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 University of Singapore (NUS)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Dress Code: Business Attire

Monday, 26 November 2018 Venue: Lobby @ Oei Tiong Ham Building, LKYSPP Campus (469C Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259772)	
0830 – 0900	Conference Registration
0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks Professor Tan Eng Chye (TBC) President, NUS
0910 – 0920	Welcome Remarks Ms Fatouma Toure Ibrahima Operations Advisor, Singapore Infrastructure and Urban Development Hub, The World Bank
0920 – 0925	Launch of six books by ACI-LKYSPP, NUS to be witnessed by Mr Heng Swee Keat (TBC), Minister for Finance, Singapore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “2018 Annual Competitiveness Analysis and Impact Estimation of Exchange Rates on Trade in Value-Added of ASEAN Economies” • “2018 Impact Estimation of Exchange Rates on Exports and Annual Update of Competitiveness Analysis for 34 Greater China Economies • “2018 Annual Competitiveness Analysis and Impact Estimation of Exchange Rates on Exports from Sub-National Economies of India” • “2018 Annual Competitiveness Analysis and Impact Estimation of Exchange Rates on Exports from Sub-National Economies of Indonesia” • “2018 Annual Indices for Expatriates and Ordinary Residents on Cost of Living, Wages and Purchasing Power for World’s Major Cities” • “2018 Global Liveable and Smart Cities Index: Ranking Analysis, Simulation and Policy Evaluation”
0925 – 0955	Conference Opening Remarks by Guest of Honour: “Infrastructure Financing and Development in Asia” Dr Bambang Brodjonegoro Minister, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia Moderator: Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
0955 – 1005	Question & Answer Session
1005 – 1025	Keynote Speech 1 Mr Lim Guan Eng (TBC) Minister for Finance, Malaysia
1025 – 1045	Keynote Speech 2 Mr Heng Swee Keat (TBC) Minister for Finance, Singapore
1045 – 1055	Question & Answer Session
1055 – 1110	Coffee/Tea Break
1110 – 1230	Session 1: National Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of ASEAN Economies and OECD Countries
1110 – 1115	Moderator: Mr Isaac Tan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1115 – 1130	Presentation 1a: “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on ASEAN-10”

1130 – 1145	<p>ACI Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tan Kway Guan, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS <p>Presentation 1b: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability in ASEAN-7 Economies”</p>
1145 – 1200	<p>ACI Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tan Kway Guan, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS <p>Presentation 1c: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability in OECD Countries”</p>
1200 – 1210	<p>ACI Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lim Tao Oei, Research Assistant and Assistant Director (Project Management), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Dr Huang Yuting, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Dr Zhang Xuyao, Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS <p>Discussant 1 for Sessions 1(a), (b) & (c): Dr Hezri Adnan Senior Director (Research), Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia</p>
1210 – 1220	<p>Discussant 2 for Sessions 1(a), (b) & (c): Dr Yose Rizal Damuri Head, Department of Economics, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia</p>
1220 – 1230	Question & Answer Session
1230 – 1400	Conference Luncheon Talk: “Special Economic Zones for Economic Development”
1230 – 1235	<p>Moderator: Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p>
1235 – 1255	<p>Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Ir. Wahyu Utomo, M.S. Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia</p>
1255 – 1305	Question & Answer Session
1305 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1505	Session 2: National Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Indonesian Provinces and Regions
1400 – 1405	<p>Moderator: Ms Jigyasa Sharma Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p>
1405 – 1420	<p>Presentation 2a: “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on Indonesian Provinces and Regions”</p> <p>ACI Presenters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nursyahida Ahmad, Research Assistant and Assistant Director (Impact Evaluation), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms S Shalini Sivakrishnan, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1420 – 1435	<p>Presentation 2b: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Indonesia Sub-national Economies”</p> <p>ACI Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Nursyahida Ahmad, Research Assistant and Assistant Director (Impact Evaluation), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Mirza Akmarizal Ghazaly, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1435 – 1445	<p>Discussant 1 for Session 2(b): Dr. Ir. Wahyu Utomo, M.S. Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia</p>
1445 – 1455	<p>Discussant 2 for Session 2(a): Dr Siwage Dharma Negara Senior Fellow, Co-coordinator, Indonesia Studies Programme & Coordinator, APEC Study Centre, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute</p>
1455 – 1505	Question & Answer Session
1505 – 1610	Session 3: Sub-national Economic Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Greater China Economies

1505 – 1510	Moderator: Dr Zhang Yanjiang Post-doctoral Fellow and Assistant Director (Academic Publication), ACI-LKYSP, NUS
1510 – 1525	Presentation 3a: “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on Greater China Economies” ACI Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zhang Xuyao, Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSP, NUS • Mr Mao Ke, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSP, NUS
1525 – 1540	Presentation 3b: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Mainland China Economies” ACI Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Zhang Xuyao, Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSP, NUS • Mr Mao Ke, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSP, NUS
1540 – 1550	Discussant 1 for Sessions 3(a) & (b): Dr Wang Huitong Research Fellow, Institute for Finance and Economics Research, Central University of Finance and Economics, People’s Republic of China
1550 – 1600	Discussant 2 for Sessions 3(a) & (b): Dr Cui Shuyi Director, Institute of Demography, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China
1600 – 1610	Question & Answer Session
1610 – 1620	Coffee/Tea Break
1620 – 1725	Session 4: Sub-national Economic Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of India
1620 – 1625	Moderator: Ms Nursyahida Ahmad Research Assistant and Assistant Director (Impact Evaluation), ACI-LKYSP, NUS
1625 – 1640	Presentation 4a: “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on India’s Sub-national Economies” ACI Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jigyasa Sharma, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSP, NUS
1640 – 1655	Presentation 4b: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of India’s Sub-national Economies” ACI Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jigyasa Sharma, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSP, NUS
1655 – 1705	Discussant 1 for Session 4(b): Dr Manoj Panda Director, Institute of Economic Growth, India
1705 – 1715	Discussant 2 for Session 4(a): Professor Wang Bo Chief Editor, Editorial Department of Dongyue Forum, Shandong Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China
1715 – 1725	Question & Answer Session
1730 – 1900	Conference Dinner
End of Programme for 26 November 2018	

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0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSP, NUS

0910 – 0915	Moderator: Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
0915 – 0935	Keynote Address 1: “Singapore as an Asia Infrastructure Hub” Mr Henry Kwek Member of Parliament & Member, Government Parliamentary Committee for Trade and Finance, Singapore
0935 – 0955	Keynote Address 2: “India as an Emerging Regional Economic Power” Dr Manoj Panda Director, Institute of Economic Growth, India
0955 – 1015	Keynote Address 3: “Proposing a Composite Economic Integration Index to Monitor the Economic Integration Process of the Member States within the ASEAN Economic Community” Professor Philippe Gugler Director, Center for Competitiveness, University of Fribourg; Chairman, European International Business Academy & Editor-in-Chief, Competitiveness Review
1015 – 1025	Question & Answer Session
1025 – 1130	Think Tank Forum: “US-China Trade War”
1025 – 1010	Moderator (TBC)
1025 – 1040	Lead Discussant: Dr Bert Hofman (TBC) Country Director for China, Mongolia and Korea in the East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank
1040 – 1120	Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Zheng Yongnian Director, East Asian Institute, NUS • Ambassador Barry Desker (TBC) Distinguished Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
1120 – 1130	Question & Answer Session
1130 – 1140	Coffee/Tea Break
1140 – 1230	Session 5: 2018 Global Liveable and Smart Cities Index on 78 World’s Major Cities
1140 – 1145	Moderator: Mr Tan Kway Guan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
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1210 – 1220	Discussant 2: Mr Timothy McDonald Journalist, BBC News
1220 – 1230	Question & Answer Session
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1320 – 1500	Conference Luncheon Talk: “Infrastructure Development : Evaluation, Financing and Sustainability”
1320 – 1325	Moderator: Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1325 – 1345	Distinguished Luncheon Speaker Dr Thia Jang Ping Principal Economist, Strategy, Policy and Budget Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
1345 – 1355	Question & Answer Session
1355 – 1405	Closing Remarks and The Way Forward Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1405 – 1500	Lunch
End of Conference	