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AGENDA

09.00 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 10.30 Inaugural Session

09.30 – 09.35 Welcome remarks by **Dr. Prabir De**, Fellow, RIS, New Delhi

09.35 – 09.45 Special address by **Dr. Biswajit Dhar**, Director-General, RIS, New Delhi

09.45 – 09.55 Remarks by **Mr. So Umezaki**, ERIA, Jakarta and IDE-JETRO, Singapore

09.55 – 10.05 Remarks by **Mr. Souvik Banerjee**, Joint Director & Head – Economic Affairs & Policy, Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata

10.05 – 10.20 Inaugural address by **Mr. Ram Muivah**, IAS, Principal Secretary (Works & Transport), Government of Manipur, Imphal

10.30 – 11.00 Tea / coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Working Session I: Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) and ASEAN-India Connectivity

[In order to deepen the economic integration among East Asian countries, the Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) has conducted a series of research projects to develop a Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) in response to the request from the East Asia Summit (EAS) Leaders. The CADP provides a grand spatial design for infrastructure development in East Asia, (ii) simulation analyses on the impacts of logistic enhancement to the region, using the Geographical Simulation Model (ERIA/IDE-GSM). Out of these outstanding issues, a study to develop a basic strategy to enhance the ASEAN-India connectivity is selected as one of the sub-project under phase 2 of the CADP. This session will present the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP) and salient features of emerging architecture of ASEAN-India Connectivity.]

In Chair: **Prof. Amar Yumnam**, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Manipur University, Imphal

Lead presentations:

11.00 – 11.20 **Mr. So Umezaki**, Senior Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO, Singapore and ERIA, Jakarta

11.20 – 11.40 **Dr. Prabir De**, RIS

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Panelists:

- 11.40 – 11.50 **Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat**, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, and Chairman, Chula Global Network, Bangkok
- 11.50 – 12.00 **Prof. E. Bijoykumar Singh**, Manipur University, Imphal
- 12.00 – 12.10 **Brig. Arun Joshi**, Chief Engineer Sewak, and **Mr. Mohan Lal**, Border Roads Organisation

Q & A

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.30 Working Session II: ASEAN-India Connectivity: Challenges and Opportunities for Northeastern India

[The benefits of better connectivity are plenty for both Northeastern region of India and ASEAN. Improved connectivity lowers costs and increases reliability. Better connectivity between ASEAN and India can infuse new dynamism in the regional production network. Stronger production network would enhance the border trade and investment, and thereby deepen the economic integration process. This session will present plans and proposals of physical connectivity projects between Northeastern India and ASEAN and challenges and opportunities for Northeastern region.]

In Chair: **Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat**, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Lead presentations:

- 14.00 – 14.20 **Dr. Tin Htoo Naing**, Visiting Fellow, Yangon Institute of Economics, Yangon
- 14.20 – 14.40 **Dr. Gurudas Das**, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Silchar, Assam

Panelists:

- 14.40 – 14.50 **Dr. Jugindra S**, Director, Shija Hospital, Imphal, Manipur
- 14.50 – 15.00 **Prof. G P Prasain**, Department of Commerce, Manipur University, Imphal

Q & A

15.30 – 16.00 Tea / coffee break

16.00 – 17.00 Working Session III: Panel Discussion: Strengthening ASEAN-India Connectivity: Towards a New Agenda

Moderator: **Mr. Arvind Kumar**, Adviser (Transport Research), Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, New Delhi

- 16.00 – 16.10 **Prof. Amar Yumnam**, Manipur University, Imphal
- 16.10 – 16.20 **Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat**, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
- 16.20 – 16.30 **Mr. So Umezaki**, IDE-JETRO, Singapore and ERIA, Jakarta
- 16.30 – 16.40 **Dr. Tin Htoo Naing**, Yangon Institute of Economics, Yangon

Q & A

17.00 – 17.15 Concluding Session

Summary of the conference and vote of thanks by **Dr. Prabir De**, RIS