) Strengthening Strategic Economic Relations between ASEAN and Japan towards the Future (Support for Small and Medium Enterprises)

-Promote and support the efforts of the Asia Professional Education Network (APEN) and ERIA to strengthen networks of SMEs in ASEAN and East Asia through "Only-one SME Mission" to ASEAN Member States, the establishment of the "APEN Credibility Index for SMEs" and the development of the "Comprehensive Higher Professional Education System", which will enhance technology transfer and collaboration among SMEs and enhance human resource development.

(3) Establishing a Disaster Resilient Society in East Asia

-Task ERIA to further study the disaster preparedness of ASEAN's supply chain networks, including institutional prevention mechanisms, effective development of infrastructure and overall connectivity of the region.

Conference between Japan Section of the ASEAN-Japan Business Council and ASEAN Ambassadors in Tokyo

- The Japan Section of the ASEAN-Japan Business Council (its secretariat is in the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry) held the conference with ambassadors from ASEAN countries in Tokyo on 11 April 2012. Total 49 people (28 people from the Japanese side, 21 people from ASEAN side including 7 ambassadors in Tokyo) were present.
- This is the second time to held this conference (first conference was held in June, 2011). At the conference, Mr. Tadashi Okamura, Chairman of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry made a opening speech and Mr. Hor Monirath, Ambassador of Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Japan, explained about the recent activities of ASEAN for the realization of the ASEAN Community. After that, Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA made a presentation entitled “ERIA’s contributions towards Establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015”, explaining major ERIA’s works for the core of the ASEAN Community, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) such as AEC Scorecard, Midterm Review of AEC Blueprint, SME Policy Index, CADP, MPAC.
- The conference was concluded with exchanges of views. Japanese side explained the overview of draft of recommendation which will be submitted to the ASEAN Economic Ministers on April 27 and requested the promotion of the connectivity including ASEAN neighboring countries. In response to this, ambassadors mentioned about the real aim of ASEAN Connectivity, the efforts of enhancing competitiveness by each country, and the expectation to Japanese companies.



- ERIA was invited to the 7th AEC Council which was held on 2 April 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Prof. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA and ERIA officials participated in the meeting and briefed the Council on the progresses in the AEC Midterm Review Project. The Council appreciated ERIA's study and looked forward to hearing the recommendations at the next occasion. It was noted in the Chairman's Statement of the 20th ASEAN Summit, paragraph 36.
- ERIA was mentioned in the opening statement by Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia at the opening ceremony of the 20th ASEAN Summit 3 April 2012.
- On this occasion, Prof. Nishimura met with Mr. Gita Wirjawan. Minister of Trade, Indonesia.

Opening Statement by H.E. Samdech Techo Hun Sen at the Opening Ceremony of the 20th ASEAN Summit

.... **Third**, we should place priority on the establishment of ASEAN Economic Community by 2015, to transform ASEAN as a single market and production base, with free flow of goods, services, investment, and skilled labor. Therefore, we must lay out priority actions and key concrete measures to address all the challenges and bridge the gaps which are the obstacles for the realization of ASEAN Economic Community as planned. For this purpose, we should encourage ASEAN Economic Ministers to closely cooperate with the “**Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia**” in carrying out a comprehensive study to generate inputs for necessary measures to be taken to close the implementation gaps including the strengthening of institutional capacity and coordination, which could impede the realization of the AEC by 2015.



Presentation at 7th AEC Council



H.E. Mr. Gita Wirjawan, Minister of Trade, Indonesia (right)

Outcomes of the 20th ASEAN Summit

- The AEC Midterm Review Project which was presented to 20th AEC Council on 2 April 2012 was noted in the Chairman's Statement of the 20th ASEAN Summit, paragraph 36 as below. In addition, ERIA's efforts in the promotion of regional integration (SMEs) was welcomed in its statement, paragraph 68. In the Phnom Penh Agenda which was issued 3 April 2012, ERIA was mentioned in connection with the implementation of the ASEAN Framework for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

Chairman's Statement of the 20th ASEAN Summit

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (AEC)

36. We welcomed the report of the ASEAN Economic Community Council on the implementation of the AEC Blueprint, which underlines the key achievements to-date and challenges facing ASEAN leading up to 2015. The overall implementation rate of the AEC Blueprint for the period 2008 to 2011 now stands at 67.9%. We also took note of the progress report of the Mid-Term Review of the AEC Blueprint that highlights the progress, challenges, and steps to move forward in terms of implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IAI WORK PLAN II (2009-2015)

68. We also welcomed the efforts by the **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)** in the promotion of regional integration with its recommendations on the role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the region.

Phnom Penh Agenda

(RCEP)

2.While conscious of the benefits of integrating into global economy, ASEAN will play a leading role in the process of shaping the regional economic architecture through the implementation of the ASEAN Framework for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). In this regard, ASEAN shall work closely with its Dialogue Partners and external parties as well as various regional and international institutions such as the **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)**, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank and the United Nations (UN) to carry out comprehensive studies to identify practical measures to strengthen institutional capacity, enhance coordination and address any implementation gaps which could impede the realization of an ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.

March 23, 2012, Japan

Inaugural Meeting of the Parliamentary League for ERIA of Democratic Party of Japan

- Inaugural Meeting of the Parliamentary League for ERIA of Democratic Party of Japan was held on 23 March 2012 in Japan. The aim of its establishment is to support the activities of ERIA by promoting widely its research activities and policy recommendations for East Asian economic integration throughout Japan and overseas in the course of the growth of importance of the connectivity with the East Asian region.
- The meeting was moderated by Mr. Kenzo Fujisue, Secretary General of the Parliamentary League for ERIA of Democratic Party of Japan. Mr. Teruhiko Mashiko, Chairman of its league made an opening speech highlighting the growth potential of East Asia and the significant role of the its legue. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA expressed his appreciation to all the members and briefed on the outcome of recent ERIA's activities. Mr. Nobuhiko Sasaki, Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan explained about the ERIA's contribution to East Asian region since its establishment.
- The meeting reaffirmed the significance of ERIA's role.



February 16-17, 2012, Cambodia

Workshop on “Implementing Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity

- The Workshop on “Implementing Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity: Enhancing Institutional Connectivity in Cambodia” was held from 16 to 17 February in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- The Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity’s objectives are to connect ASEAN through enhanced physical infrastructure development (physical connectivity), effective institutions, mechanisms and processes (institutional connectivity) and empowered people (people-to-people connectivity). With regard to Institutional Connectivity, ASEAN still needs to resolve a number of key issues of non-tariff barriers including impediments to movements of vehicles, goods, services and skilled labor across borders, etc.
- In order for Cambodia to fully and effectively implement strategies stipulated in the Master Plan, the Supreme National Economic Council (SNEC), and Ministry of Commerce in collaboration with ERIA organized the workshop to discuss various type of institutional problems between Cambodia and other ASEAN countries.
- The workshop was opened by Dr. Aun Porn Moniroth, Chairman of SNEC, Minister, Attached to Prime Minister of Cambodia. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA gave welcoming and closing remarks.
- The outcome of the Workshop can be used as recommendations and inputs for the Royal Government in implementing the Master Plan and to some extent as inputs for Cambodia’s Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2012.
- On this occasion, Mr. Nishimura had a meeting with Mr. Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy of Cambodia.



H.E. Dr. Aun Porn Moniroth, Chairman of SNEC (left)



H.E. Mr. Suy Sem, Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy of Cambodia (right) 101

February 3, 2012, Japan

Asia Cosmopolitan Awards Commemorative Forum in Nara

- The ASIA Cosmopolitan Awards 2012 and the forum entitled “Moving towards Economic and cultural Integration in East Asia” was conducted in Nara, Japan by ERIA and Nara Prefecture in commemoration of the 1300-year anniversary in 2010 of Heijo-kyo (ancient capital of Japan located in present-day Nara). More than 300 participants from academia, business people, economic and political sites attended the forum.
- The forum was opened by remarks from Mr. Shogo Arai, the Governor of Nara Prefecture, followed by the speeches from H.R.H. Samdech Norodom Sirivudh, the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and Dr. Takashi Shiraishi, the President of Institute of Developing Economies (IDE), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).
- On this occasion, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, the Secretary General of ASEAN delivered his keynote speech on “Future of Asia” and Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist of ERIA made a presentation on “The Asian Economy and Connectivity”. Prof. Robert Campbell, University of Tokyo gave a special lecture on “Way of Living as Cosmopolitan. The forum was closed by Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, the Executive Director of ERIA .
- ERIA and Nara Prefecture announced the inception of “Asia Cosmopolitan Awards” to strengthen the current momentum of enhancing the East Asia community at the ERIA Regional Network Forum which was held on July 4, 2010 in Nara. The awards which divided into three categories; Grand Prize, Economic and Social Prize, Cultural Prize will be awarded to the people who have contributed to the sustainable social growth and peace in East Asia.



ERIA Regional Network Forum in Fukuoka

- ERIA and Fukuoka Prefecture organized the ERIA Regional Network Forum on “Economic Integration in East Asia and Strategy for SME Development” in Fukuoka, Japan which was the first time for the Kyushu and Yamaguchi region. The ERIA Regional Institute Network (RIN) members, academia, researchers and representatives from private sectors in Fukuoka participated as speakers and panelists in the forum. More than 350 participants attended the forum.
- The forum was opened with remarks from Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, Mr. Hiroshi Ogawa, followed with a speech by the Secretary General of ASEAN, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan. At the end of the forum, H.R.H Samdech Norodom Sirivudh, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) conveyed the concluding remarks. The forum was closed with remarks by Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA.
- During the forum, panel discussion; “Why Economic Integration in East Asia is needed?” and “Prospects of SME development through the Economic Integration in East Asia” were conducted. The number of issues related to the necessity of the economic integration and the prospect of SME development through the economic integration in East Asia and the expanding roles and chances for Japanese SME were discussed.



APEN “Only One” SME Mission in Vietnam

- Asia Professional Education Network (APEN) “Only One” SME Mission in Vietnam was conducted from 19 to 21 December 2011 in Hanoi, Vietnam. It was led by the president of Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology (AIIT), and supported by ERIA and JETRO. The 12 SMEs selected by APEN which have world leading high technology in specific areas and have an interest in investment and business expansion in Vietnam participated in this mission.
- The Mission took place for 3 days consisting of series of events, such as visiting industrial parks of Hai Phong, Vinh Phuc, and Bac Ninh, industry-government-academia workshop and business matching between Japanese and Vietnamese SMEs.
- The Mission made a courtesy visit to Mr. Truong Tan Sang, the President of Vietnam and Mr. Dang Huy Dong, the Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Vietnam. The Mission was concluded with the workshop on “Only One SME Mission Collaborating, University and Industry” at Vietnam National University, Hanoi.



Mr. Truong Tan Sang, the President of Vietnam (right)



Mr. Dang Huy Dong, the Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment of Vietnam (third from the left, first row)

November 29, 2011, Japan

LDP Conference of Japan's Resilience

- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, invited as a lecturer to the conference of Japan's Resilience organized by Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Japan on 29 November 2011 at the headquarters office of LDP of Japan. It was attended by Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, Chairman of its committee, Mr. Teru Fukui, Director-General of its committee, and around 30 LDP members.
- Mr. Nishimura made a presentation entitled "Japan's Resilience in East Asia Network". He touched on the history of ERIA's establishment and outcomes of the 19th ASEAN summit, 6th East Asia Summit and Related Summits and then explained the importance of production network in Asia for Japan's economic recovery and infrastructure development especially pointing to the role of Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC).



Outcome of the 6th East Asia Summit

- The 6th East Asia Summit (EAS), chaired by H.E. Dr. H. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia, was held on 19 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. It was attended by the Heads of State/Government of ASEAN Member States, Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea, the United States of America. The Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand attended on behalf of their respective Leaders. They welcomed ERIA's contribution to CADP and MPAC in enhancing regional economic integration.

Chairman's Statement of the 6th East Asia Summit

Energy and environment

12. We welcomed the outcome of the fifth East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting, held in Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam on 20 September 2011. We noted the efforts for establishing efficient, transparent, reliable, competitive and flexible energy markets as a means to provide affordable, secure and clean energy supplies for the region.

Connectivity

29. We welcomed Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia's (ERIA) activities to assist the progress of the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) and the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC).

Other strategic areas of cooperation / Economic Integration

30. We reiterated the importance of enhancing economic cooperation based on knowledge, innovation and development strategy. Furthermore we also underscored the importance for the EAS to intensify efforts in narrowing development gaps in the region. In this regard, we commended the contribution of the ERIA in enhancing regional economic integration, bridging development gaps and promoting connectivity for both ASEAN and EAS participating countries.



Declaration of the 6th East Asia Summit

- In the Declaration of the 6th East Asia Summit issued on 19 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, One of the ERIA's major works, "Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP)" is mentioned in the paragraph 7.

Declaration of the 6th East Asia Summit on ASEAN Connectivity

1. Include ASEAN Connectivity as a key priority area of cooperation in the EAS, together with the other agreed priority areas of cooperation;
2. Support and facilitate further relevant cooperation between ASEAN and its EAS Partners in the Connectivity initiative, particularly in mobilizing resources and expertise, information sharing, and identifying specific cooperation projects where the EAS Partners could participate in the three dimensions of physical, institutional, and people-to-people connectivity;
3. Support the development of a regional public-private partnership (PPP) development agenda and leverage on and work through bilateral arrangements, as well as regional and international financial institutions to mobilize resources in support of the implementation of projects under the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity;
4. Promote greater awareness within the public and private sectors on the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, including its potential benefits and economic opportunities, through the conduct of outreach and advocacy activities such as symposiums, workshops, seminars, business missions, and courses;
5. Encourage the involvement of the public and private sectors in key priority projects under the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, including financing of tangible and bankable PPP projects through new and innovative financing sources;
6. Promote greater engagement and cooperation in people-to-people connectivity initiatives, including those relating to education and life-long learning, human resource development, innovation and entrepreneurship, cultural exchanges, and tourism.
7. Consider the possibility of having a "Connectivity master Plan Plus" in the future which would expand Connectivity beyond ASEAN and develop further linkages between ASEAN and its EAS Partners, with appropriate reference to the initiatives including but not limited to "Comprehensive Asia Development Plan" while maintaining ASEAN Connectivity as a priority by effectively implementing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

- The 14th ASEAN-Japan Summit, chaired by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, was held on 18 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. The Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN Member States had a very productive meeting with H.E. Mr. Yoshihiko Noda, Prime Minister of Japan.
- In the Chairman's Statement, ASEAN leaders expressed the appreciation to feasibility studies in Myanmar initiated by ERIA in paragraph 8, and one of ERIA's major activities, CADP is mentioned in paragraph 14.

Chairman's Statement of the 14th ASEAN-Japan Summit

8. The ASEAN leaders also expressed the appreciation for Japan's decision to implement feasibility studies in Myanmar, initiated by Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) with the use of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), which will make an important contribution to enhancement of ASEAN Connectivity. Japan welcomed ASEAN's decision to have Myanmar assume ASEAN's Chairmanship for the 2014.

14.We also recognized the importance on the enhancement of connectivity with the other areas in East Asia, and underlined to promote the idea of "connectivity master plan plus", with appropriate reference to the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP).



Outcome of the 3rd Mekong-Japan Summit

- The Heads of the Governments of Japan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam, met in Bali, Indonesia on 18 November 2011, for the 3rd Mekong-Japan Summit. The leaders of the Mekong region countries expressed their deep gratitude to Japan for continuing its contribution to Mekong region countries and exchanged views on regional and global issues of common concern.
- ERIA is mentioned in paragraph 1 of the Joint Statement.

Joint Statement of the 3rd Mekong - Japan Summit

1. We reaffirmed the importance of further synergy between Mekong Japan cooperation and other efforts to enhance ASEAN connectivity, particularly the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), in order to support ASEAN's goal to build ASEAN Community by 2015. We welcomed the progress of agreed projects that support hard and soft infrastructure development in the Mekong sub-region and emphasized that the implementation process should be accelerated. The leaders of the Mekong region countries appreciated Japan's contribution to improve connectivity in this region and reaffirmed the importance to fulfill infrastructure missing links along key economic corridors, particularly East-West Economic Corridor and Southern Economic Corridor. In this regard, the leaders of Mekong countries expressed the appreciation for Japan's decision to implement feasibility studies in Myanmar, initiated by Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) with the use of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), which will make an important contribution to enhancement of intra Mekong and ASEAN Connectivity.



Outcome of the 19th ASEAN Summit ①

- The 19th ASEAN Summit was held in Bali on 17 November 2011 chaired by the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, as the Chair of ASEAN in 2011. The Summit was attended by the Heads of State/Government of all ASEAN Member States and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.
- The Summit appreciated the contribution of ERIA. ERIA is mentioned in Paragraph 51, 52, 63, 68, 96 and 103 of the Chair's Statement.

Chair's Statement of the 19th ASEAN Summit

ASEAN Economic Initiatives

51. We appreciate the report of the Government of Indonesia-ERIA-Harvard Symposium on "Moving the ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond", which provides creative ideas for a competitive, dynamic, inclusive, sustainable, and globally engaged ASEAN beyond 2015. The "Jakarta Framework" which was presented to the Chairman of ASEAN will add value to the discussion to establish the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 and beyond.

52. We welcomed the Statement of the ERIA's 4th Governing Board Meeting issued on 3rd June 2011 and its work plan identifying its direction to undertake research and policy recommendation to establish a dynamic, resilient, competitive and sustainable regional community, and commend ERIA for its intensified contribution to the acceleration of regional integration in ASEAN and East Asia. Encourage ERIA to continuously provide support to the Summit activities of ASEAN and East Asia through its expertise on regional issues.



Chair's Statement of the 19th ASEAN Summit

Food, Water and Energy Security

63. We commended ERIA's contribution to the strengthening of energy cooperation in the region through research studies and policy recommendations in key areas such as energy outlook, emergency response, enhancing the efficient and clean use of existing fossil fuel, promoting biofuels and other renewable energy, improving electricity infrastructure, improving nuclear power safety cooperation and the consideration of developing smart communities.

Review of AEC Blueprint and AEC Scorecard

68. We appreciate ERIA's support for its undertaking of the midterm review of the AEC Blueprint and the improvement of the AEC Scorecard Monitoring System and Mechanism to facilitate the timely establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.

ASEAN Connectivity

96. We welcome the status of implementation of the priority projects of the Master Plan, including the agreement to start the imminent commencement of the feasibility study on the ASEAN Ro-Ro Network supported by Japan. We also welcome the convening of the ASEAN Connectivity Symposium in Bali on 8-9 November 2011 which was brought together 200 ASEAN Stakeholders including ASEAN private sector and external partners to discuss, support and implement the Master Plan. We tasked the ACCC to undertake more specific and targeted outreach and advocacy activities on connectivity within and outside ASEAN and to continue their engagements with ASEAN Dialogue and External Partners, including other potential external parties for resource mobilization, and support the implementation of the Master Plan.

Narrowing the Development Gap

103. We welcome the effort by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to develop strong and sustainable SME in the region. This includes, in particular, developing an ASEAN SME Policy Index to allow a comparative independent evaluation of SME's progress against a set of policy dimensions which will help to identify the way forward and to further strengthen SME's capacity to participate actively in the regional production network.

- Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN, and Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA presented the Jakarta Framework on Moving the ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond to Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia on 16 November 2011 on the sidelines of the 19th ASEAN Summit and the 6th East Asia Summit in Bali, Indonesia. The Framework was developed by ERIA with inputs from the two-day symposium organized by the Government of Indonesia, ERIA and Harvard University held on 31 October - 1 November 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- On the occasion of the Summit, Mr. Nishimura had a meeting with Foreign Minister of New Zealand, Hon Murray McCully to report recent developments of ERIA and discussed on future cooperation on 19 November 2011.
- Mr. Nishimura also met with Mr. Tin Naing Thein, Minister of National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar (NPED) on 19 November 2011.



Hon Murray McCully, Foreign Minister of New Zealand (right)



H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of Indonesia (right)
Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN (center)



H.E. Mr. Tin Naing Thein, Minister of NPED, Myanmar (right)

Four pathways in Jakarta Framework

- A step from middle-income to fully developed economies
 - Push the frontier of production networks forward
 - Industrial agglomerations for innovation and human capital development
 - Achieve free flows of goods, services, people, and human capital development
 - Further enhance physical and institutional connectivity

Competitive
and dynamic
pathway

Inclusive
pathways

Sustainable
pathways

Dynamic
equilibrium with
ASEAN
centrality viz
ASEAN partners

- Resiliency
- Green development

- Geographical inclusiveness
- Industrial inclusiveness
- Societal inclusiveness

- Maintain open and equal relations with external partners
- Act as a central building block for other wider cooperation schemes
- Raise voice and influence in international forum
- Encourage cohesiveness among ASEAN Member States

➤ Preparatory Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Ministers took place in Bali, Indonesia on 16 November 2011 to prepare contents for the 19th ASEAN Summit, which will take place from 17-19 November 2011.

Attendances of the meeting were Secretary General of ASEAN and Economic Ministers from 10 ASEAN member countries.

➤ ERIA delegation led by Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA and Dr. Ponciano S. Intal Jr., Senior Researcher of ERIA attended the meeting. Mr. Nishimura made a presentation on “ERIA Study to Further Enhance the AEC Scorecard Phase II” and “Mid-term Review of AEC Implementation (MTR)” to the Ministers. Ministers thanked ERIA for a comprehensive report and recommendations and expressed their expectation on further contribution by ERIA. The Ministers appreciated in the Chair’s Statement of the 19th ASEAN Summit , paragraph 68.



- Government of Indonesia (GOI), ERIA, and Harvard University held the joint symposium on “Moving ASEAN Community Forward into 2015 and Beyond” from 31 October to 1 November 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia with more than 150 participants including policy makers, academicians, analysts, and business practitioners.
- Mr. Djauhari Oratmangun, Director General of ASEAN Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivered key note speech. The symposium discussed various issues on the fulfillment of the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015, and the future challenges beyond the date.
- Several recommendations have been produced based on the discussions – dubbed the “Jakarta Framework”. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, handed over the Framework to Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN during the concluding ceremony. It will be presented to the ASEAN chair, Mr. Susilo Bambang Yodhoyono and Ministers during the ASEAN Summit in Bali in mid-November.



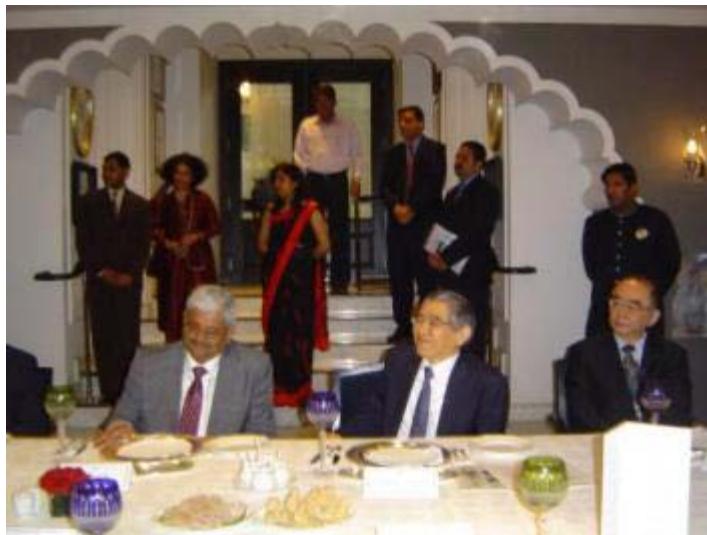
October 21, 2011, Japan

10th Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure Overseas Development

- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura was invited the 10th Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure Overseas Development on 17 October 2011 at the office of the Prime Minister of Japan. The topic of the meeting was ASEAN Connectivity. Related Ministers and some government officials attended.
- Mr. Nishimura explained on ERIA's works related with development of ASEAN Connectivity and stressed the importance of Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC).



- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director, ERIA, was invited to the Eminent Persons' Forum organised jointly by the Government of India and the Asian Development Bank in New Delhi on 17 October 2011. He addressed the Forum through a presentation on India's Connectivity with ASEAN and East Asia. The Forum took note of ERIA's work, especially the Mekong India Economic Corridor (MIEC) and the importance of connecting the production networks in the region.
- Mr. Nishimura met with Mr Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister of India, Mr. Sanjay Singh, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs of India, and Mr. Haruhiko Kuroda, President of Asian Development Bank. Finance Ministers of Malaysia and the Philippines were some of the other dignitaries who attended this Forum.



Lunch Meeting organised by Government of India



Eminent Persons' Forum

September 28, 2011, Myanmar

Meeting with Mr.Tin Naing Thein, Minister of National Planning and Economic Development of (NPED)
Myanmar and Mr. Than Htay, Minister of Energy of Myanmar

- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, met with Mr.Tin Naing Thein, Minister of National Planning and Economic Development of Myanmar (NPED) and Dr. Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister of NPED, Myanmar on 28 September 2011. Minister Tin appreciated ERIA's constructive advice to Myanmar in Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) and said that India Mekong Economic Corridor (MIEC) will greatly contribute to the development of the region as well as the development of Myanmar. In addition, Minister briefed on the works in NPED and expressed his appreciation for support from Japanese government in various aspects.
- On the same day, Mr. Nishimura also met with Mr. Than Htay, Minister of Energy of Myanmar . Both parties shared the recognition that good development plan promoted by Myanmar government should be shown to the region for the implementation of MIEC. Mr. Than Htay also appreciated ERIA's contributions including the energy sector and expressed his will to maintain strong cooperation with ERIA.



H.E. Mr.Tin Naing Thein, Minister of National Planning and Economic Development of (NPED) Myanmar(right)



H.E. Mr. Than Htay, Minister of Energy of Myanmar (right)

September 26, 2011, Thailand

Meeting with Mr. Kittirat Na-Ranong Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand,
Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaaisith, Secretary-General of National Economic and Social Development

- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, met with Mr. Kittirat Na-Ranong Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand on 26 September 2011. Mr. Nishimura highlighted about the importance of support from Thai government (in particular - the connectivity between Thailand and Myanmar) in the implementation of Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC) which is one of the model projects of Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) and one of the key actions mentioned in Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC). Regarding the MIEC, Minister Kittirat said that strong support from the government in the related countries is essential and add that it would be highly effective if ERIA could offer a direction for developing reliable legal framework in Thailand.
- On the same day, Mr. Nishimura also met with Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaaisith, Secretary-General of National Economic and Social Development Board . Towards the implementation of the MIEC, Mr. Arkhom mentioned about the need for international cooperation and support from Japan and particularly expected strong cooperation from Myanmar government .



H.E.Mr. Kittirat Na-Ranong Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Commerce of Thailand(right)



H.E.Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaaisith, Secretary-General of National Economic and Social Development Board(right)

September 20, 2011, Brunei Darussalam

5th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting ①

- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the 5th East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Ministers Meeting on 20 September 2011 in Brunei Darussalam.
- During the meeting, Mr. Nishimura reported about the 1st EAS Energy Efficiency Conference which was held on 24 August 2011 in Lao PDR and announced to establish Energy Unit in ERIA for strengthening cooperation in energy sector in the region.
- Mr. Nishimura met with Pehin Dato Mohammad Yasmin Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office of Brunei Darussalam, Mr. Keiro Kitagami, Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry in Japan, Mr. Than Htay, Minister of Energy of Myanmar, and Ms. Maria Van der Hoeven, Executive Director of IEA.



Energy Minister in Brunei,
H.E. Pehin Dato Mohammad Yasmin Umar (left)



5th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting



Vice Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry
of Japan, Mr. Keiro Kitagami

5th EAS Energy Ministers Meeting② Joint Ministerial Statement

3. The Ministers welcomed the implementation, on a voluntary basis, of the Energy Efficiency Roadmap Formulation Project in certain sectors of the interested countries and a fact-finding survey on sectoral energy-saving potentials that reflect the progress of action plans of the interested countries. The Ministers expressed appreciation to Lao PDR for hosting the Energy Efficiency Conference on 24 August 2011 and noted the Conference's policy recommendations in the fields of energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, energy security and others.
4. The Ministers acknowledged the advancements made by the Biofuels for Transport and Other Purposes Work Stream through the enhancement of the Biofuels Database in East Asia, implementation of the Researcher's Invitation Program, updating of the EAS-ERIA Biodiesel Fuel Trade Handbook, and upgrading of the sustainability assessment methodology for biomass utilization.
5. The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of establishing efficient, transparent, reliable, competitive and flexible energy markets as a means to provide affordable, secure and clean energy supplies for the region. The Ministers also noted the outcomes of ERIA's report on Energy Market Integration, which highlighted the need to further strengthen and expedite market integration efforts, given factors such as the Asian premium oil prices, the need for competitive energy markets and pricing, and the benefits of energy access for economic growth.
7. In addition to the ongoing cooperation under the existing three main Work Streams of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force, namely energy efficiency, market integration and biofuels for transport, the Ministers shared the view that going forward cooperation amongst EAS participating countries would benefit from an increased focus on the following areas: (i) charting outlook for energy demand and saving potential over the medium-to-long term; (ii) coordinating emergency response policies and measures; (iii) enhancing the use of existing fossil fuel resources in the region; (iv) improving electric power infrastructure, including nuclear power generation; and (v) developing clean energy and smart communities for efficient use of energy in the region. To initiate the cooperation, the Ministers agreed to commence research studies in these areas to be undertaken by ERIA with support from Japan.
9. The Ministers appreciated ERIA's support on the various work streams of EAS ECTF, and agreed to continue ongoing cooperation with ERIA for research studies on relevant issues. Inputs and policy recommendations from ERIA on the EAS energy cooperation, as stated in the paragraph 7, would be welcomed as material for continued policy discussions at the ministerial meetings from next year on.

Informal Consultation of EAS Economic Ministers

- The Informal Consultation of East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers was held in Manado, Indonesia on 13 August 2011. Trade and Economic Ministers of Australia, India, China, Korea, Japan, New Zealand and the ten ASEAN countries attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the H.E. Mary Elka Pangetu, Trade Minister of Indonesia. Mr. Hideyuki Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a presentation on ERIA's research activities and progress in the year 2011.
- Mr. Banri Kaieda, METI Minister, Japan, Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Textile, India, and Mr. Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Brunei Darussalam, responded to the presentation.
- ERIA was mentioned in the Joint Media Statement (paragraph 11, 12, 13).

Joint Media Statement of the Informal Consultation of EAS Economic Ministers

11. The Ministers appreciated the progress of the research activities of the ERIA in a variety of fields such as SMEs, energy, environment, trade and investment, and infrastructure development including the assistance provided to ASEAN in the Mid-Term Review of the AEC Blueprint, improving the AEC Scorecard and conducting a comprehensive mapping of ASEAN-related FTAs.
12. The Ministers also appreciated ERIA's initiative to implement "Comprehensive Asian Development Plan (CADP)" and "Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC)", which will narrow development gap in the region, by supporting implementation of specific projects and enhancing institutional framework for the Public-Private Partnership (PPP). The Ministers reaffirmed necessity to promote CADP in close collaboration with MPAC, relevant Ministerial meetings and international organizations, and agreed to report the progress on CADP to the Leaders at the EAS in 2011 in order to facilitate these collaborations.
13. The Ministers looked forward to ERIA's continued support and contribution recognizing the importance of further strengthening ERIA in enhancing economic integration and community-building in ASEAN and the greater East Asian region through its research works and policy recommendations. From this perspective, the Ministers appreciated the continuous contributions from Australia, India, Japan and New Zealand to ERIA, and expressed their intention to pursue the possibility to make voluntary contribution by capable Members.



Mr. Nishimura explained about the progress of the research activities of ERIA to EAS Economic Ministers.

43rd ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting

- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, some ERIA delegates attended 43rd ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting which was held on 11 August 2011 in Manado, Indonesia.
- Mr. Nishimura reported its work of AEC Scorecard Phase II and AEC Midterm Review.
- Dr. Mari Pangestu, the Chairperson for the meeting and the Minister of Trade of Indonesia, appreciated ERIA's works in both AEC Scorecard and MTR. Dr. Mari also mentioned FTA Stocktaking reports as useful inputs to the HLTF discussion on regional architecture. The report was noted and appreciated by the Ministers.



Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, made a presentation at 43rd AEM Meeting

4th ERIA Governing Board Meeting

- The 4th ERIA Governing Board (GB) Meeting was held on 3rd June 2011 at ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Dinh Van An, Chairperson of ERIA Governing Board. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN addressed the meeting. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director, ERIA, briefed the GB members on recent activities of ERIA since last GB Meeting.
- During the meeting, Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei was appointed as a new chairman and 4th Governing Board Meeting Statement entitled “For the Establishment of Resilient Community in ASEAN and East Asia” was adopted by all governing board members.
- After the GB meeting, EAS ambassadorial meeting was held. Ambassadors from EAS countries were updated on the current research activities of ERIA and the 4th GBM statement. The importance of close communication and cooperation was reconfirmed by all participants.



The 4th ERIA Governing Board Meeting



EAS Ambassadorial Meeting

May 2, 2011, Indonesia

Symposium on “Towards a People-Centered ASEAN Community: Strengthening SMEs in ASEAN”

- ERIA, Ministry of Trade (MoT) and Ministry of Cooperatives, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoCSME) of Indonesia held a Symposium on “Towards a People-Centered ASEAN Community: Strengthening SMEs in ASEAN” on 2 May 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia, in the run-up to the ASEAN Summit in May with around 200 participants.
- Considering that small and medium enterprises comprise around nine out of ten enterprises in the ASEAN region, it is clear that SMEs are front and center as channels through which ASEAN integration benefits the widest number of people in the region. Based on this understanding, the symposium was held.
- ERIA, MoT and MoCSME have invited experts to be the presenters in the Symposium. Minister of Trade of Indonesia, Ms. Mari Pangestu gave the key note speech and Minister of Cooperatives, SME of Indonesia, Mr. Syarifuddin Hasan gave the acceptance speech. Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, gave a closing remarks.
- The Symposium’s report will be reported to the ASEAN Economic Community Council which will be held a few days later, and finally to the ASEAN and East Asia Summit this year.



- Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) 50th Anniversary Event which was held in Tokyo, Japan on 22 April 2011.
- In this occasion, Mr. Nishimura met with Mr. Angel Gurria, Secretary-General of the OECD. They discussed future cooperation between both parties. Mr. Angel Gurria promised to come to ERIA for his next official visit to Jakarta.



Mr. Angel Gurria, Secretary-General of the OECD (Center)
Mr. Toshihiro Nikai, Former METI Minister in Japan (Left)



Mr. Angel Gurria, Secretary-General of the OECD (Left)

Boao Asia Forum for Asia Conference 2011

- The Boao Forum for Asia Conference 2011 was held in Boao, Hainan Province, China from 14 to 16 April 2011. The main theme of this year was “Inclusive Development: Common Agenda & New Challenges”. It was opened by President of China, Mr. Hu Jintao. Other heads of states and government leaders, prominent people in business and political community of the world also attended the forum.
- Mr. Hideyuki Nishimura, Executive Director of ERIA, attended the forum as a panelist for the session “Global Shift of Industries: What’s Next ?”. Mr. Nishimura pointed out some key issues by sharing the observation on the global shift of economic activity from the viewpoint of East Asia. Regarding Inclusive Growth, Mr. Nishimura highlighted that enhancement of production networks which ERIA proposed in the CADP is a useful measure for simultaneous achievement of deepening economic integration and narrowing development gaps.
- In this session, Mr. Nishimura was together with Mr. Victor FUNG (Chairman, The Li and Fung Group), Mr. Frederico Pinheiro Fleury CURADO (President and CEO, Embraer, Brazil), Mr. Carlos GUTIERREZ (The 35 Secretary of Commerce, USA), Mr. Patrik WOHLHAUSER (Chairman of the Board, Evonik Degussa GmbH) and Mr. Zhang Xiaoqi (Vice Chairman, National Development and Reform Commission, China).



- On this occasion, Mr. Hidetoshi Nishimura met with Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of China and Taiwan Relations. Mr. Nishimura recalled Taiwan's strong interest in ERIA. The Minister expressed a deep understanding of cooperation between Taiwan and ERIA.
- On 16 April, Mr. Nishimura had a Special Breakfast Session with Hon Bill English, Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand. They exchanged views on the progress of ERIA since its establishment.



H.E. Mr. Wang Yi, Minister of China and Taiwan Relations
(Left)



Hon Bill English, Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand (Right)

3. ERIA's Research Activities

- EAS leaders at the 7th East Asia Summit encouraged ERIA for its continued support to the Summit activities of ASEAN and East Asia through its research and policy recommendations. ERIA will continue to conduct research projects, based on the inputs from EAS member countries and the network of research institutes in the region.

Proposed Research Items

Deepening and Widening Economic Integration

ASEAN and AEC Beyond 2015 / AEC Scorecard

Comprehensive Mapping of existing ASEAN+1 FTA/EPAs and key bilateral FTA/FTAs

Intellectual property rights and intellectual property policies in ASEAN

Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN and East Asia via Enhancing Connectivity and Industrial Development

Implementation of ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan / Comprehensive Asia Development Plan / Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision

SME Development / Promoting Innovation in ASEAN and East Asia / Agriculture related Studies

Achieving Sustainable Development of Economy and Society for Inclusive Growth

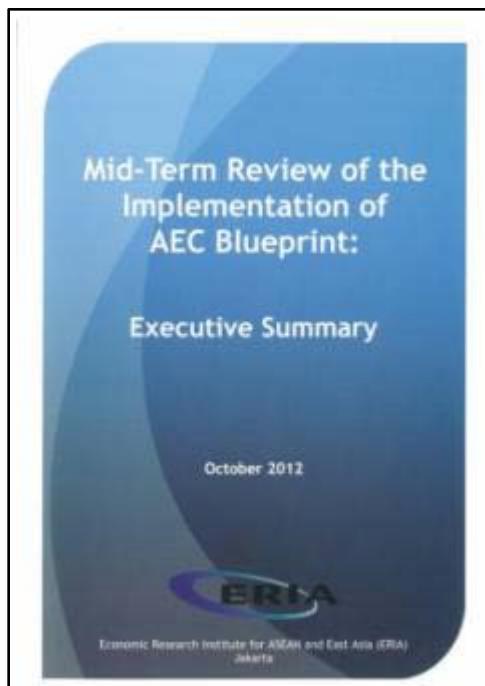
Energy Saving and Efficiency / Energy Market Integration /

Energy Security Quantitative Analysis / Green Development Strategy / Disaster Management

etc

- In addition to the formal assessment by ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Economic Ministers requested ERIA to improve the AEC Scorecard so that it reflects the impact of the AEC measures on the real economy and to convey the perceptions of the private sector .
- ERIA conducted its own scoring through phase I (2009-2010) and phase II (2010-2011) and presented a concrete plan for improvement.
- Based on these research, Project on the Midterm Review of the AEC Blueprint was launched. Mid-term Review conducted an analysis of the results of implementation and economic effects of the AEC Blueprint, while the scorecard project was mainly focused on the presence or absence of implementation.
- ERIA's support for its undertaking of the both projects was highly appreciated at the 19th ASEAN Summit in November 2011 and 21st ASEAN Summit in November 2012.

ERIA's Proposal: Priority Measures for 2015



- Tariffs (*almost done*)
- NTMs/NTBs
- Trade Facilitation
- Services Liberalization
- Investment Liberalization
- Investment Facilitation
- Transport Facilitation
- IAI (Initiative for ASEAN Integration)
- SMEs
- RCEP (*negotiations launched*)

RCEP negotiation should be concluded by 2015 as one of priority AEC actions.

- ERIA's new study has a special focus on regulatory improvement and reform, particularly in logistics and trade facilitation.
- Good regulation, institutional connectivity, and infrastructure matter a lot toward efficient logistics and trade facilitation; hence, to ASEAN integration.

Key Messages

(1) Regulation Matters

- Behind the border costs have substantial impact on ASEAN trade.
- 1% reduction in bilateral behind the border costs (export plus import per container) increases trade of AMSs by 4%.

(2) Usefulness of “Informed Regulatory Conversations”

- “Informed regulatory conversations” between stakeholders and government agencies are useful in acknowledging operational problems, coordination problems and policy inconsistencies, and in generating ways forward to address them.

(3) Way Forward --- call for ASEAN’s new initiative

- To undertake a concerted and sustained regulatory improvement/ reform program, as a dynamic and long term process, to maximize benefits from ASEAN integration and raise social welfare of ASEAN peoples.

- ERIA initiated a new project to support ASEAN efforts on the Successor AEC Blueprint for period beyond 2015.

ERIA's Jakarta Framework in 2011

- ERIA developed the “Jakarta Framework on Moving AEC forward toward 2015 and beyond.”
- 19th ASEAN Summit (November 2011) noted the Jakarta Framework.

“The “Jakarta Framework” which was presented to the Chairman of ASEAN will add value to the discussion to establish the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015 and beyond.”

Four Interdependent Pathways

1. Competitive and Dynamic Pathway
2. Inclusive Pathway
3. Sustainable Pathway: resiliency and green development
4. Dynamic Equilibrium Pathway with ASEAN Centrality

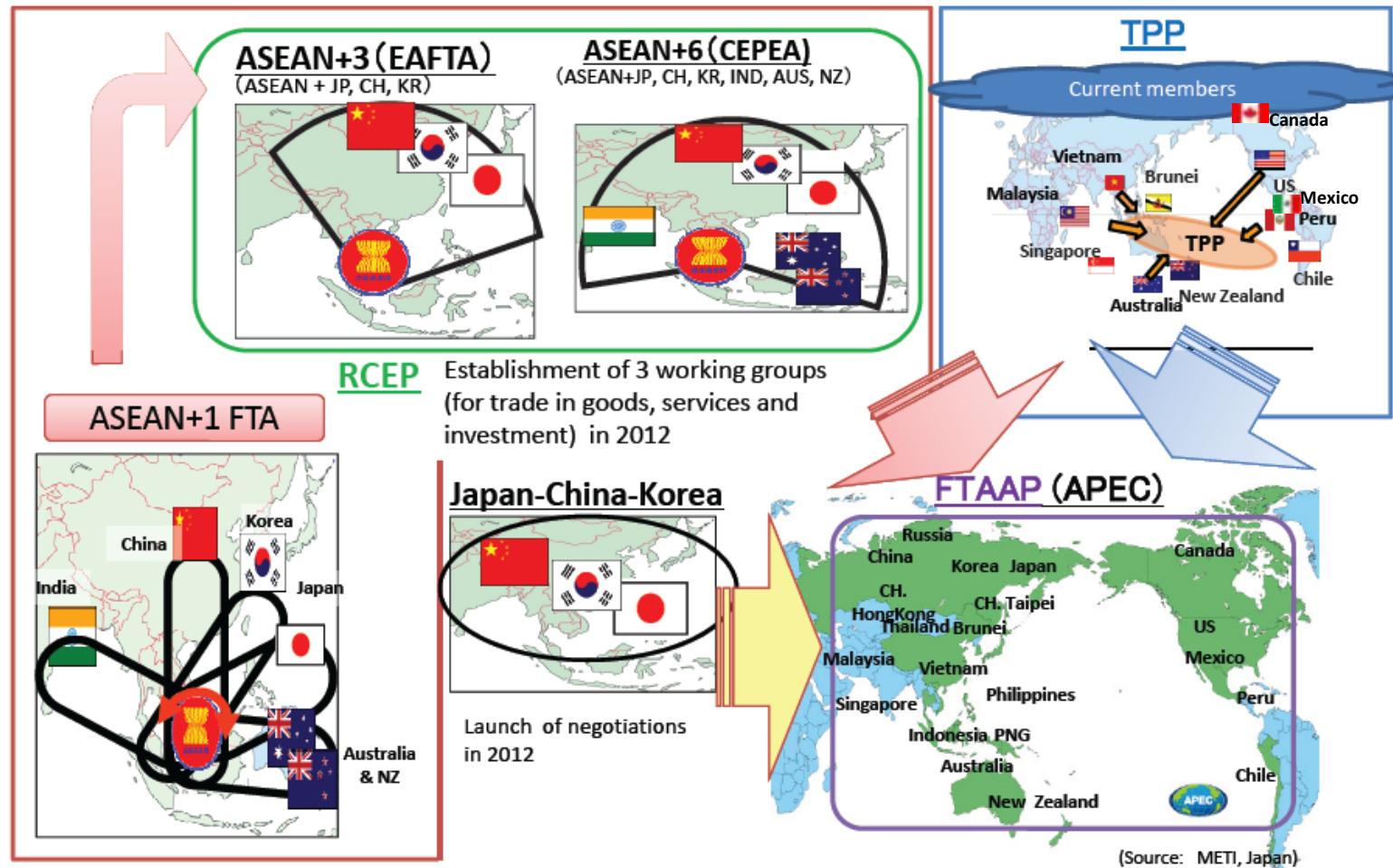
Research Structure

- 39 thought/issues papers by experts/specialists
- Integrative report by ERIA coordinating group

FTA Mapping

- ERIA is tasked out by ASEAN Secretariat to provide comprehensive mapping of existing ASEAN + 1 FTAs and bilateral FTAs.
- ERIA is compiling mutually comparable database on 4 major components, i.e., Tariff Component, ROOs, Trade in Services and Investment Rule.

Efforts under various frameworks



Developing ASEAN++ FTA (RCEP) from ASEAN+1 FTAs

- ASEAN Leaders discussed the development of ASEAN++ FTA (also known as RCEP) in April Summit.
- This new initiative will bring gains in addition to ASEAN+1 FTAs through, for example,
 - More liberal tariff structure: some ASEAN+1 FTAs remain less liberal than 90% tariff elimination.
 - Business-friendly ROOs: some ASEAN+1 FTAs use less business-friendly Rules of Origin.

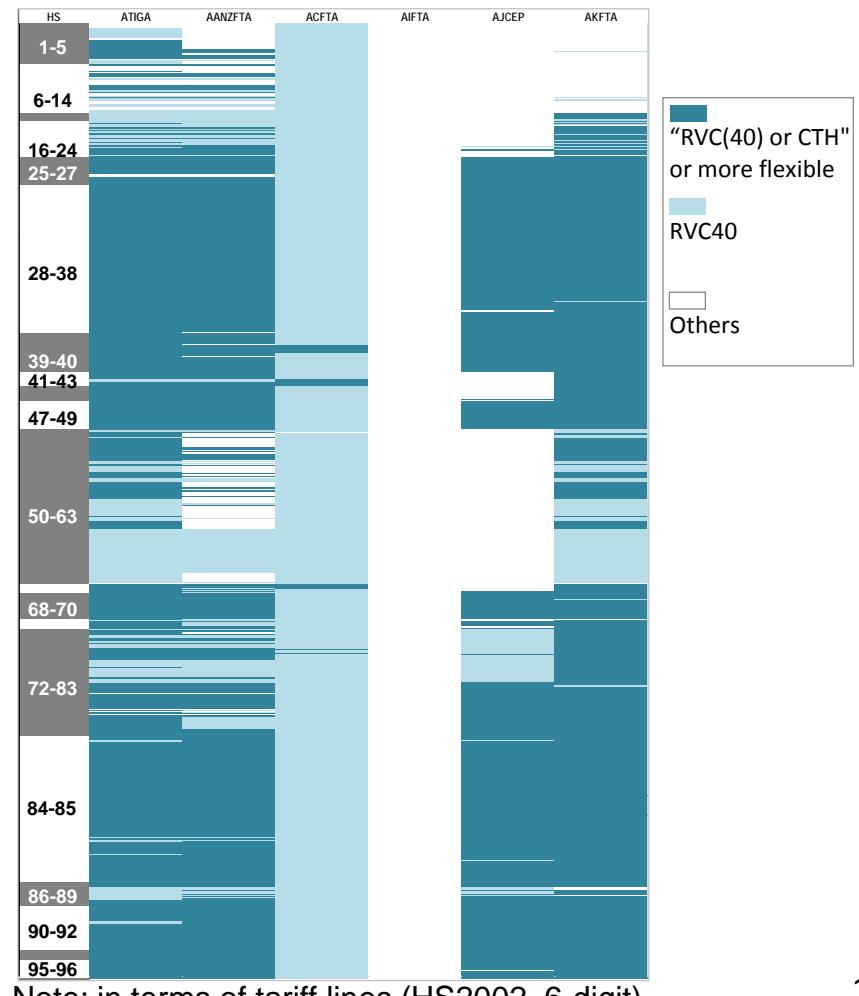
Tariff Elimination Coverage by Country under A+1 FTAs

	ASEAN-ANZ	ASEAN-China	ASEAN-India	ASEAN-Japan	ASEAN-Korea	Average
BRN	99.2%	98.3%	85.3%	97.7%	99.2%	95.9%
CAM	89.1%	89.9%	88.4%	85.7%	97.1%	90.0%
IDN	93.7%	92.3%	48.7%	91.2%	91.2%	83.4%
LAO	91.9%	97.6%	80.1%	86.9%	90.0%	89.3%
MLS	97.4%	93.4%	79.8%	94.1%	95.5%	92.0%
MYA	88.1%	94.5%	76.6%	85.2%	92.2%	87.3%
PHI	95.1%	93.0%	80.9%	97.4%	99.0%	93.1%
SGP	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
THA	98.9%	93.5%	78.1%	96.8%	95.6%	92.6%
VTN	94.8%	n.a.	79.5%	94.4%	89.4%	89.5%

AUS	100.0%					
CHN		94.1%				
IND			78.8%			
JPN				91.9%		
KOR					90.5%	
NZ	100.0%					
Average	95.7%	94.7%	79.6%	92.8%	94.5%	

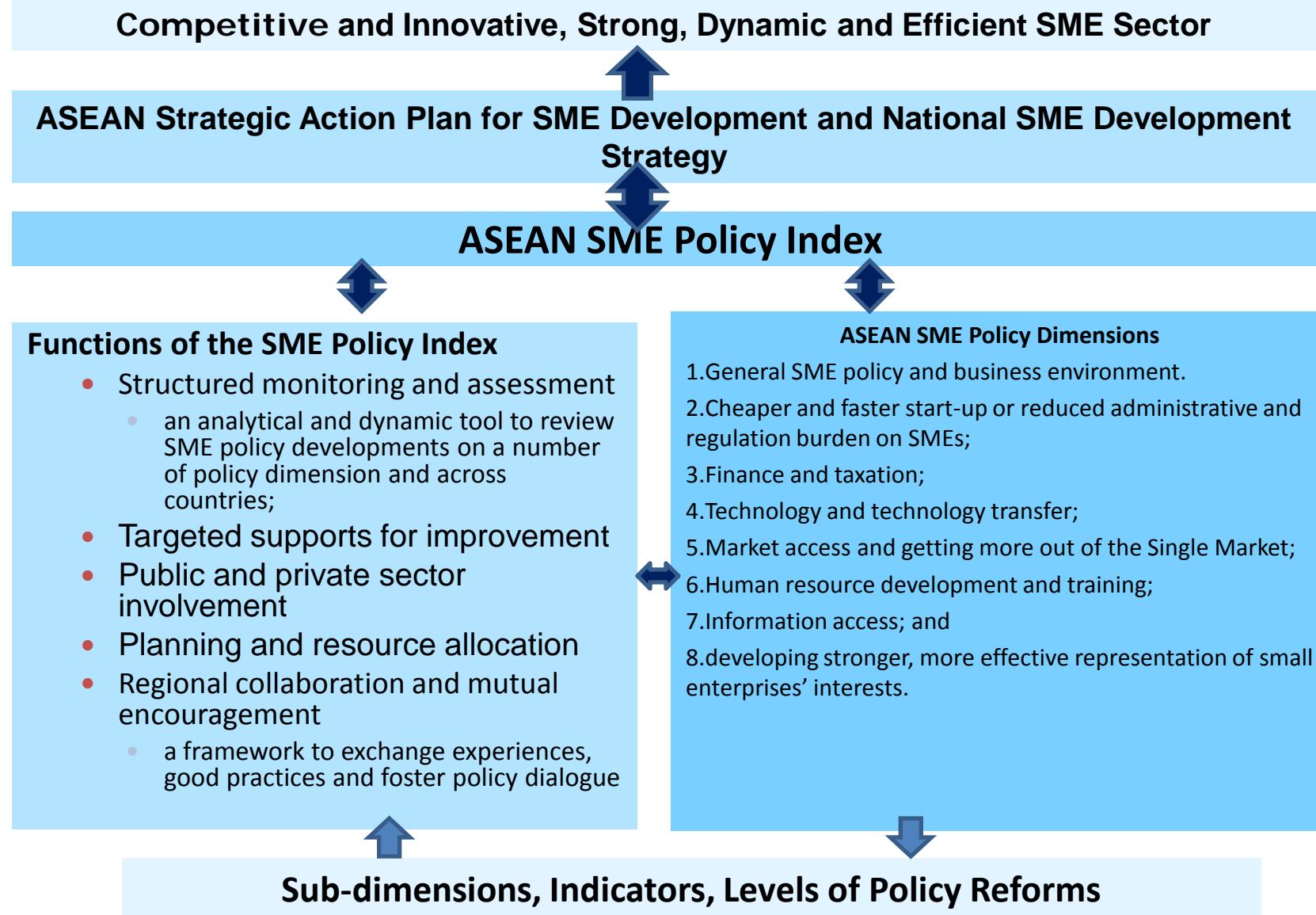
Note: in terms of tariff lines (HS2007, 6-digit)

Commonality of ROOs in ASEAN+1 FTAs



Way Forward: ASEAN SME Policy Index

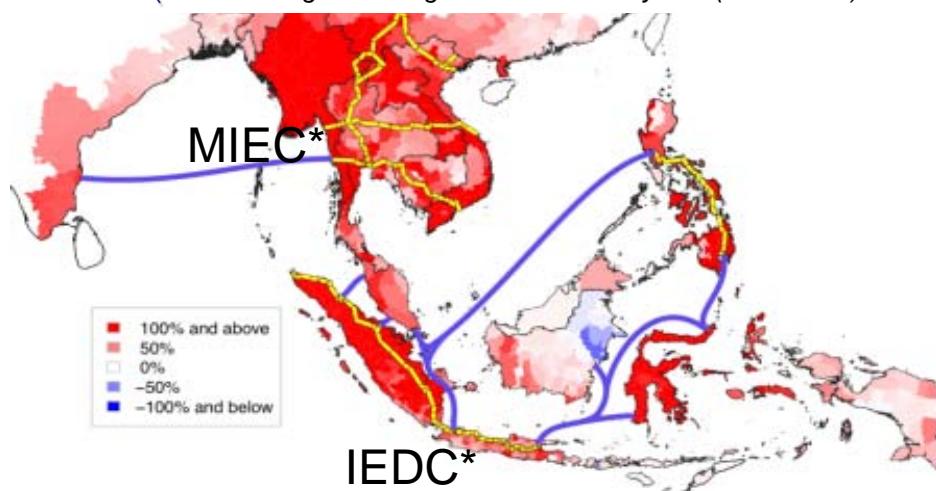
➤ERIA conducted the assessment of ASEAN SME Policy Index and will complete the report by November 2013.



Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity and Comprehensive Asia Development Plan

- ERIA drafted **Comprehensive Asia Development Plan** and provided drafting support to the **Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity**, both endorsed at the ASEAN Summit and East Asia Summit.
- ERIA is mentioned in Indicative List of Funding Sources for Technical Assistance of MPAC, No. 15 as below.

- **Regional Impact of Infrastructure Development (CADP)**
(Cumulative gains in regional GDP for 10 years (2010-2020)).



	Total	Mekong	BIMP+	IMT+
Total	695	452	190	61
Priority				
Top Priority	170	113	51	14
Priority	166	87	56	23
Normal	359	252	83	24
Tier				
Tier 1	178	109	63	6
Tier 2	313	217	59	45
Tier 3	204	126	68	10
Type				
Public	541	358	146	45
PPP	154	94	44	16

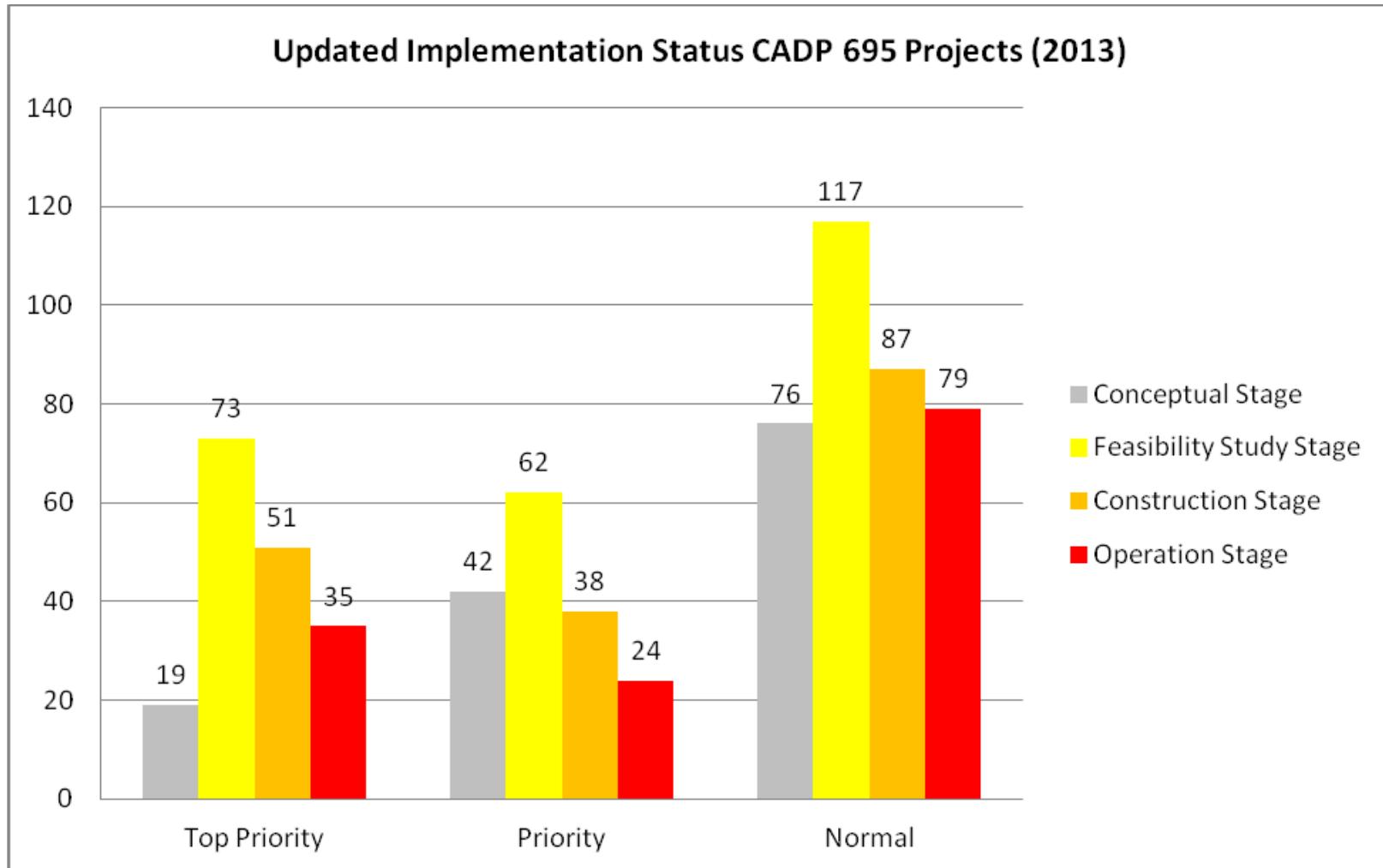
- **Indicative List of Funding Sources for Technical Assistance (MPAC)**

- | No | Possible Sources of Available Funding |
|-----|---|
| 1. | ASEAN Development Fund |
| 2. | ASEAN Cultural Fund |
| 3. | ASEAN Information Communications Technology (ICT) Fund |
| 4. | ASEAN Energy Endowment Fund |
| 5. | ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund (ACCF) |
| 6. | Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) |
| 7. | ASEAN-ROK Special Cooperation Fund (SCF) |
| 8. | ASEAN-ROK Future Oriented Cooperation Programme Fund (FOCP) |
| 9. | ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Fund |
| 10. | ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme Phase II (AADCP II) |
| 11. | ASEAN-India Fund |
| 12. | ASEAN Economic Integration Support Programme (ASEAN-EU) |
| 13. | ASEAN Air Transport Integration Project (ASEAN-EU) |
| 14. | ASEAN Development Vision to Advanced National Cooperation and Economic Integration (ASEAN-US) |
| 15. | <u>Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and (ERIA)</u> |
| 16. | Asian Development Bank |
| 17. | World Bank |
| 18. | Other Technical Assistance Programmes within ASEAN and with ASEAN External Partners |

*MIEC: Mekong-India Economic Corridor

*IEDC: Indonesia Economic Development Corridor

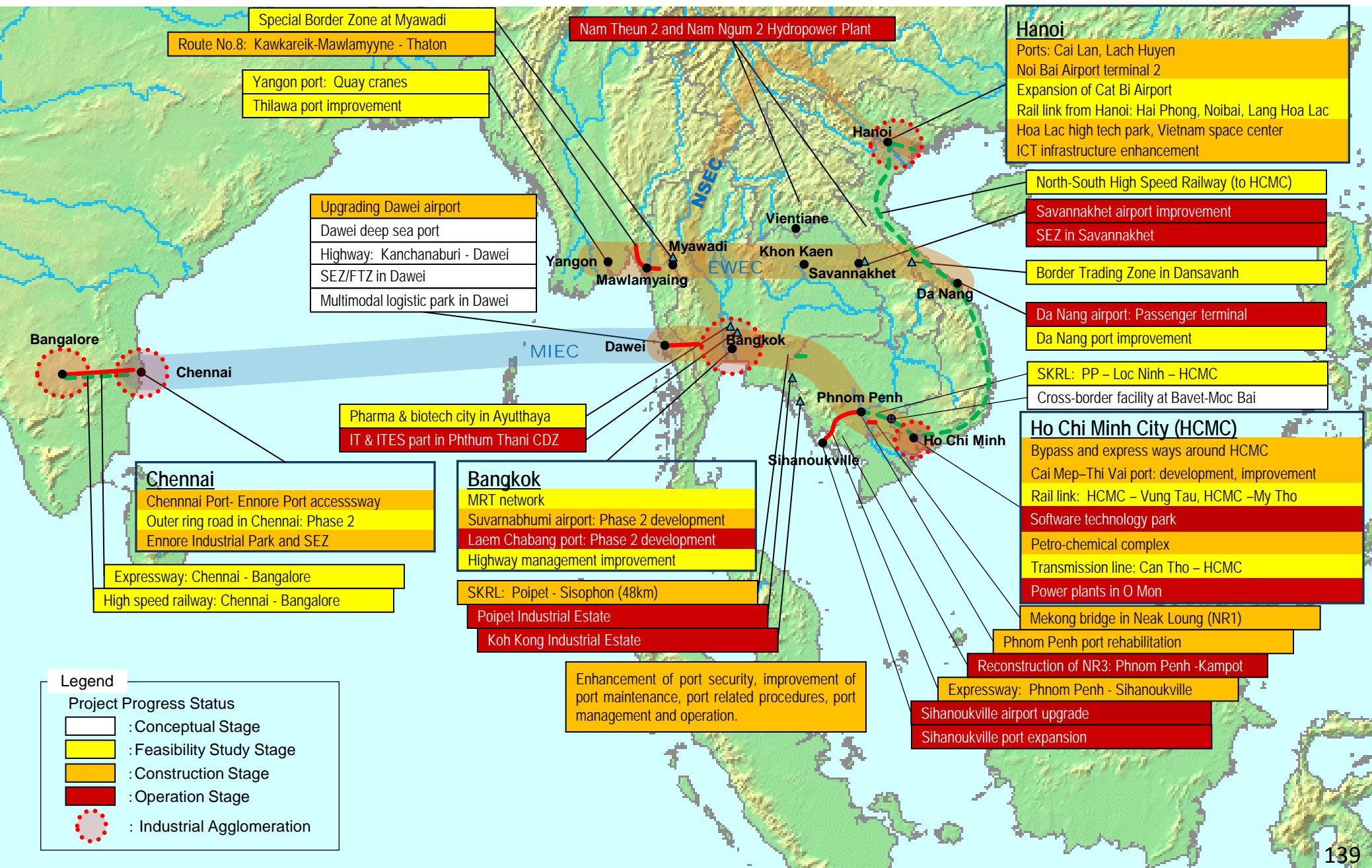
Implementation Status of CADP 695 Projects (2013)



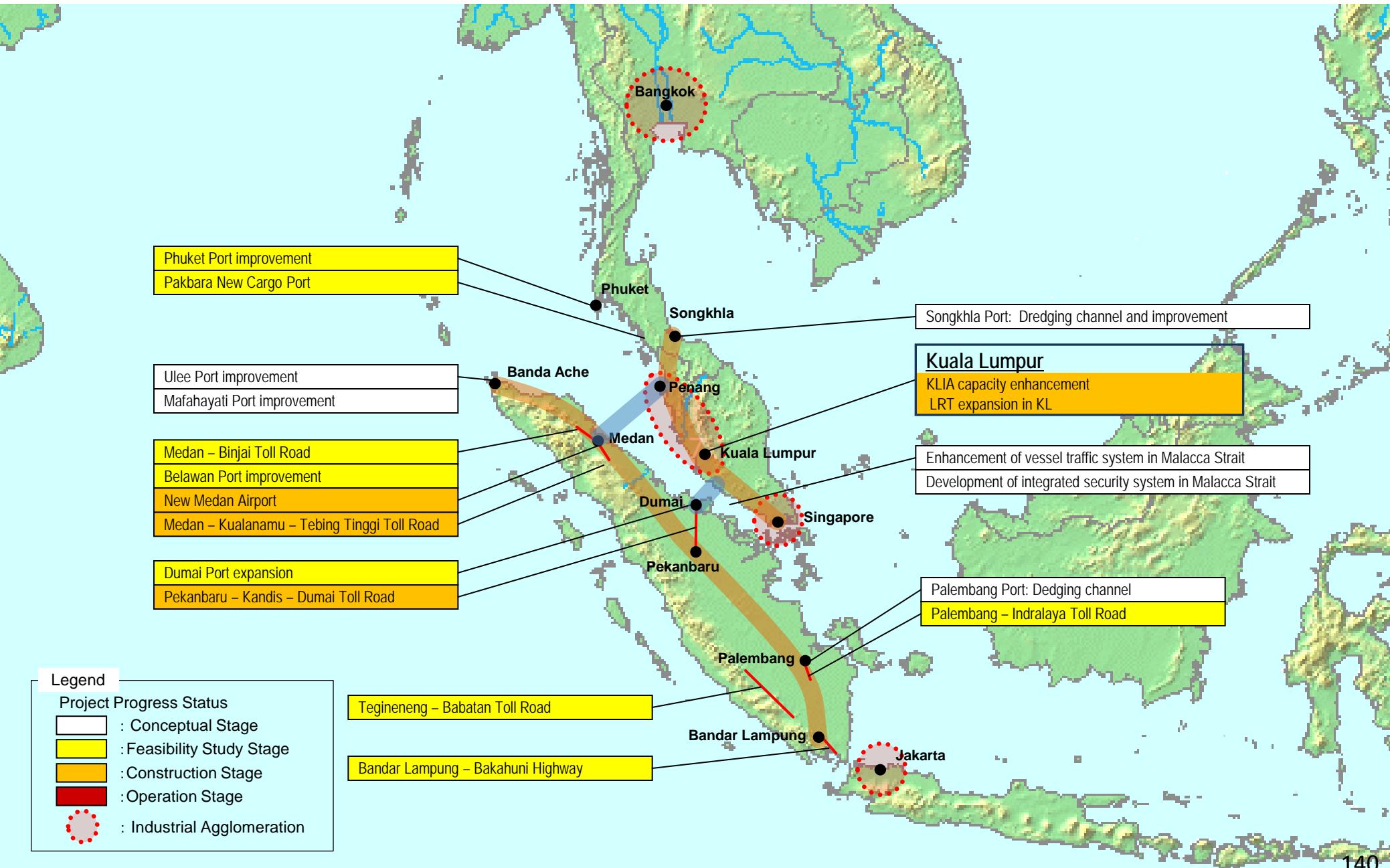
Source: ERIA.

➤ 81% of the 695 projects being in more than feasibility study stage.

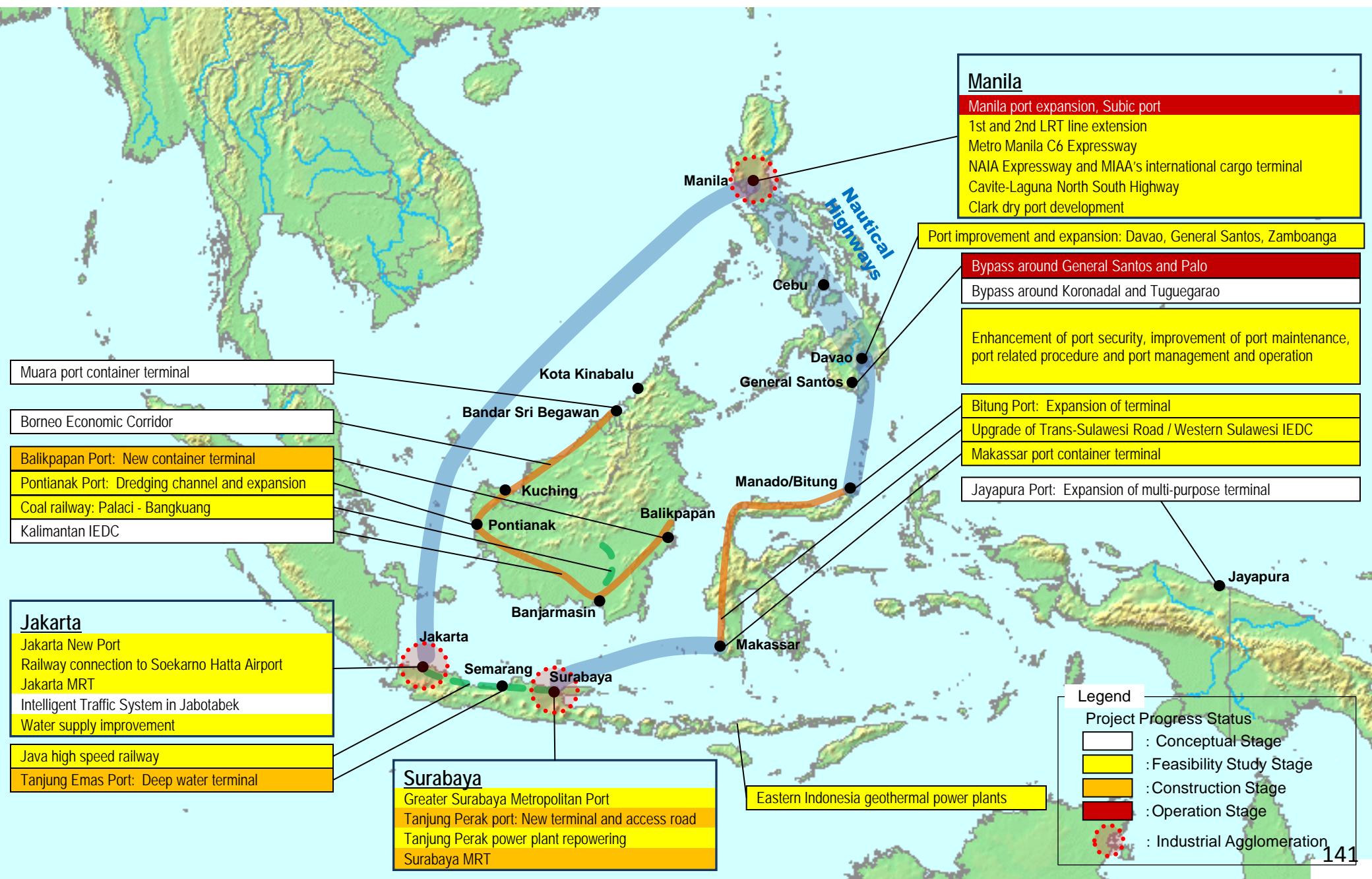
Selected Prospective Projects in Mekong Sub-region



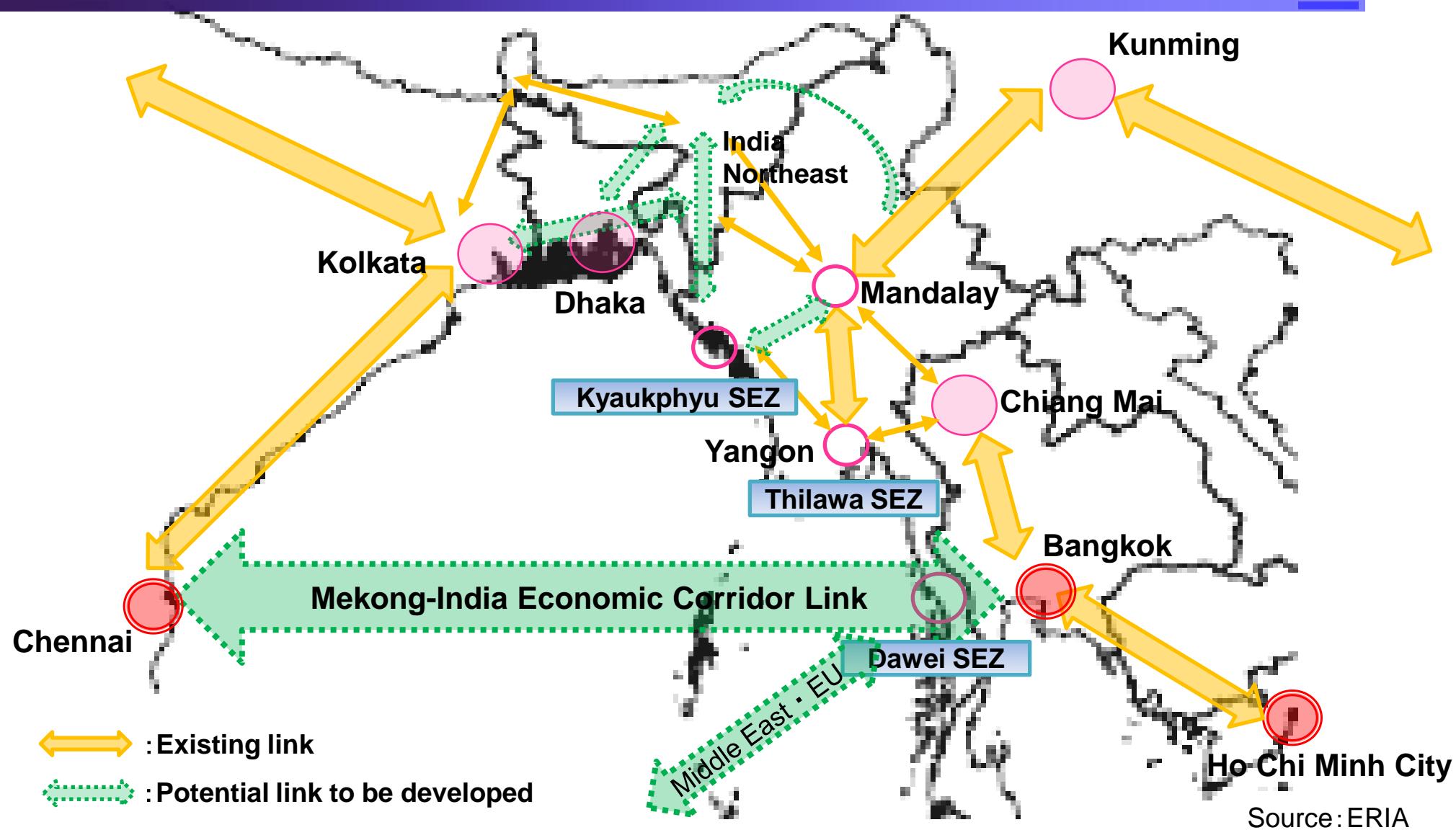
Selected Prospective Projects in IMT+ Sub-region



Selected Prospective Projects in BIMP+ Sub-region



Myanmar is an Important Strategic Point for Connectivity in East Asia



➤ Green and Inclusive Comprehensive Development · Connectivity Master Plan needs to be implemented for the development of East Asia as well as the development of Myanmar.

Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV)

➤ Myanmar government and ERIA will formulate a task force and draw up the Development Vision.

- Myanmar Comprehensive Development Vision (MCDV) is a long-term development aspiration and a set of growth strategies, which provide the foundation for a comprehensive and consistent set of economic policies, infrastructure and HRD plans, industrial sector-wise growth paths, Region and State development master plans and so forth.
- MCDV is recognized by the leaders of Mekong countries and it was mentioned in the paragraph 1 of Joint Statement of the 3rd Mekong-Japan Summit

The leaders of Mekong countries expressed the appreciation for Japan's decision to implement feasibility studies in Myanmar, initiated by **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)** with the use of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), which will make an important contribution to enhancement of intra Mekong and ASEAN Connectivity.

November 18, 2011, Indonesia

➤ On the occasion of the Planning Committee of Myanmar, which was held on December 26, 2012, President U Thein Sein mentioned that we will promote MCDV which is joint project of Myanmar Government and ERIA, along with NCDP(National Comprehensive Development Plan) with the support of economists from Japan and ASEAN.

➤ Articles about the MCDV Workshop were appeared in the local newspapers. (November 27, 2012 / January 28-29, 2013)



MCDV was mentioned.



PPP Development after the CADP

➤ ERIA compiled a comparative stocktaking of development status of *legal frameworks* to implement PPP projects.

➤ ERIA is expanding the program in cooperation with the APEN to foster project leaders of the PPP project called "ERIA project Meister".

Indonesia

- Indonesian Infrastructure Guarantee Fund (IIGF) has been established.
- MP3EI was released to comprehensive development of the country.

Philippines

PPP Center has been established.

Thailand

The government is considering setting up the central PPP Unit. MOF is planning to draft sub regulations and Guidelines.

Malaysia

3PU(Public Partnership Unite) was established.

Vietnam

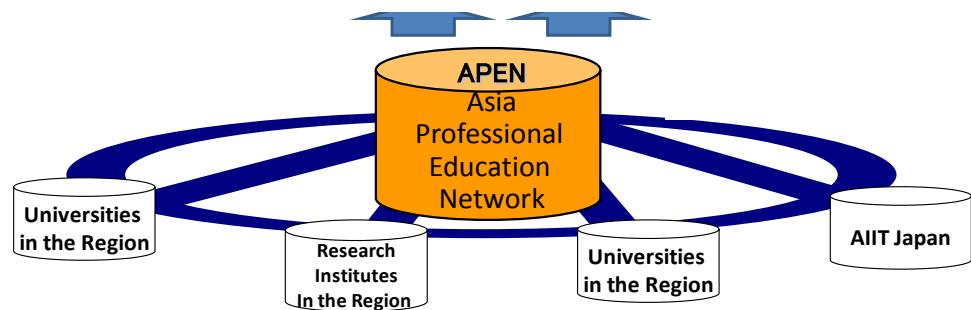
Prime Minister issued Regulation on Trial Public-Private Partnership Investment Form (the "New Regulation")

Steering Committee (head is Vice Prime Minister) was established.

Implementation of CADP



By using Project-based learning method (PBL), Fostering of plant manager and middle manager, SME Credibility Index, Dispatch of APEN Only-one SME Mission, Proposals of CADP project by APEN members, etc.



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