

2018 The World Bank Group - Asia Competitiveness Institute Annual Conference

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

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Monday, 26 November 2018	
0830 – 0900	Conference Registration
0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, 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 Guest of Honour Dr Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia: <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 – 1020	Coffee/Tea Break
1020 – 1140	Session 1: National Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of ASEAN Economies and OECD Countries
1020 – 1025	Moderator: Mr Isaac Tan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1025 – 1040	Presentation 1a: “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on ASEAN-10” ACI Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tan Kway Guan, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1040 – 1055	Presentation 1b: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability in ASEAN-7 Economies” ACI Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tan Kway Guan, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

1055 – 1110	Presentation 1c: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability in OECD Countries” ACI Presenters: <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
1110 – 1120	Discussant 1 for Sessions 1(a), (b) & (c): Dr Hezri Adnan Senior Director (Research), Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia
1120 – 1130	Discussant 2 for Sessions 1(a), (b) & (c): Dr Yose Rizal Damuri Head, Department of Economics, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia
1130 – 1140	Question & Answer Session
1140 – 1400	Conference Luncheon Talk: “Special Economic Zones for Economic Development”
1140 – 1145	Moderator: Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1145 – 1205	Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Ir. Wahyu Utomo, M.S. Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
1205 – 1215	Question & Answer Session
1215 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1505	Session 2: National Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Indonesian Provinces and Regions
1400 – 1405	Moderator: Ms Jigyasa Sharma Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1405 – 1420	Presentation 2a: “2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on Indonesian Provinces and Regions” ACI Presenters <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	Presentation 2b: “Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Indonesia Sub-national Economies” ACI Presenters: <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	Discussant 1 for Session 2(b): Dr. Ir. Wahyu Utomo, M.S. Deputy Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
1445 – 1455	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
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-LKYSPP, 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-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Mao Ke, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, 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-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Mao Ke, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, 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: Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, 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-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, 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-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh, Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, 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
1800 – 1930	Conference Dinner
End of Programme for 26 November 2018	

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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: “US-China Trade War” Professor Zheng Yongnian Director, East Asian Institute, NUS

0955 – 1015	Keynote Address 3: “India as an Emerging Regional Economic Power” Dr Manoj Panda Director, Institute of Economic Growth, India
1015 – 1025	Question & Answer Session
1025 – 1040	Coffee/Tea Break
1040 – 1140	Session 5: 2018 Global Liveable and Smart Cities Index on 78 World’s Major Cities
1040 – 1045	Moderator: Mr Tan Kway Guan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
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1100 – 1115	Discussant 1: Dr Tim Moonen Managing Director, The Business of Cities, United Kingdom
1115 – 1130	Discussant 2: Mr Timothy McDonald Journalist, BBC News
1130 – 1140	Question & Answer Session
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1240 – 1500	Conference Luncheon Talk: “Infrastructure Development: Evaluation, Financing and Sustainability”
1240 – 1245	Moderator: Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1245 – 1305	Distinguished Luncheon Speaker Dr Thia Jang Ping Principal Economist, Strategy, Policy and Budget Department, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
1305 – 1315	Question & Answer Session
1315 – 1325	Closing Remarks and The Way Forward Professor Tan Kong Yam Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1325 – 1430	Lunch
End of Conference	