



### 2013 Annual Asia Competitiveness Institute Conference

# "Competitiveness Analysis of III Asian Economies, Cost of Living Index for 109 Cities and Productivity Drive for Small & Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)"

26-27 November 2013 Swissôtel The Stamford, Singapore



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### Summary of

# 2013 Annual Asia Competitiveness Institute Conference on "Competitiveness Analysis of 111 Asian Economies, Cost of Living Index for 109 Cities and Productivity Drive for Small & Medium Enterprises"

This year, Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS) convened the 2013 Annual Conference at the Swissotel the Stamford Hotel, November 26–27, 2013. The event attracted 354 registered participants, comprising high-level policymakers, leading researchers from various universities, think tanks, and practitioners from non-governmental organizations, international agencies, and the private sector. Participants came from all over the world represented by about 21 countries. Particularly from Indonesia, we had employers' representatives and academia from the 33 Indonesian provinces.

In addition to reporting our pioneering empirical findings and policy research agenda through plenary sessions and special topics with presentations by ACI researchers, participants were also given the opportunity to engage and interact with leaders in the public and private sectors.

On Day One of the conference, **Professor Wang Gungwu**, Chairman of Governing Board for Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and **Professor Kishore Mahbubani**, Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy welcomed all participants.

In his Opening Remarks, the Guest-of-Honor, **Mr Heng Swee Keat**, Minister for Education, Republic of Singapore, delivered his Keynote Address on "Complexity of Competitiveness in a Modern World" in which he underlined the importance of right structural policies and complementary relationships for sustainable development in the region. Minister Heng also launched seven books authored by ACI researchers and witnessed the signing of two Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between ACI, the Indonesia President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight and the Employer's Association of Indonesia.

ACI actively seeks to establish our niche as a leading professional policy think-tank in Asia. ACI, to this end, has signed an MOU with **Professor Kuntoro Mangkusubroto**, Head, Indonesia President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight, and an MOU with **Bapak Sofjan Wanandi**, Chairman, Employer's Association of Indonesia at the Annual ACI Conference. Professor Kuntoro Mangkusubroto and Bapak Sofjan Wanandi also spoke on "Asia Competitiveness and Policy Changes to Indonesia" and "Emerging Role and Critical Role of the Government" respectively. We look forward to working and collaborating with them closely.

The Distinguished Luncheon Speaker on Day One, **Dr Mochtar Riady**, Founder and Chairman for LIPPO Group, shared his valuable insights on "Indonesia as a Potential Rising Middle Economic Power" where he painted the future economic and political landscape of Indonesia as well as the country's pivotal role in ASEAN.

The Distinguished Dinner Speaker, **Mr Teo Ser Luck**, Minister-of-State for Trade & Industry, Republic of Singapore, spoke on "Improving Productivity and Internationalized Activities of SMEs" and discussed the importance of Small & Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to Singapore's economy and how SMEs could improve their productivity and global footprints.

Letter of Intent (LOIs) between Asia Competitiveness Institute, Provincial Employer's Associations and Provincial Academic Institutions from 33 provinces were also signed as witnessed by Minister Teo Ser Luck and Professor Kishore Mahbubani.

On Day Two of the conference, **Professor Kanti Prasad Bajpai**, Vice-Dean (Research), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, welcomed all participants. **Dr AKP Mochtan**, Deputy Secretary-General of Association of South East Asian Nations for Community and Corporate Affairs Department delivered his Keynote Address pertaining to "Status and Challenges in the Implementation of the ASEAN Community 2015".

The Distinguished Luncheon Speaker, **Dr Luky Eko Wuryanto**, Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Planning, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Republic of Indonesia spoke on "Investing in Infrastructure and Releasing Production Bottlenecks".

Further on this theme, the conference also included up-close conversations with Chairmen and Chief Executive Officers of Singapore's publicly-listed companies on branding and entrepreneurship for the following Singapore's home-grown companies:

- **Dr George Quek** Chairman, BreadTalk Group
- Mr Charles Wong
   Chairman & CEO, Charles & Keith

- Mr Ron Sim
   Chairman & CEO, OSIM International
- Dr Derek Goh
   Chairman & CEO, Serial System

Professor Tan Kong Yam, Co-Director of ACI, delivered the conference's Closing Remarks.

ACI hopes that these conference sessions have helped to inspire new thinking and sparked interests in further quest for enhancement of productivity and competitiveness.

Join us for next year's Annual Conference on 26-27 November 2014, please visit ACI's website: http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/aci/.

**Professor Tan Kong Yam** Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

**Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap** Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

### Conference Highlights and Presentations (Day 1, 26 November 2013)

### **Conference Welcome Remarks**



Professor Wang Gungwu Chairman, Governing Board Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy National University of Singapore



Professor Kishore Mahbubani
Dean
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
National University of Singapore

### Conference Opening Remarks: Minister Heng Swee Keat



"Complexity of Competitiveness in a Modern World"
Guest of Honour:
Mr Heng Swee Keat
Minister for Education
Republic of Singapore

### **Unveiling of Plaques**

Unveiling of Plaques for
Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy,

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

> By Mr Heng Swee Keat Minister for Education

Dr Mochtar Riady Founder and Chairman, LIPPO Group





### Signing of Memoranda of Understanding

# Signing of Memoranda of Understanding between Asia Competitiveness Institute and

I. Indonesia President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4) for joint public policy formulation



2. The Employer's Association of Indonesia for joint business survey



### Launch of 7 books by Asia Competitiveness Institute





















### List of publications launch, from left to right:

• "Annual Analysis of Competitiveness, Simulation Studies and Development Perspective for 34 Greater China Economies: 2000-2010"

Authors: Dr Tan Khee Giap, Mr Yuan Randong, Ms Sangiita Yoong Wei Cher and Dr Yang Mu

• 《大中华经济圈 34 个经济体竞争力分析,发展战略及公共政策: 2000-2010》 作者: 陈企业博士、袁冉东先生、熊蔚慈女士、杨沐博士

• "Annual Analysis of Competitiveness, Simulation Studies and Development Perspective for 35 States and Federal Territories of India: 2000-2010"

Authors: Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Linda Low, Dr Tan Kong Yam and Mr Kartik Rao

- "Annual Analysis of Competitiveness, Development Strategies and Public Policies on ASEAN-10: 2000-2010"
   Authors: Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Linda Low, Dr Tan Kong Yam and Ms Lim Lijuan, Amanda
- "Annual Indices for Average Residents and Expatriates on Cost of Living, Wages and Purchasing Power for World's Major Cities: 2005-2012"

Authors: Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Vu Minh Khuong, Dr Grace Aw, Ms Guo Yee Chia Gina and Ms Ye Ye Denise

- "Ranking the Liveability of the World's Major Cities: the Global Liveable Cities Index"

  Authors: by Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Woo Wing Thye, Dr Tan Kong Yam, Dr Linda Low and Dr Grace Aw Ee Ling
- 《全球主要城市宜居性排名:全球宜居城市指数》

作者: 陈企业博士、胡永泰博士、陈光炎博士、 刘琳达博士、欧怡伶博士 译者: 万静博士、曾婷女士

### **Keynote Address**



Keynote Address I:

"Asia Competitiveness and Policy Challenges to
Indonesia"

Professor Kuntoro Mangkusubroto
Head, President's Delivery Unit for
Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4),
Indonesia

& International Advisory Panel,
Asia Competitiveness Institute, Lee Kuan Yew
School of Public Policy, National University of
Singapore

Keynote Address 2: "Emerging Indonesia and Critical Role of the Government"

Bapak Sofjan Wanandi Chairman, Employer's Association of Indonesia





Ms Sujata Kaur, Research Assistant of ACI-LKYSPP-NUS, our emcee for the conference

### Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Dr Mochtar Riady

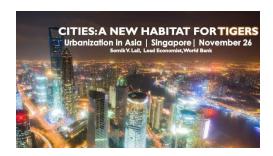




Lunch Talk
"Indonesia as a Rising Economic Middle Power"
Dr Mochtar Riady
Founder and Chairman, LIPPO Group



### **Special Topics**



"Urbanisation in China: Opportunities and Changes"

Mr Somik Lall Lead Economist, Urban & Disaster Risk Management The World Bank "On Benchmarking Greater China Liveable Cities: Key Performance Indicators"

Professor Tan Kong Yam
Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS





"Technical Efficiency Drivers of Manufacturing SMEs: a Case Study of Thailand"

Professor Charles Harvie
Director for the Centre for Small Business and Regional Research
Acting Director of the International Business Research Institute
University of Wollongong, Australia

### Distinguished Dinner Speaker: Minister-of-State Teo Ser Luck



Dinner Talk
"Improving Productivity and Internationalised
Activities of SMEs"
Mr Teo Ser Luck
Minister-of-State for Trade and Industry

# Signing of Letters of Intent between Asia Competitiveness Institute and



I. 33 Provincial Employer's Associations



2. 33 Provincial Academic Institutions

### Conference Highlights and Presentations (Day 2, 27 November 2013)

### **Keynote Address**

Keynote Address:

"Status and Challenges in the Implementation of the ASEAN Community 2015"

HE Dr. AKP Mochtan

Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community and Corporate Affairs Department

Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)



### Special Topics



"Enhancing Total Factor Productivity for Asian Economies: Agenda for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development"

Dr Vu Minh Khuong Assistant Professor, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

"Economic Competitiveness and Fiscal Sustainability: Problems of Western Economies and Lessons for Asian Governments"

Professor Ramkishen Rajan Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS



# Conversation with Chairmen and Chief Executive Officers of Publicly-Listed Companies on "Branding, Marketing and Entrepreneurship for SMEs"



From left to right: Mr Charles Wong (Charles & Keith), Dr George Quek (BreadTalk Group), Professor Tan Khee Giap (ACI),
Mr Ron Sim (OSIM International) and
Dr Derek Goh (Serial System)







### Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Dr Luky Eko Wuryanto





### Lunch Talk:

"Investing in Infrastructure and Releasing Production Bottlenecks"

Dr Luky Eko Wuryanto

Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Planning

Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs

Republic of Indonesia

### **Closing Remarks**



Closing Remarks
Professor Tan Kong Yam
Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

### 2013 ACI Conference Administrative Team

The ACI Conference Administrative Team led by Ms Yap Xin Yi, Executive & Special Assistant to Directors, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS











From left to right:
From ACI-LKYSPP-NUS,Ms Yap Xin Yi, Ms Tracy Cai, Ms Ham Oi Mun, Mr Loh Chao Kiat, Ms Estelle Yip

### **Conference Plenary Sessions**

### Plenary Session 1

"2013 Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on 33 Indonesian Provinces: Agricultural Productivity, Competitive Healthcare and Layers of Government"



This session re-examined basic fundamentals of the Indonesia economy as a rising middle power with consistent, balance and inclusive growth in the context of an emerging Asia. An analysis on potential growth hubs based on comparative strength and advantages of provinces, Public policy options and research agenda for Indonesia related to agricultural productivity, competitive healthcare and layers of government would be conducted.

### **Plenary Session 2**

"Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on 35 States and Federal Territories of India: Creating Industrial Investment Zones and as the Second Factory of the World"

This session examined fundamentals of Indian's sub-national economies as an emerging Asia economic power house. ACI has updated the ranking and simulation studies for the 35 Indian states and federal territories annually. ACI would forward three policy proposals including creating provincial industrial development zones for attracting foreign direct investment and employment creation, enhancing agricultural productivity and promoting healthcare as a national priority.



### Plenary Session 3

"2013 Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies of 34 Greater China Economies, Industrial Upgrading, Rapid Urbanization and Further Regional Economic Integration"



This session re-examined fundamentals of the Chinese economy as a global engine of growth and re-visit the Flying Geese Theory. Following ranking and simulation study for the 34 Greater China economies which we would update annually whereby we examine four environments including (i) Economic vibrancy, openness to trade and attractiveness to investors; (ii) Effective government and institutions (iii) Financial markets, business efficiency and labor market flexibility and (iv) Social infrastructure resiliency and physical infrastructure supports. Policy themes would also be conducted on agricultural productivity-urbanization drive, internationalization of Renminbi and the repositioning of the State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs).

### **Plenary Session 4**

# "Research Framework on Global Liveable Cities Index: A Sustainable, Humanitarian & Socially Inclusive Approach"



This session extended ACI's Annual Global Liveable Cities Index where by 200 cities of different sizes cutting across major continents including Europe, Americas, Asia and Middle East. International and emerging cities will be ranked and simulated to see how each city can further improve its liveability. 100 Greater China cities, 30 South East Asian cities and 20 Middle Eastern cities will be separately ranked and simulated as these are rapidly growing cities which needed identification on weaknesses and reform measures most. The assessment covers five categories of indicators including economic vibrancy, environmental sustainability and friendliness, security and safety, cultural diversity and social harmony, governance and effective leadership.

### **Plenary Session 5**

### "Productivity Tracking and Efficiency Monitoring of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)"



SMEs usually contribute to at least 50% of the total employment, a minimum of one-third of the value-added GDP and constitute to around 85% of the total business entities. The relatively lower productivity or even stagnation of productivity by SMEs in comparison to multinational corporations (MNCs) are likely due to weaknesses in management capability, inefficiency in provision of services and organization of production processes. The low productivity of SMEs also reflects a certain degree of the non-level playing field in terms of company size and hence market failure in correcting productivity enhancement through competition. The critical and pertinent question lies in how the management efficiency can be improved and the way in which labour productivity for SMEs can be enhanced in the longer-run?

### Plenary Session 6

### "Indices on Cost of Living, Wages and Purchasing Power for Expatriates and Average Residents for 109 Cities"



This session introduced two indices which measure cost of living, purchasing power and wages for expatriates and average residents from 109 cities which would be updated annually. We have computed ranking according to various categories of basket items including alcoholic beverages and tobacco, clothing, communication, healthcares, foods, education, household supplies, housing, transportation, recreation and cultural activities. Such indices would be most useful for stake holders including policy makers, senior government officials, international investors, private bankers, financial managers, professionals working abroad and ordinary citizens.

### **Plenary Session 7**

# "2013 Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on ASEAN-10: Connectivity, Production Bottlenecks and Regional Economic Integration"



This session re-evaluated connectivity of ASEAN, infrastructure investments and window of opportunities for regional economic integration. Following the annual ranking and simulation studies for ASEAN-10 economies which we would update annually whereby we examine four environments including (i) Economic vibrancy, openness to trade and attractiveness to investors; (ii) Effective government and institutions; (iii) Financial markets, business efficiency and labour market flexibility; and (iv) Social infrastructure resiliency and physical infrastructure supports.

### **Conference Program**

2013 Annual Asia Competitiveness Institute Conference on "Competitiveness Analysis of 111 Asian Economies, Cost of Living Index for 109 Cities and Productivity Drive for Small & Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)"

26-27, November 2013, Swissotel the Stamford (Level 4 Atrium Ballroom), Singapore

### Organized by

Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS)

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Tuesday, 26 No	ovember 2013	
0830 – 0900	Conference Registration @ Canning Ballroom, Level 4	
	Welcome Remarks	
0900 – 0910	Professor Wang Gungwu Chairman, Governing Board, LKYSPP-NUS	
0910 <b>–</b> 0920	Professor Kishore Mahbubani Dean, LKYSPP-NUS	
0920 – 0940	Conference Opening Remarks: "Complexity of Competitiveness in a Modern World"	
	Guest of Honour: Mr Heng Swee Keat Minister for Education Singapore	
0940 – 0945	Unveiling of plaques for ACI-LKYSPP-NUS and LKYSPP-NUS by Minister Heng and Dr Mochtar Riady, Founder and Chairman, LIPPO Group	
0945 – 1005	Minister Heng to witness signing of MOUs by ACI-LKYSPP, NUS with  A. Indonesia President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4) for joint public policy formulation	
	B. The Employer's Association of Indonesia for joint business survey	
1005– 1015	Minister Heng to launch 5 books by Asia Competitiveness Institute at LKYSPP, NUS:  A. "Annual Analysis of Competitiveness, Simulation Studies and Development Perspective for 34 Greater China Economies" by Dr Tan Khee Giap, Mr Yuan Randong, Ms Yoong Wei Cher, Sangiita & Dr Yang Mu (available in both English and Chinese languages)	
	B. "Annual Analysis of Competitiveness, Simulation Studies and Development Perspective for 35 States and Federal Territories of India", by Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Linda Low, Dr Tan Kong Yam & Mr Kartik Rao	
	C. "Annual Analysis of Competitiveness, Development Strategies and Public Policies on ASEAN-10", by Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Linda Low, Dr Tan Kong Yam & Ms Lim Lijuan, Amanda	
	D. "Annual Indices for Average Residents and Expatriates on Cost of Living, Wages and Purchasing Power for World's Major Cities", by Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Vu Minh Khuong, Dr Grace Aw Ee Ling, Ms Guo Yee Chia Gina & Ms Ye Ye Denise	
	E. "Ranking the Liveability of the World's Major Cities: The Global Liveable Cities Index", by Dr Tan Khee Giap, Dr Woo Wing Thye, Dr Tan Kong Yam, Dr Linda Low & Dr Grace Aw Ee Ling (available in both English and Chinese languages)	
1015 – 1030	Coffee/Tea Break	
1030 - 1050	Keynote Address 1: "Asia Competitiveness and Policy Challenges to Indonesia"	
	Keynote Speaker: Professor Kuntoro Mangkusubroto Head, President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4), Indonesia & International Advisory Panel, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS	
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1050 – 1110	Keynote Address 2: "Emerging Indonesia and Critical Role of the Government"		
	Keynote Speaker: Bapak Sofjan Wanandi		
	Chairman, Employer's Association of Indonesia		
	Moderator:		
	Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
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1110 – 1120	Question & Answer Session		
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	Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	Mr Mulya Amri     Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	3. Dr Linda Low Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	4. Professor Tan Kong Yam		
	Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  5. Mr Dedy Permadi		
	Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	6. Ms Riawati Jahja Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	7. Ms Shanty Citra Vebriani Yusup		
	Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  8. Ms Edwina Frisdiantiny Eman		
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1140 – 1150	Question & Answer Session		
	Moderator:		
	Bapak Jusuf Wanandi Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Council of Cooperation		
	President Director, The Jakarta Post		
	Adjunct Professor, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
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	Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  2. Dr Linda Low		
	Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	3. Mr Kartik Rao Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	4. Ms Saklani Udisha		
	Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	Question & Answer Session		
1210 – 1220	Moderator: Bapak Jusuf Wanandi Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Council of Cooperation President Director, The Jakarta Post Adjunct Professor, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
1220 – 1400	Lunch Talk @ Atrium Ballroom, Level 4		
1230 – 1250	Topic: "Indonesia as a Rising Economic Middle Power"		

	Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Dr Mochtar Riady Founder and Chairman, LIPPO Group			
1250 – 1300	Question & Answer Session			
	Moderator: Professor Wang Gungwu Chairman, Governing Board, LKYSPP-NUS			
1300 – 1400	Lunch			
1400 - 1420	Plenary Session 3: "2013 Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies of 34 Greater China Economies, Industrial Upgrading, Rapid Urbanisation and Further Regional Economic Integration"			
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	Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  4. Ms Suo Haoran Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  5. Dr Yang Mu Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS			
	Special Topic: "Urbanisation in China: Opportunities and Changes"			
1420 – 1440	Mr Somik Lall Lead Economist, Urban & Disaster Risk Management The World Bank			
	Question & Answer Session			
1500 – 1510	Summary Remarks by the Moderator for Plenary Sessions			
1510 – 1525	Bapak Jusuf Wanandi Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Council of Cooperation President Director, The Jakarta Post Adjunct Professor, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS			
1525 – 1545	Plenary Session 4: "Research Framework on Global Liveable Cities Index: A Sustainable, Humanitarian & Socially Inclusive Approach"			
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1545 – 1600	Special Topic: "On Benchmarking Greater China Liveable Cities: Key Performance Indicators"		
	Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
1600 <b>–</b> 1610	Question & Answer Session		
	Moderator: Professor Ramkishen Rajan Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
1610 – 1630	Coffee/Tea Break		
1630 – 1650	Plenary Session 5: "Productivity Tracking and Efficiency Monitoring of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)"		
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	Ms Zeng Ting     Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS     Ms Sujata Kaur		
	Ms Sujata Kaur     Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS		
	Special Topic: "Technical Efficiency Drivers of Manufacturing SMEs: a Case Study of Thailand"		
1650 – 1710	Professor Charles Harvie Director for the Centre for Small Business and Regional Research Acting Director of the International Business Research Institute University of Wollongong, Australia		
	Question & Answer Session		
1710 – 1720	Moderator: Dr Chan Mun Kitt Director, Corporate Services, LKYSPP-NUS		
1720 – 1740	Plenary Session 6: "Indices on Cost of Living, Wages and Purchasing Power for Expatriates and Average Residents for 109 Cities"		
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1740 <b>–</b> 1750	Question & Answer Session		
	Moderator: Mr Donald Low Associate Dean (Executive Education and Research), LKYSPP-NUS		

1800 – 2000 Official Dinner @ Private Dining Room, Level 69
Topic: "Improving Productivity and Internationalised Activities of SMEs"

Distinguished Dinner Speaker:
Mr Teo Ser Luck
Minister of State for Trade and Industry
Singapore
Question and Answer Session

ACI-LKYSPP, NUS signing of Letters of Intent with provincial academic institutions and provincial Employer's Associations, to be witnessed by Minister Teo

Moderator:
Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap
Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS

### **END OF CONFERENCE DAY ONE**

Wednesday, 27	November 2013	
0830 – 0900	Conference Registration @ Atrium Ballroom, Level 4	
0900 – 0910	Day 2 Welcome Remarks	
	Professor Kanti Prasad Bajpai Vice Dean (Research), LKYSPP-NUS	
0910 – 0930	Day 2 Keynote Address: "Status and Challenges in the Implementation of the ASEAN Community 2015"	
	Keynote Speaker: HE Dr. AKP Mochtan Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community and Corporate Affairs Department Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	
	Moderator: Professor Kanti Prasad Bajpai Vice Dean (Research), LKYSPP-NUS	
0930 – 0940	Question & Answer Session	
0940 – 0955	Coffee/Tea Break	
0955 <b>–</b> 1015	Plenary Session 7: "2013 Annual Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on ASEAN-10: Connectivity, Production Bottlenecks and Regional Economic Integration"	
	This session will re-evaluate connectivity of ASEAN, infrastructure investments and window of opportunities for regional economic integration. Following the annual ranking and simulation studies for ASEAN-10 economies which we would update annually whereby we examine four environments including (i) Economic vibrancy, openness to trade and attractiveness to investors; (ii) Effective government and institutions; (iii) Financial markets, business efficiency and labour market flexibility; (iv) Social infrastructure resiliency and physical infrastructure supports.	
	Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap     Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS     Dr Linda Low	
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	Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS  5. Ms Gina Guo Research Associate, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS	
1015 - 1035	Special Topic 1: "Enhancing Total Factor Productivity for Asian Economies: Agenda for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development"	
	Dr Vu Minh Khuong	

	Assistant Professor, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS				
1035 – 1055	Special Topic 2: "Economic Competitiveness and Fiscal Sustainability: Problems of Western Economies and Lessons for Asian Governments"				
	Professor Ramkishen Rajan Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS				
	Moderator: Professor Charles Harvie Director for the Centre for Small Business and Regional Research Acting Director of the International Business Research Institute University of Wollongong, Australia				
1055 - 1110	Question & Answer Session				
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	<ol> <li>Dr George Quek, Chairman, BreadTalk Group</li> <li>Mr Charles Wong, Chairman &amp; CEO, Charles &amp; Keith</li> <li>Mr Ron Sim, Chairman &amp; CEO, OSIM</li> <li>Dr Derek Goh, Chairman &amp; CEO, Serial System</li> </ol>				
	Moderator: Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS				
1200 – 1215	Question & Answer Session				
1215 – 1430	Luncheon Talk				
	Topic: "Investing in Infrastructure and Releasing Production Bottlenecks"				
	Distinguished Luncheon Speaker:				
	Dr Luky Eko Wuryanto Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Planning				
	Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs				
	Republic of Indonesia				
	Question & Answer Session				
	Moderator: Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS				
1430 – 1440	Closing Remarks				
	Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP-NUS				
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### 力宝集团创办人兼主席 **李文正看好印尼经济前景**

印度尼西亚力宝集团(Lippo Group)创办人兼主席李文正(Mochtar Riady)今天将在国大李光耀公共政策学院的亚洲竞争力研究所年度论坛上发表主题演讲,探讨印尼崛起并形成一股中产阶级经济力量的趋势。

据本报了解,毕生致力推动印尼金融界发展的李文正对印尼的前景乐观,认为印尼当前的经济发展,可能是继中国之后,全球的第二个增长奇迹。

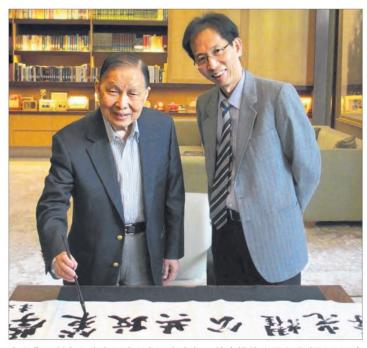
李文正也首次提笔挥毫,为国 大李光耀公共政策学院及亚洲竞争 力研究所题字。李文正本人将与教 育部长王瑞杰在年度论坛上共同为 匾额主持揭幕。

据悉,现年84岁的李文正虽然 习字多年,却是首次为一家机构亲 笔挥毫。 亚洲竞争力研究所联合所长陈 企业副教授透露,有一次他和李文 正的儿子李棕(Stephen Riady)餐 叙,李棕提及李文正毕生热爱书 法,却未曾正式对外公开墨宝。他 突发奇想,提出邀请李文正为学 院与研究所题字,结果获得爽快应 允。

陈企业透露,李文正的题字是 一笔挥毫完成的。

李文正的演说由李光耀公共政 策学院主席王赓武教授主持,现年 83岁的王教授是李文正的学弟,同 样出生于印尼的两人,当年都曾在 中国南京的中央大学求学。

亚洲竞争力研究所年度论坛将 探讨亚洲经济体的竞争力、亚洲城 市的生活成本以及中小企业的生产 力提升课题。



力宝集团创办人李文正(左)习字多年,首次提笔为国大李光耀公共政策学院题字。右为学院的亚洲竞争力研究所联合所长陈企业副教授。

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# TITLE: Heng Swee Keat emphasises importance of right policies for sustainable growth

By S Ramesh

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It is important to put in place the right structural policies so that resources can be put to the most productive use and the economy can grow in a sustainable way, said Singapore's Education Minister Heng Swee Keat.

SINGAPORE: It is important to put in place the right structural policies so that resources can be put to the most productive use and the economy can grow in a sustainable way, said Singapore's Education Minister Heng Swee Keat.

But such policies take time to bear fruit and can be politically unpopular in the short term.

Mr Heng was speaking to economists and business leaders at a conference organised by the Asia Competitiveness Institute at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

He said structural policies cover a very wide area, from fiscal, infrastructure, education, the structure of the labour market and the rule of law.

Mr Heng said he believes that in the coming years, structural policies are going to be more important than ever to emerging economies, particularly those in Asia.

That is because with globalisation and inter-connectedness, what happens in one part of the world can be transmitted to another region quickly.

The impact of the global financial crisis was just one example, said Mr Heng, who was managing director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) at the time of the crisis.

Mr Heng said: "When you think about it, it is quite astounding that problems that originated in the mortgage market in the US created such a contagion in banks across the world, especially banks in Europe, which then spread to many parts of Asia.

"Many of us would recall that how, at the height of the global financial crisis, trade credit dried up. And then in turn, economies which were export-driven, including Singapore, faced a very sharp fall partly because of problems in the financial system over trade credit, partly because confidence just evaporated."

But while structural policies are important, Mr Heng acknowledged, they are also the most difficult to implement.

That is because the results will only show in the long run, but the change is immediate, and some groups may be more adversely affected than others in the citizenry.

So many groups would be against changes and prefer the status quo.

Mr Heng added: "Politically, many economies would face the elections every few years, and it is very difficult to pursue good long-term policies. And the longer term the policies, the greater the uncertainty because there are many intervening invariables and unknowns in between.

"And therefore, many policy makers often pause to think if that's the right thing to do or if I should do something else. It is very often easier to kick the can down the road and wait for problems to come than deal with the problems proactively.

"And what we see in the fiscal problem in the US is a perfect example of this. Everybody knows that it is not sustainable, but nobody would like to deal with it in a decisive way."

That is why in formulating good policies, there is a need to know the strengths and weaknesses of the economy, as well as the threats and opportunities it can face in the future.

Mr Heng said this is where the work of the Asia Competitiveness Institute comes in as it can provide a valuable set of benchmarks across economies, provinces and regions.

Tan Khee Giap, co-director of the Asia Competitiveness Institute, said: "We now have data through surveys -- these are very precious data -- which allows us to have in-depth analysis on the local economies, on the cities and the lives of ordinary people. This is the reason why we are doing this competitiveness studies.

"We are concerned about the life of the ordinary people, whether they are getting a better quality of life, whether their standard of living improves and we can only understand this if we look into the details of the local economies."

During the conference, five books on competitiveness studies done in regions in China, India and ASEAN were launched.

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### Asia needs solid structural policies, complementary relationships: Minister Heng

By Yasmine Yahya

Asia has enjoyed rapid growth in the past several years as it was in a "catch-up" phase driven largely by an expanding labour force.

But as the region's demographic trends change, it will have to focus more on designing and implementing sound structural policies to ensure that economic growth can be sustained, said Education Minister Heng Swee Keat.

He was speaking at a forum organised by the Asia Competitiveness Institute at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, one of a series of events that the school is holding to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

"These structural policies cover a very wide range, from physical and digital infrastructure, to education, research and development, the structure of the labour market and its degree of flexibility, the rule of law, the predictability of policies and so on," Mr Heng said.

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王瑞杰:亚洲新兴经济体需推行结构性政策



王瑞杰:亚洲新兴经济体需推行结构性政策

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(联合早报网讯)亚洲在过去通过投入大量劳动力取得显著的经济增长。不过,随着人口老化,劳动力增长不如以往,亚洲新兴经济体接下来必须推行良好的结构性政策,才能确保经济持续增长,不陷入中等收入的陷阱。

教育部长王瑞杰今早为国大李光耀公共政策学院的亚洲竞争力研究所年度论坛上致词时发表上述看法。

王瑞杰表示,结构性政策的范围广泛,包括财政结构、教育制度、研发活动、劳动力市场的结构和灵活性以及法律制度等等。他说,良好的结构性政策在制定和推行上都有相当难度,政策的效果要长期才能看到,但短期内将有部分人受到较大的冲击。

全球金融危机的发生及蔓延,凸显的一个事实是,任何地区在经济上出现结构性弱点,其他地区都可能受冲击。因此王瑞杰认为,区域经济体的决策者应建立起合作及互补的机制。

他指出,亚洲竞争力研究所针对区域经济体的竞争力和经济现况进行分析,为决策者在政策辩论和制定方面,提供了有用的指标和信息。

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# Asia needs to compete and cooperate: Heng

### By YASMINE YAHYA

ASIAN nations should cooperate in formulating policies that will allow the region to move into the next phase of economic development while maintaining the level of rapid growth that it has enjoyed over several years.

The call from Education Minister Heng Swee Keat yesterday also came with a warning that devising the right framework will be tough, hence the need for nations to work together.

Good structural policies, ranging from physical and digital infrastructures to the rule of law, will become more important than ever before as Asia's demographics change and as the world becomes more interconnected, he added.

"The early part of catch-up growth will soon run its course and input-driven growth through the addition of labour will in many parts of Asia start to slow down.

"China is a good example of

this because the demographics in China, where the population is ageing rapidly, would mean that the labour force growth that was so important in providing the impetus for growth will begin to taper in the coming years."

However, sound structural policies are difficult to design and implement, noted Mr Heng, who was speaking at a forum organised by the Asia Competitiveness Institute at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, one of a series of events to mark the school's 10th anniversary.

"The results will show only in the long run but the pain is immediate and some groups will be more aversely affected than others, while the benefits of good policies are spread across the whole population.

"The longer term the policy, the greater the uncertainty because there are many intervening variables, there are many unknowns in between."

Furthermore, as global economies are increasingly interconnected, policy changes in one market can have ripple effects on others, Mr Heng added.

What this means is that policymakers should look at building cooperative and complementary relationships with one another.

In this regard, a recent study conducted by the Asia Competitiveness Institute comes in very useful, he said, as it gives economies an indication of where they are today and where their future threats and opportunities are.

The study ranks the competitiveness of 111 cities and provinces across Asia.

"I think a competitiveness study and a competitiveness strategy, taken in the right spirit, can spur us to contribute, to compete, to create better investment conditions," he said.

"And at the same time it should also spur us to cooperate, so that we can each occupy distinctive niches and can complement each other."

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效果要长期才能看到,但短期内将有部分人受到较大的冲 击。在政治上,区域国家每几年都必须举行选举,也使得 良好的结构性政策在制定和推行上都有相当难度, 制定良好的长期政策更加艰难。

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口老化, 劳动力增长不如以往, 亚洲新 构性政策、才能确保经济持续增长、不 推动经济炎飞猛进。不过,随着区域人 兴经济体接下来须制定和推行良好的结 亚洲在过去通过投入大量劳动力, 陷入中等收入的陷阱。

教育部长王瑞杰昨天在国大李光耀 度等等。良好的结构性政策在制定和推 行上都有相当难度,政策的效果要长期 在政治上, 区域国家每几年 都必须举行选举, 也使得制定良好的长 公共政策学院的亚洲竞争力研究所年度 劳动力市场的结构和灵活性以及法律制 才能看到,但短期内将有部分人受到较 包括财政结构、教育制度、研发活动、 论坛上指出, 结构性政策的范围广泛, 大的冲击。

不过,他强调,决策者一旦成功制 定及推行良好的结构性政策,将可为经 济体带来新的增长机会 則政策更加艰难。

他认为,亚洲竞争力研究所着眼区 域国家如印度尼西亚和中国的省份和 城市,对它们的竞争力和经济现况进行 为决策者提供了有用的指标和信 能够激发深一层的政策辩论。

# 区域间经济体竞争 可创造投资增长动力

引人潮。亚细安各国特殊探讨开放市 场, 推动贸易往来, 区域经济体也针对 建立跨太平洋依件关系 (Trans-Pacific Partnership, 简格TPP) 展开南淡, 显 示决策者了解区域合作的重要性。

亚洲竞争力研究所也在会上和印尼 论坛上, 王瑞杰和印尼力宝集团 (Lippo Group)创办人李文正一起为举 文正题字的"李光耀公共政策学院"和 的总统府发展监督与控制工作组和雇主 协会签署备忘录, 爬开公共政策制定和 "更洲竞争力研究所" 區額举行揭幕。

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院院长马凯硕教授, 左二为李文正的儿子-

副教授。(陈来福摄)

李光耀公共政策学院院长马凯顿 如中国、印度和印尼、单单从国家 教授 (Kishore Mahbubani) 指出, 東洲 的层面进行研究,往往看不到内部的实 际状况。亚洲竞争力研究所意识到这方 而的研究需求, 极人资源深入模对大中 华地区34个经济体、印度35个联邦州属 和印尼33个省份各自的竞争力和经济状 器其他区域不同的一点是这里有几个大

为印尼目前是全球第16大经济体,在 2000年至2010年间,每年平均增长高 达5.68%;如果同样的步伐持续、到了 研究所针对印尼展开调查,

项与弱点,借此数励各省份之间展开良 性竞争,对于印尼逐步发展成中产阶级 主协会认为、深人探讨印尼各省份的强 经济体的过程。

# 印尼将继中国后出现增长奇迹 力宝集团主席李文正:

教育部长王瑞杰(左三)代表国大李光耀公共政策学院赠送纪念状给力宝集团创办人李文正(右三),感谢他为学院题字赠匾。左一为学

-华联企业执行主席李棕, 右一为学院主席王族武教授, 右二为亚洲竞争力研究所所长陈企业

"就以钢铁业为例,中国 于如人如茶发展的阶段, 因此, 中国的钢 多、土地却有限, 水资源的缺乏是中国未 钢铁业产能已过剩, 但印尼的钢铁业正处 中国的可耕作农地面积低于20%,人口众 来的瓶颈;但,中国的这些瓶颈,恰巧是 铁工业今后肯定会转移到印尼。 李文正说: 印尼的优势。

> 创办人兼主席李文正看好印尼有望继中国 之后,成为全球第二个增长奇迹,并认为 新加坡能以印尼市场为腹地,从它的增长 李文正昨天为亚洲竞争力研究所年度 论坛发表演讲、探讨印尼发展成中产阶级

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补性就强了。

# 才能发挥经济增长潜能 印尼政府须提高效率

性调整,一些行业接下来可能会从中国转

移至其他地区; 而印尼人口近2亿4000万,

他接受本报采访时表示, 中国的经济 已发展到相对饱和的阶段, 需要进行结构

经济体的趋势。

地大物博,正处于各种资源和劳动力起飞 的阶段,在亚洲当中最有条件承接一些从

中国转移出去的行业。

"新加坡对 新加坡作为区域的金融 和贸易中心、和印尼的增长绝对能够相辅 相成, 本地商家应有足够的视野, 以印尼 为腹地争取增长商机。他说:

问题是新加坡要如何定位印尼? 如果说新 加坡把印尼当成自己的大后方,双方的互 印尼的依赖, 就如同香港对大陆的依赖。

印尼政府必须 将行政体系制度化,提高效率,才能充分 不过, 李文正也指出, 发挥经济增长潜能

断为大学引进会计系统,强化学费征收的 管道,效果立竿见影,大学的年营收从原本 套完整的会计系统都没有。于是,他当机立 他以自己担任印尼国立大学董事会主席 的经历为例,说明行政效率的重要性。李文 发现它拥有全国最优秀的商学院,但却连一 正在2002年至2007年间担任该大学主席、 2400万美元、增加到超过8000万美元。

多的增长动力, 甚至带动合作。他认为, 区域经济体之间的合作与竞争是可 区域间的竞争并不是零 和游戏, 可创造更好的投资环境和更

并存的,就好比生意兴隆的小贩中心, \*\* 在云园轴老的单仓棒贩相辅相成, 啖

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图为新加坡国立大学李光耀公共政策学院亚洲竞争力研究所揭牌仪式, 左一为李光 耀公共政策学院院长马凯硕, 左三为亚洲竞争力研究所所长陈光炎, 左五为新加坡教育 部部长王瑞杰, 右四为力宝集团创始人及主席李文正, 右二为亚洲竞争力研究所所长陈 企业,右一为李光耀公共政策学院主席王赓武。

新华网新加坡频道11月26日电(记者 郭鸽 李彦)新加坡国立大学李光耀公共政策 学院亚洲竞争力研究所于2013年11月26日在新加坡史丹福瑞士酒店举行了年会,发布了 亚洲111个经济体的竞争力分析,世界109个城市的生活成本指标,以及中小企业生产力 的驱动力。新加坡教育部部长王瑞杰作为主宾出席了该活动。



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马凯硕院长在欢迎致辞中说,李光耀公共政策学院的亚洲竞争力研究所的独特之处在于,当学术界都在以国家为单位进行竞争力分析调查时,亚洲竞争力研究所则专注在国家下一级的行政单位(Sub-national level),比如省、州、联邦、城市。这是由于很多亚洲国家,如中国、印尼、印度都是幅员辽阔、丰富多元的国家,如果从国家层面上做研究,则很难拥有一个全面而深入的视角。亚洲竞争力研究所从城市的层面进行的分析报告正填补了这项空白。同时,马凯硕院长还在欢迎致辞中阐述了李光耀公共政策学院的竞争力。马凯硕说,作为世界一流的公共政策学院,李光耀公共政策学院的研究成果对政策制定者是个重要参考指标,他也欢迎来自全世界的精英前来该学院继续深造。

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图为新加坡教育部部长王瑞杰为亚洲竞争力研究所年会致开幕辞

新加坡教育部长王瑞杰在开幕致辞中说, 纷繁复杂的国际经济局势对各国的政策制 定者提出了更高的要求,4个重要目标成为政策制定者需要考量的标准:一是经济发展的 目标,二是资源公平分配的目标,三是经济稳定的目标,四是可持续增长的目标。这对 政策制定者是个巨大的挑战,同时也带来了发展的机遇。如何重塑政策来实现经济可持 续发展成为重大课题。这也是亚洲竞争力研究所的分析报告的意义所在。通过比较不同 城市的竞争力,来促进亚洲城市之间的合作,来共同增长。

随后,王瑞杰部长与力宝集团创始人及主席李文正博士共同为李光耀公共政策学院 亚洲竞争力研究所揭牌,并主持了亚洲竞争力研究所5本分析报告的新书发布。这5本书 分别是《大中华经济圈34个经济体常年竞争力分析,政策模拟和发展概况》,《印度35 个邦与联邦常年竞争力分析,政策模拟和发展概况》,《东盟10国常年竞争力分析,发 展战略与公共政策》, 《全球主要城市一般居民与外国专业人员的生活成本 、购买力、 薪资常年指数》, 《全球主要城市宜居性排名 - 全球宜居城市指数(GLCI)》。

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新华网新加坡频道11月26日电(记者 李彦 郭钨)新加坡国立大学李光耀公共政策学院亚洲竞争力研究所于11月26日召开一年一度的年会,并于当晚举行歷为"提升中小型企业生产力与国际化"的晚宴。新加坡贸工部政务部长张思乐作为主宾出席了晚宴。亚洲竞争力研究所所长陈企业为晚宴对话主持人。

张思乐在晚宴上发表致辞,他说他非常高兴的看到今年亚洲竞争力研究所年会的一个主要讨论焦点是新加坡的中小企业,因为中小企业是新加坡经济的重要组成部分,占所有企业的99%,提供70%的就业以及贡献国家一半的国内生产总值(GDP)。新加坡已经开始重组经济,迈向以生产力为驱动力的增长。新加坡政府在2010年设立了全国生产力与继续教育理事会,帮助提高生产力。

他还说,因为新加坡国内市场非常小,中小企业为了成长,需要在发展过程的较早阶段就向海外发展。在中小企业的国际化方面,新加坡国际企业发展局(IE)和新加坡工商联合总会(SBF)都给与了大力帮助。现在,大约74%的中小企业出口产品和服务,其中42%的企业建立了海外办公室,并且已经有许多新加坡企业成功的例子。

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# Singaporean index ranks Taipei as 27th-most liveable city in the world

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Taipei is the 27th-most liveable city in the world, according to this year's Global Liveable Cities Index released on Tuesday in Singapore, which ranks 64 cities around the globe.

Geneva, Switzerland, topped the rankings, in which seven of the top 10 most liveable cities are in Europe and only two are in Asia — Singapore in third place once again and Hong Kong in eighth.

Auckland, New Zealand rounds out the top 10.

Thirty-sx Asian cities were surveyed and seperately ranked.

Taipei ranked sixth in Asia after Singapore, Hong Kong and the Japanese cities of Kobe, Tokyo and Yokohama.

The index, conducted by the Asia Competitiveness Institute at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, covers 64 European, Asian, Middle Eastern, North and South American cities.

It is based on five categories: economic vibrancy and competitiveness; environmental sustainability and friendliness; domestic security and stability; social cultural conditions; and political governance.

The study was first commissioned by Sinagpore's Centre for Liveable Cities in 2008, but the first report was not published until last year.

The institute has said its index is more representative of ordinary residents' concerns when compared with other rankings that typically measure either a city's world "clout" or its comfort level, because it does both.

A major difference is that the index uses indicators that apply to ordinary residents earning the median income, instead of expatriates or the social elite.

Taipei placed 24th in economic vibrancy and competitiveness, 30th in environmental sustainability and friendliness, eighth in domestic security and stability, 33rd in social cultural conditions and 25th in political governance.

However, the results for Taipei show a huge gap compared with this year's Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Global Liveability Survey released in August, which put Taipei in 61st place in the world.

The EIU's survey assesses living conditions in the 140 cities it ranked, scoring each one on more than 30 qualitative and quantitative factors across five broad categories: stability; healthcare; culture and environment; education; and infrastructure.

Melbourne, Australia, topped the ElU's survey for the third consecutive year, followed by Vienna, Vancouver and Toronto.

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