



“Southeast Asia: Economic Outlook and Policy Challenges for 2010 and Beyond”

The OECD Development Centre

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Background

Ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have shown relatively strong recoveries from the global economic crisis, compared with other developing regions. Such generally positive trend, however, masks several risks and policy challenges to tackle in the coming years. This seminar offers a timely opportunity to exchange views on recent developments in Southeast Asian countries.

The seminar aims to serve as an informal forum to exchange views on regional outlook and policy challenges based on the preliminary findings of the forthcoming **Southeast Asian Economic Outlook (SAEO) 2010**, which will be released in November this year. The SAEO provides an annual update of regional economic trends and challenges with a statistical annex and includes a thematic focus which will change with each volume.

Using newly developed business cycle indicators, SAEO monitors macroeconomic trends in the region. It also monitors the regional integration process applying a sectoral approach, and documents and analyses the progress made towards an ASEAN Economic Community. Furthermore, the medium-term growth projections help identify the major challenges for enhancing and rebalancing growth in the region. The thematic focus of the 2010 edition is on transport infrastructure and its implication for regional integration.

Preliminary Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:30 – 9:40 Welcome address – **Mario Pezzini**, Acting Director, OECD Development Centre
- 9:40 – 9:50 Introduction – **Kiichiro Fukasaku**, Head of Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre
- 9:50 – 11:10 **Session 1: Regional Economic Trends and Challenges for 2010 and Beyond**
Chair: **Pang Eng Fong**, Professor, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University
- Speakers:
- *Regional Perspectives: Macroeconomic and Medium-term Growth Outlook* – **Kensuke Tanaka** and **Charles Pigott**, Asia & Pacific Desk, OECD Development Centre
 - *Regional Integration Landscape: Sectoral Approach* – **Kiichiro Fukasaku**, Head of Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre
- Lead Discussant:
Annabelle Mourougane, Senior Economist, Brazil & Indonesia Desk, OECD Economics Department
- General Discussion
- 11:10 – 12:50 **Session 2: Transport Infrastructure and Regional Integration**
Chair: **Kiichiro Fukasaku**, Head of Division, Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre
- Speakers:
- *How transport infrastructure development contributes to ASEAN Integration* – **Pang Eng Fong**, Professor, Lee Kong Chian School of Business, Singapore Management University
 - *Financing Transport Infrastructure Development in Southeast Asia* – **Naoyuki Yoshino**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University
 - *Transport Infrastructure and Sub-regional Integration in Indonesia* – **Arianto A. Patunru**, Head, Institute for Economic and Social Research, Department of Economics, University of Indonesia
- Lead Discussant:
Kurt Van Dender, Chief Economist, OECD Joint Transport Research Centre and the International Transport Forum
- General Discussion
- 12:50 – 13:00 Final Remarks