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 Productivity for ASEAN Economies**

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29 AUGUST 2019

PROGRAMME (AS OF 27 AUGUST 2019)

Dress Code: Business Attire
 Venue: Lobby, Oei Tiong Ham Building, LKYSPP, NUS

Time	Programme
0830 – 0855	Arrival of Keynote Speaker, Discussants, Moderators, Presenters and Participants
0900 – 0910	Welcome Remarks Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
0910 – 0920	Opening Remarks by Guest of Honour Ms Jyoti Shukla Director, Singapore Infrastructure and Urban Development Hub, The World Bank
0920 – 0950	Keynote Speech: “Climate Change and Competitiveness” Keynote Speaker Dr Benoit Bosquet Regional Director, Sustainable Development, East Asia & Pacific, The World Bank
0950 – 1005	Question & Answer Moderator: Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1005 – 1020	Coffee/Tea Break
1020 – 1155	Session 1: National Competitiveness and Quality-Adjusted Labour Productivity of ASEAN-Economies
1020 – 1025	Moderator: Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1025 – 1040	Session 1a: 2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on ASEAN-10 Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tan Kway Guan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Doris Liew Wan Yin Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh Wei Le Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

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1040 – 1055	Session 1b: Quality-Adjusted Labour Productivity in ASEAN-5 Economies Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Tan Kway Guan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe Adjunct Associate Professor, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1055 – 1110	Discussant 1 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr Manoj Panda RBI Chair Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, India
1110 – 1125	Discussant 2 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr Lu Hsin-Chang Associate Professor, College of Management, National Taiwan University, Taiwan, ROC
1125 – 1140	Discussant 3 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr Claire Honore Hollweg Senior Country Economist, Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment, The World Bank
1140 – 1155	Question & Answer
1155 – 1225	Forum Luncheon Talk: “Investment Promotion and Opportunities for Central Java, Indonesia” Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Dr Prasetyo Aribowo Head, Provincial Government of Central Java Regional Planning Research and Development Agency, Indonesia
1225 – 1240	Question and Answer Moderator Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1240 – 1400	Lunch
1400 – 1535	Session 2: Sub-national Competitiveness and Quality-Adjusted Labour Productivity of Indonesia
1400 – 1405	Moderator: Ms Sumedha Gupta Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1405 – 1420	Session 2a: 2019 Annual Update of ACI’s Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on Indonesian Provinces and Regions Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms S Shalini Sivakrishnan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Mr Andika Eka Satria Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Ms Tanya Edwina Belatur Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1420 – 1435	Session 2b: Quality-Adjusted Labour Productivity of Indonesia Sub-national Economies Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Doris Liew Wan Yin Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe Adjunct Associate Professor, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

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1435 – 1450	Discussant 1 for Session 2a & 2b: Dr Prasetyo Aribowo Head, Provincial Government of Central Java Regional Planning Research and Development Agency, Indonesia
1450 – 1505	Discussant 2 for Session 2b Professor Shen Kaiyan Director, Institute of Economics, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China
1505 – 1520	Question & Answer
1520 – 1535	Coffee/Tea Break
1535 – 1540	Moderator: Ms S Shalini Sivakrishnan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1540 – 1555	Session 3a: 2019 Annual Indices for Expatriates and Ordinary Residents on Cost of Living, Wages and Purchasing Power for World's Major Cities Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lim Tao Oei Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Mr Sky Chua Jun Jie Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1555 – 1610	Session 3b: A Case on Hong Kong Case Study – Some Deep-seated Economic Factors behind the Massive Protests? Presenters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Lim Tao Oei Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1610 – 1625	Discussant 1: Mr Leslie Fong Former Chief Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore
1625 – 1640	Discussant 2: Professor Ajit Mishra Director, Institute of Economic Growth, India
1640 – 1655	Discussant 3: Dr Wang Hongxia Senior Researcher, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China
1655 – 1710	Question & Answer
1710 – 1720	Closing Remarks and Future Research Agenda Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

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