

OECD ROUNDTABLE ON INNOVATION POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

AGENDA – TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2014

14:00-16:00, MPF BOARDROOM 1, GRAND NIKKO BALI HOTEL

The roundtable is an important opportunity to exchange views with Southeast Asian partners on innovation policy priorities in the regional context. In particular, participants will discuss the role that innovation can play in fostering competitiveness, productivity, and job creation in the region – all important mechanisms for encouraging sustainable growth. As the region's national economies become more strongly integrated into global knowledge networks, science and technology offer opportunities for countries to 'move up the value chain' and address social and environmental challenges. A better understanding of existing capabilities can also enhance mutually beneficial co-operation on science, technology and innovation policy in the region and with the global economy. Participants will also explore how the OECD can best collaborate with regional partners on innovation policy going forward. Recent OECD contributions to the debate on innovation policy in Southeast Asia will be briefly introduced, such as a review of Innovation in Southeast Asia, released in May 2013.

14.00 to 14.10

Welcome and introduction

Molly Leshar, Counsellor, OECD Directorate for Science, Technology & Industry

14.10 to 14.30

Presentation on OECD work on innovation policy in Southeast Asia

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14.30 to 15.00

Country presentations on innovation policy

H.E. Mr. Stefan Flückiger, Ambassador, Permanent Representative Delegation of Switzerland to the OECD

Dr. Raslan Ahmad, Senior Vice President, Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology, Prime Minister's Department

Mr. Yongsuk Jang, Research Fellow, the Korean Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI)

15.00 to 15.50

Group discussion

Participants will be invited to exchange views on the following questions:

- *What are the major innovation policy priorities (and challenges) in the region?*
- *How can science, technology and innovation be harnessed to help countries in Southeast Asia move up the value chain?*
- *Have regional initiatives to encourage inclusive and green innovation (e.g. the ASEAN Krabi Initiative) been successful? Is there scope/interest for working with the OECD on this issue?*
- *What do you see as the priority areas in which the OECD could collaborate with Southeast Asian partners, including regional organisations, going forward?*

15.50 to 16.00

Conclusion

