



Programme
Seminar on “Connecting the Connectivities: Synergy through Enhanced Partnership”
Friday, 22 January 2021
(via videoconference)

Time (GMT+7) <i>Bangkok time</i>	Programme
10.00 – 10.15	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand • H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN • Mr. Ranjit Lamech, Regional Director (East Asia & Pacific), Infrastructure Department, World Bank
10.15 – 11.30	<p>Session 1: Global Supply Chain Connectivity To discuss the current dynamics of global supply chains in the regional and sub-regional context – the outlook of global trade trends, the potential of sub- and cross-regional collaboration, and ASEAN’s supply chain network that is resilient to pandemic events.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Bank - Dr. Aaditya Mattoo, Chief Economist, World Bank • U.S. - Mr. Thomas R. Hardy, Director for Programme Management, U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) • ROK - Dr. Nakgyoon Choi, Visiting Research Fellow, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) • China - Mr. Sami Farhad, Senior Director of the Globalization Office, Alibaba Group • Viet Nam - Mr. Nguyen Tuong, Deputy Secretary-General, Vietnam Logistics Business Association (VLA) • Thailand - Dr. Luxmon Attapich, Deputy Secretary-General, Thailand’s Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) <p>Moderator: H.E. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Special Advisor, Thailand’s Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC)</p>
11.30 – 13.00	Lunch break
13.00 – 14.15	<p>Session 2: Green and Digital Connectivity To identify possible concrete areas of cooperation and synergies between MPAC 2025 and other connectivity initiatives such as BRI, Partnership for Quality Infrastructure and its expanded version, and New Southern Policy in the Green and Digital Connectivity area.</p> <p>Panelists:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERIA - Prof. Fukunari Kimura, Chief Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) • China - Dr. Rong Ying, Vice President, China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) • Japan - Mr. Shige Watanabe, Director of Country Assistance Planning Division I, International Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan • ROK - Mr. Jaehong Ko, Associate Director for Overseas Project Division, Korea Expressway Corporation • Thailand - Ms. Yingluck Kongkasai, Head of Transaction Banking Group, Bank of Ayudhya Pcl. • Indonesia - Dr. Rudy Salahuddin, Deputy Minister for Digital Economy, Manpower, and SMEs, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs of Indonesia <p>Moderator: Mr. Lim Chze Cheen, Director of ASEAN Connectivity Division, ASEAN Secretariat</p>
14.15 – 14.30	Break
14.30 – 15.45	<p>Session 3: Smart and Sustainable Connectivity To discuss how to enhance connectivity through inclusive smart and sustainable cooperation between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners, and to synergize in areas of mutual benefits.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia - Dr. Fraser Thompson, Director of AlphaBeta Advisory • EU - Mr. Harvey Rouse, Head of Unit for International Relations, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport, European Commission - Mr. Karel Vinck, Former European Coordinator for Railways, European Commission • Singapore - Mr. Seth Tan, Executive Director, Infrastructure Asia • Thailand - H.E. Nikordej Balankura, Ambassador attached to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand • India - Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) <p>Moderator: Ms. Almud Weitz, Practice Manager for Transport for South East Asia and Pacific, World Bank</p>
15.45 – 16.00	<p>Key takeaways ASEAN Secretariat to suggest key takeaways</p>
16.00 – 16.10	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Usana Berananda, Director General, Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand • Mr. Birgit Hansl, Country Manager for Thailand, East Asia and Pacific, World Bank