



The Ninth ERIA Editors' Roundtable

'Viet Nam 25: Coping with COVID-19 Challenges'

5 November 2020 (Via Zoom), 9 AM to 11:30 AM Jakarta/Hanoi time (UTC+7)

The COVID-19 pandemic poses significant challenges to the media community in East Asia. Their knowledge and abilities to share data and information, as well as exchange best practices, are pivotal to raise awareness and understanding both for the policymakers and public to manage the coronavirus. Since the outbreak, media professionals in our region have done their best to disseminate fact-based information. As a result, appropriate responses have been developed and implemented to mitigate the virus spread.

In response to COVID-19, ASEAN is finalizing a comprehensive recovery plan for all members which will be approved and announced by the ASEAN Leaders at the 37th ASEAN Summit in Danang on 14 November 2020. This plan will engage all stakeholders from government agencies, industries, the private sector, and other relevant entities. Under Viet Nam's strong chairmanship, throughout the pandemic, the ASEAN leaders have expressed their determination for a speedy regional recovery.

Given the current circumstances, the 9th ERIA Editors' Roundtable will be held online for the first time. Through social media, this event is expected to draw in a large audience from the region and beyond. Online participants will learn first-hand from ASEAN policymakers about how they are trying to bring back their robust economy and connectivity. Through this interaction, editors and media influencers will be able to strengthen their capacities to cover the pandemic and the region's recovery plan with a clear eye.

AGENDA

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9:00 – 9:10 AM	Opening remarks Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura , <i>President, ERIA</i>
9:10 – 9:20 AM	Keynote Speech 'Viet Nam and ASEAN COVID-19 Challenges' Mr Vu Ho , <i>Director General of ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam</i>
	Photo session: Online (for speakers and panelists)
Session One: How can ASEAN overcome the negative impacts of COVID-19?	
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Moderator: Ms Gwen Robinson , <i>Editor at Large, Nikkei Asian Review</i> Speakers: Dr Kirida Bhaopichitr , <i>Research Director of Thailand Development Research Institution Foundation (TDRI), Thailand</i> Dr Shiro Armstrong , <i>Director, Australia-Japan Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia</i> Mr Nguyen Anh Duong , <i>Director, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM), Viet Nam</i> Dr Philips J. Vermonte , <i>Director of Center of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia</i>
Session Two: The role of media in ASEAN during the COVID-19 Pandemic	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Moderator: Mr Yasu Ota , <i>Editorial Writer, Columnist, Nikkei</i> Speakers: Mr Aung Zaw , <i>Editor-in-chief of The Irrawaddy, Myanmar</i> Ms Johanna Son , <i>Editor and Founder of Reporting ASEAN, Thailand</i> Mr Marites Vitug , <i>Editor at Large Rappler, Philippines</i> Mr Philip Golingai , <i>Online Editor, The Star, Malaysia</i> Ms Ismira Lutfia , <i>Independent journalist, Indonesia</i>
11:00 -11:30 AM	Special Dialogue with Secretary-General HE Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi
	<i>Facilitated by Prof Hidetoshi Nishimura, President of ERIA</i>
	<i>Closing Remarks,</i> Koji Hachiyama , <i>COO, ERIA</i>