Emerging Asia has shown resilience to the external shocks from the euro-area, slowing growth in the United States. This resilience owes much to strong domestic demand that has cushioned the effects of weakening external demand on aggregate real growth. According to latest edition of the OECD Southeast Asian Economic Outlook 2013 with Perspectives on China and India, Southeast Asian economies will maintain their overall dynamism in the next five years, although China will begin to slow gradually. The growth overall in Emerging Asia is projected to average 7.4% in 2013-2017.

However, the region needs to take further action to address key policy challenges to sustain robust growth. Economic disparities and development gaps both within and among Southeast Asian countries as well as issues of migration and remittances represent one of the most important policy tasks in the region. Korea’s development assistance (ODA) in Southeast Asia also needs to be revisited in the light of the main policy challenges ahead, with special focus on CLMV countries (i.e., Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam).

This conference will provide an opportunity to discuss economic outlook and key policy challenges in Emerging Asia, with references to the OECD’s Outlook recently released as well as KIEP’s annual reports related to Southeast Asia.

(Reference documents)
- Key Development Needs in Southeast Asia and Priority sectors of Korean ODA, KIEP
- Korea’s Development Cooperation with the Mekong Region Countries, KIEP
- Southeast Asian Labor Migration to Korea: Origin-Country Factors and Policy Implications, KIEP
- Southeast Asian Economic Outlook:With Perspectives on China and India, OECD
Programme

1:30~2:00pm
Registration

2:00~2:20pm
Opening Ceremony
Opening remarks
Wook Chae – President, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP)

 Welcoming Address
KOICA
Dae-won Park – President, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

2:20~3:10pm
Session 1. Economic Outlook and Key Structural Policy Challenges in Emerging Asia: Presentation of 2013 edition of Southeast Asian Economic Outlook: With Perspectives on China and India

Moderator: Chang Jae Lee – Senior Research Fellow, KIEP

Presentation
“Medium-term economic outlook and key structural policy challenges in Emerging Asia – based on 2013 of Outlook”
Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre

Discussions
Si Wook Lee, Professor, Myongji University
Taeyoon Kim, Research Fellow, KIEP

Open floor discussion

3:10~3:20pm
Coffee break

3:20~4:30pm
Session 2. Development Issues in Southeast Asia Countries

Moderator: Sungmog Hong, Vice President, KOICA

Presentations
“Migration, remittances and Development in Southeast Asia”
Yoon Ah Oh, Research Fellow, KIEP

“Disparities and challenges for narrowing development gaps in ASEAN”
Stephanie Mak, Economist, Asia Desk OECD Development Centre

Discussions
Sang-won Moon, Vice President, KOICA
Daechang Kang, Research Fellow, KIEP

4:30~4:40pm
Open floor discussion
4:40~5:50pm | **Session 3. Korea’s ODA and Development in Southeast Asia**

Moderator: Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre

Presentations
“Korea’s ODA in Southeast Asia: focusing on CLMV countries”
Sang-won Moon, Head, KOICA Southeast Asia Team II
“KOICA-UNIDO-Samsung cooperation project in Cambodia”
Young-Jin Suh, Samsung Director Environment Strategy Team

Discussions
Won-kyu Hwang, Professor, Kangnung Univ.
Gown-Hyoung Nam, Managing Director, KOICA Asia Department II

5:50~6:00pm | Open floor discussion

Simultaneous English translation will be provided.

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