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Thailand's Economic Goals as ASEAN Chair

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ASEAN Business Advisory Council: ASEAN-BAC

The ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) was established by the ASEAN Heads of State and Government at the 7th ASEAN Summit in November 2001 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

Mission:

- To promote public-private sector partnership in achieving smooth integration for the creation of an AEC.
- To provide private sector feedback on the implementation of ASEAN economic cooperation and identify priority areas for the consideration of ASEAN Leaders.

Activities:

- To review/identify issues to facilitate and promote economic cooperation and integration.
- To submit annual recommendations for the consideration of the ASEAN Heads of State and Government.
- To organize the annual ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ABIS) to coincide with the annual ASEAN Summit.

Members:

• Appointed by their respective Governments comprising high-level CEOs of companies from each member country and represented by 3 members per member country.



What can ASEAN-BAC do to help

- Empowering the MSMEs is at the center of ASEAN-BAC Agenda
- We help provide the feedback, business case, compelling reason for immediate reform to AEM and Leaders
- We undertake projects Legacy Projects (Challenge governments to effect AEC thru green lanes, incentives).
 - -> SGConnect (Smart Growth Connect), Singapore
 - -> ASEAN Mentorship for Entrepreneurs Network (AMEN), Philippines
 - -> ASEAN RORO (Marine Connectivity), Philippines
 - -> LaoConnect (Mekong States Cross-Border Seamless Transport Connectivity), Laos
 - -> Growth Accelerator Exchange (Ease of Access to Finance via Data Ecosystem), Malaysia
- Work with Dialogue Partners for Socialization of Priority Issues and Capacity Building



What can ASEAN-BAC do to help

- A. Country Level
 - 1. Press for Stronger Leadership
 - 2. Aim for Best Practice/Templates
 - 3. Support in Establishing Laws and Regulatory Framework
 - 4. Serve as "watch dogs" (Enforcement is vital. Media is key stakeholder.)
- B. Regional Level
 - 1. Ease of Starting Business Framework being developed by ACCMSME
 - 2. Help building Regional Sectoral Platforms
 - 3. Cross-cutting issues and initiatives (e.g. ASEAN Single Window 15 years and counting)
 - -> Trade Facilitation (NTMs/NTBs, etc.)
 - -> Women and Young Entrepreneurs
 - -> Leverage on Digital Economy
 - -> Inclusive and Responsible Business
 - -> Priority Sectors Reforms (Tourism, Aviation, Agri Food, Healthcare, Logistics, Agriculture)





"Advancing Partnership for Sustainability"





Advancing

Digital ASEAN (Future-Orientation)

- Harness technological advances from the 4th Industrial Revolution
- Enhance Competitiveness
- Build immunities from disruptive technologies

Partnership

Seamless ASEAN (Enhanced Connectivity)

- Strengthen ASEAN-centred regional architecture
- Increase economic Cooperation
- Connecting the connectivities



Sustainability

Sustainability ASEAN (Sustainability in all Dimensions)

- Sustainable security
- Green economy
- Sustainable economic growth and sustainable development





"Empowering ASEAN 4.0"



Digital Infrastructure

- Digital Ecosystem (Internet, Broadband, Digital Technology, Regulatory Framework)
- Smart City (Application of IT with smart infrastructure)



Digital Connectivity

- Regional Digital Trade Transformation
- ASEAN Single Window



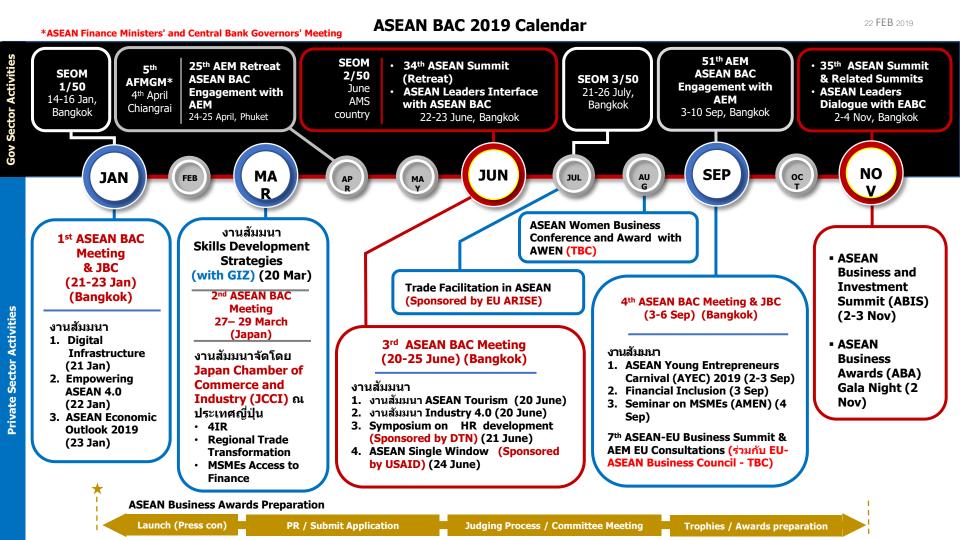
Human Resource Development

- Legacy Project: AHEAD (ASEAN Human Empowerment and Development)
- Digital Workforce Transformation (Reskill/Upskill)



MSMEs Development

- Digital MSMEs (Enhancing technology for 4IR)
- Enhancing MSMEs development (via AMEN – mentorship, money, market)









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