

Aid Effectiveness & Regional Economic Integration

Seminar on Challenges in Cooperation and
Communication for Development in Southeast Asia

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Minister,

Distinguished Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- First of all, on behalf of the OECD, I wish to thank all speakers and facilitators for their valuable contributions to this seminar.
- Second, I would also like to thank all participants for their interest in the seminar and useful discussions.
- We agreed that regional economic integration is an important response to the global financial and economic crisis.
- At the same time effective development aid is more than ever necessary to bridge the economic and development gaps in the region.
- Today we had excellent presentations and discussions on the significance of results and the need to communicate them in an appropriate way to the public.
- I sincerely hope that this seminar will contribute to building the momentum to the preparation of the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Seoul 2011.
- Finally, I would like to thank once more Viet Nam, Japan and Korea for supporting us in organising this seminar.
- I very much hope that all of you have found the seminar useful, and you will take back home new good ideas on managing development co-operation and communication for better results. I also believe that experiences and lessons learned from Southeast Asia will contribute to enriching our discussion on South-South co-operation.

Thank you, and I wish you a safe journey back.