

## Is ASEAN Ready for Business? Insights from World Bank Business Ready Report

**A Special Event Organised by Asia Competitiveness Institute and  
The World Bank Global Indicators Group**

### Programme

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**Date:** 6 Feb 2025, Thursday

**Time:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm

**Venue:** Oei Tiong Ham Building Lobby, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 469C Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 259772

**Format:** Hybrid (Both online and offline)

Time	Programme
3.30pm – 4.00pm	<b>Guest Registration</b>
4.00pm – 4.05pm	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>  <b>Professor Paul Cheung</b> <i>Director</i> Asia Competitiveness Institute Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
4.05pm – 4.15pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Professor Danny Quah</b> <i>Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor in Economics</i> Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
4.15pm – 4.40pm	<b>Key Messages from Business Ready 2024</b>  <b>Dr Norman Loayza</b> <i>Director</i> Global Indicators Group, World Bank
4.40pm – 5.20pm	<b><u>Panel Discussion</u></b>  <b><i>How can ASEAN reform for a stronger business environment that supports the private sector?</i></b>  <b>Mr Heng Peng Kwang</b> <i>Executive Director</i> Centre for the Future of Trade & Investment Singapore Business Federation

	<p><b>Mr Jimmy Koh</b> <i>Managing Director and Head</i> Network Partnerships and Strategic Marketing Group Foreign Direct Investment Advisory United Overseas Bank (UOB)</p> <p><b>Ms Ooi Huey Tyng</b> <i>Governing Council Member</i> Singapore Institute of Directors, <i>Board Member</i> Singapore Institute of Management, &amp; <i>Independent Director</i> AIG Asia Pacific Insurance Board and Maxis Berhad</p> <p><b>Professor Lawrence Loh</b> <i>Director</i> Centre for Governance and Sustainability National University of Singapore Business School</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> <b>Dr Xin Yi</b> <i>Research Fellow</i> Asia Competitiveness Institute Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy</p>
5.20pm – 5.30pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
5.30pm – 6.00pm	<b>Networking Session</b>