UPDATE ON SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE REGULATORY POLICY COMMITTEE

This note provides a brief update of the Regulatory Policy Committee's ongoing and planned work on Southeast Asia.

This note is submitted to Delegates for information.

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1. Following the ASEAN-OECD events in March 2015 hosted by Malaysia, Chair of ASEAN in 2015, the OECD has been invited to present the work of the Regulatory Policy Committee at the ASEAN Civil Service Innovation Conference, on 18-19 November 2015, and to discuss the role of Good Regulatory Practice in public administrations. The conference is one of the events of the ASEAN Leaders’ Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

2. On 17 December 2015, a Forum on “Regulatory Responses to Economic Challenges” will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The forum will discuss country experiences and innovative initiatives from OECD and ASEAN countries in addressing difficulties with the economy to stimulate inclusive growth. The event is co-sponsored by Malaysia and Korea.

ASEAN-OECD Good Regulatory Practice Network (GRPN)

3. The next meeting of the GRPN is tentatively scheduled for March 2016 with the Chair of ASEAN in 2016, Laos PDR. The possibility of holding the meeting back-to-back with an expert workshop with a GRP focus, supported by New Zealand, is currently being considered.

4. Mid-2016, an expert seminar of the GRPN will take place in Sydney, Australia. The topic of the seminar will be decided in consultation with Australia and the Bureau of the GRPN.

5. The Bureau of the GRPN will meet on 16 December 2015, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to discuss and plan the next meetings, events and work of the GRPN in 2016. The Bureau is composed of the co-Chairs, Malaysia and New Zealand, Indonesia, Philippines, Korea and Japan.

6. As part of the OECD Southeast Asia Regional Programme (SEARP), discussions on supporting a horizontal SME-focussed initiative on GRP, trade and investment have been held. The OECD Global Relations Secretariat has presented this possibility to the ASEAN SME Working Group on 2 November 2015. This will also be discussed at the GRPN Bureau meeting on 16 December 2015.