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The **SAEO** draws upon the OECD Development Centre's close co-operation with other OECD directorates such as the Statistics Directorate and the Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry, which are known as leading providers of reliable, unbiased and comparable economic and social data. In addition, the **SAEO** is prepared collaboratively with Asian governments and regional organisations such as the **ASEAN Secretariat**, **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, the **ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic and Research Office (AMRO)** and **South East Asian Central Banks (SEACEN)**. Regional experts also provide significant inputs.

POLICY DIALOGUE AND IMPACT

The recommendations and analysis in the **SAEO** are expected to serve as an input to policy making in the region and to accelerate regional integration.

The **SAEO** will be disseminated in Asian countries and at major regional policy events such as **ASEAN**, **ADB**, **AMRO**, **APEC** and **SEACEN** meetings. Intermediate outputs will also be discussed with policy makers and experts in the region on a regular basis.

QUARTERLY BULLETIN: THIS QUARTER IN ASIA

In addition to the annual report, the Asia Desk provides quarterly updates of **This Quarter in Asia** based on the Asian Business Cycle Indicators (ABCIs*) on www.oecd.org/dev/asiapacific/abcis. These indicators offer a rich, cross country, comparable resource that satisfies the demand for a better understanding of the rapidly-changing macroeconomic landscape in emerging Asia.

* OECD Development Centre ABCIs are jointly prepared by the Development Centre and Statistics Directorate of the OECD.

THE OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

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SOUTHEAST ASIAN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK



A TOOL
FOR POLICY
DIALOGUE



The OECD Southeast Asian Economic Outlook (SAEO)

First launched in 2010, the **Southeast Asian Economic Outlook (SAEO)** is the OECD's annual reference on Asia's economic growth, development and regional integration process. It focuses on the economic conditions of the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)** member countries (**Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam**), and also addresses relevant economic issues in **China** and **India** to fully reflect economic developments in the region.

The SAEO provides an annual update of **regional economic trends and policy challenges**, a **thematic focus** which varies in each volume and **country-specific structural policy notes**.

More specifically, it provides:

- **A five-year economic outlook** for the region, based on the "Medium-term Projection Framework for Growth and Development" (www.oecd.org/dev/asiapacific/mpf). Constructed by the Development Centre, its aim is to address the medium term development challenges in the Southeast Asia region;
- A more detailed **assessment of the structural policy reforms identified in national plans**, through the "Structural Policy Performance Indicators for Medium-term Development Plans (SPPIs)". The SPPIs monitor and evaluate the progress of specific policy issues identified in medium-term development plans, focusing on structural priority areas. They provide policy recommendations to governments concerned to improve economic performance;

- **Short-term macroeconomic trends**, including macroeconomic climate and potential risks to the outlook. This analysis complements the quarterly publication *This Quarter in Asia*, which monitors business cycles in the region and in the individual countries.

THEMATIC FOCUS

- **SAEO 2010: Transport infrastructure and regional integration** (released in November 2010)

The inaugural edition of the SAEO recommended the development of more integrated transport networks, new financing methods such as infrastructure revenue bonds to overcome investments needs in infrastructure, and fostering Public Private Partnerships (PPP) in the region.

- **SAEO 2011/12: Green Growth** (released in November 2011)

The second edition analyses the potential benefits of transitioning to low-carbon green economies and addresses policy issues such as emissions trading, carbon footprint and labelling schemes as well as taxation, based on experiences in both OECD member and selected Asian countries.

- **SAEO 2012/13: Narrowing the Development Gap** (forthcoming)

The third edition will focus on narrowing the development gap in the region focusing on disparities *among* and *within* countries.

OBJECTIVES

The **SAEO** promotes informed policy dialogue between Southeast Asian and OECD member countries. It serves as a tool for a better understanding of the economic prospects of the region and provides a platform for dialogue and peer learning.

Every year, the SAEO's findings and recommendations are presented at major policy events in the region. The aim is to improve the quality of economic policies made by regional governments, with the ultimate goal of improving the well-being of citizens.

VALUE ADDED

Being the latest OECD Development Centre's flagship, the **SAEO** benefits from the Centre's role as a bridge between the OECD member economies and the emerging and developing economies. The Outlook takes a comprehensive look at **both regional and country-specific approaches** and put them in a global context. Reliable data and rigorous macroeconomic and structural analyses form the basis of insights for fostering sustainable and inclusive development in the region.

The **SAEO** is a valuable resource for:

- ministers, parliamentarians and policy makers;
- regional integration officials;
- business communities;
- civil society groups;
- citizens; and
- media.

