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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 Ms Jyoti Shukla Director, Singapore Infrastructure and Urban Development Hub, The World Bank
0920 – 0950	Keynote Speech 1: “Economic Development and Budget Sustainability” Mr Lim Guan Eng (TBC) Minister for Finance, Malaysia
0950 – 1020	Keynote Speech 2: “Importance of Small-Medium Enterprises for Inclusive and Competitive Economy of East Java” Dr H. Soekarwo Governor, East Java Province, Republic of Indonesia
1020 – 1030	Question & Answer Moderator: Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1030 – 1045	Coffee/Tea Break
1045 – 1230	Session 1: National Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of ASEAN-Economies
1045 – 1050	Moderator: Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1050 – 1110	Session 1a: 2018 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 • Mr Nguyen Duy Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS • Ms Melissa Poh

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1110 – 1130	<p>Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS <p>Session 1b: Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability in ASEAN-7 Economies</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Tan Kway Guan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Mr Nguyen Duy Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Ms Melissa Poh Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1130 – 1145	<p>Discussant 1 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr Hezri Adnan Senior Director of Research, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia</p>
1145 – 1200	<p>Discussant 2 for Sessions 1a & 1b: Dr Vo Tri Thanh Senior Expert, Central Institute for Economic Management and Chairman, Vietnam National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation, Vietnam</p>
1200 – 1215	<p>Discussant 3 for Session 1a: Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, NUS</p>
1215 – 1230	<p>Question & Answer</p>
1230 – 1300	<p>Forum Luncheon Talk</p> <p>Distinguished Luncheon Speaker: Ms Towfiqua Hoque Acting Head, Infrastructure Finance & PPPs and Senior Infrastructure Finance Specialist, Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF), The World Bank</p>
1300 – 1315	<p>Question and Answer</p> <p>Moderator Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p>
1315 – 1400	<p>Lunch</p>
1400 – 1530	<p>Session 2: Sub-national Competitiveness, Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Indonesia</p>
1400 – 1405	<p>Moderator: Ms Jigyasa Sharma Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p>
1405 – 1425	<p>Session 2a: 2018 Annual Update of ACI's Competitiveness Ranking and Simulation Studies on Indonesian Provinces and Regions</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Nursyahida Binte Ahmad Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Mr Mirza Akmarizal Ghazaly Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1425 – 1445	<p>Session 2b: Welfare Spending and Budget Sustainability of Indonesia Sub-national Economies</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Nursyahida Ahmad Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS

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1445 – 1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mirza Akmarizal Ghazaly Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Dr Zhang Xuyao Research Fellow and Deputy Director (Research), ACI-LKYSPP, NUS <p>Discussant 1 for Session 2a: Mr Dian Suryanata Head, Sub-Department for Research and Resources, Regional Development Planning Board (BAPPEDA), North Kalimantan Province, Republic of Indonesia</p>
1500 – 1515	<p>Discussant 2 for Session 2b: Mr Lili Soleh Wartadipradja Director, Investment Agency and Integrated License Services, East Java Province, Republic of Indonesia</p>
1515 – 1530	Question & Answer
1530 – 1545	Coffee/Tea Break
1545 – 1700	Session 3: Nexus amongst Cost of Living, Purchasing Power, Liveability and Competitiveness of World's 105 Cities
1545 – 1550	<p>Moderator: Mr Lim Tao Oei Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS</p>
1550 – 1610	<p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Zhang Yanjiang Post-doctoral Fellow, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Mr Nguyen Duy Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Mr Isaac Tan Research Assistant, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS Associate Professor Tan Khee Giap Co-Director, ACI-LKYSPP, NUS
1610 – 1625	<p>Discussant: Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, NUS</p>
1625 – 1640	Question & Answer
1640 – 1650	<p>Closing Remarks and Future Research Agenda Associate Professor Tilak Abeysinghe Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, NUS</p>

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