



International Conference on Assessing ASEAN's Readiness by Country: Opportunities, Concerns, and Preparedness towards the AEC 2015

September 17, 2013 at 08.00 – 17.00
Napalai Ballroom, Dusit Thani Bangkok Hotel

Program

- 08.00 – 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 – 09.15 Welcome Remarks
- **Prof. Suthipun Jitpimolmard**, Director, Thailand Research Fund
- **Prof. Dr. Somkit Lertpaithoon**, Rector, Thammasat University
- 09.15 – 9.30 Opening Speech
Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Former ASEAN Secretary-General
Professor Emeritus, Thammasat University
- 09.30 – 10.00 Keynote address
H.E. Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia
- 10.00 – 10.40 Interviewed by **Mr. Suthichai Yoon**, Chairman of Nation Multimedia Group
- 10.40 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Panel 1: Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand**
Myanmar in the AEC: New Frontier of Opportunities
Mr. Zaw Oo, Presidential Economic Advisor, Myanmar
Laos in the AEC: Opportunity, Challenge and Preparation
Dr. Bounleua Sinxayvoravong, Director General, Fiscal Policy Department, Ministry of Finance (To be confirmed)
Cambodia in the AEC: Investment Opportunity and Challenge
Dr. Chap Sotharith, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
Thailand in the AEC: Connecting the Region
Mr. Manop Sangiambut, EVP, Head of International Banking Business, Siam Commercial Bank
Q&A
Moderator: **Dr. Patamawadee Pochanukul**, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University
Acting Program Director, National Policies and Transnational Relations Division, Thailand Research Fund
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 15.00 **Panel 2: Singapore, Brunei, and Malaysia**
Singapore in the AEC: Singapore's Perspectives on the AEC
Prof. Dr. Chia Siow Yue, Senior Fellow, Singapore Institute of International Affairs
Brunei in the AEC: Opportunity, Challenge and Preparation
Mr. Shahrin Tamit, International, Economics and Finance Division,
Prime Minister's Office, Brunei Darussalam (To be confirmed)
Malaysia in the AEC: Seeking Business Opportunities
Prof. Dr. Tham Siew Yean, Director, the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies,
University Kebangsaan Malaysia
Q&A
Moderator: **Dr. Chayodom Sabhasri**, Dean of Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.45 **Panel 3: Vietnam, the Philippines, and Indonesia**
Vietnam in the AEC: The Miracle of Investment
Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hong Son, Rector, University of Economics and Business,
Vietnam National University, Hanoi
The Philippines in the AEC: Opportunity, Challenge and Preparation
Prof. Dr. Myrna Austria, Vice Rector, De La Salle University
Indonesia in the AEC: Moving forward with the New Opportunities
Dr. Raymond Atje, Researcher, Economics Department
Center for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia
Q&A
Moderator: **Dr. Kitti Prasirtsuk**
Director of Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University
Coordinator, *The "ASEAN Watch" Project, Thailand Research Fund*
- 16.45 – 17.00 Conclusion & Closing