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MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



Ambassador Shyam Saran
Chairman, RIS & AIC

Greetings!

Considering the work of the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group (AIEPG), and its Report with recommendations for forging a closer partnership for peace, progress and shared prosperity, the Heads of the State/Government of ASEAN and India at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit 2012, held in New Delhi on 19-20 December 2012, recommended the establishment of ASEAN-India Centre (AIC). AIC was formally inaugurated by the then External Affairs Minister (EAM) on 21 June 2013. AIC has successfully completed its two years of operation. Established at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), the AIC is serving as a resource centre for ASEAN Member States and India. The AIC undertakes policy research, advocacy and networking activities with organisations and think-tanks in India and ASEAN, with the aim to promote the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership. In the last two years, AIC has been very active in organising several international conferences, seminars, lecture series by eminent scholars and dignitaries; published reports and books; supplied resources to our Missions in ASEAN countries; and provided key policy recommendations to several ministries of the Government of India. To disseminate the activities of our initiatives and updates concerning the AIC, it is my great pleasure to release the first issue of ASEAN-India Centre Newsletter, Vol. 1, No.1, July 2015. I hope this Newsletter would be a valuable resource in disseminating activities of the AIC and RIS.

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New Delhi

Shyam Saran

AIC Inauguration, 21 June 2013, New Delhi

Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India inaugurated the ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS in New Delhi on 21 June 2013 and delivered the Inaugural Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tan, Ambassador of Vietnam in India and the Chairman of the ASEAN New Delhi Committee delivered the Special Address on this occasion. The event was attended by eminent scholars and officials. Heads of Missions of ASEAN countries participated in the event and shared their perspectives on ASEAN-India relations. Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks.



Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India delivering Inaugural Address. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Shri Ashok K. Kantha, Secretary in charge of East Asia, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tan, Ambassador of Vietnam in India and the Chairman of the ASEAN New Delhi Committee; and Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS.

Inaugural Lecture of the AIC by H.E. K. Shanmugam, 30 July 2013, New Delhi

AIC at RIS organised the Inaugural Lecture of the ASEAN-India Centre at RIS in New Delhi on 30 July 2013. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and Chairman, NSAB made the Welcome Remarks. H.E. K. Shanmugam, Foreign Minister of Singapore, delivered the lecture on "ASEAN-India: The Challenges". Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS extended the Vote of Thanks. The lecture was followed by an interactive session in which representatives from ASEAN Diplomatic Missions, senior bureaucrats, government officials, and academicians participated.



H.E. K. Shanmugam, Foreign Minister of Singapore delivering the inaugural lecture. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are: H.E. Haji Sidex Bin Ali, High Commissioner of Brunei, Darussalam; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and Chairman, NSAB; and Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS.

Second Roundtable on ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT), 10 September 2013 Vientiane, Lao PDR

Second Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT) was co-organised by ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS and Institute of Foreign Affairs (IFA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Lao PDR in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 10 September 2013. H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR delivered the Welcome and Opening Address. Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Dr. A.K.P Mochtan, Deputy Secretary General, Community and Corporate Affairs Department, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta delivered the Special Address. Mr. Sayakane Sisouvong, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Lao PDR and Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, RIS, also addressed the Roundtable.

The AIC Volume “ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership: Perspective from the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks”, which was the Proceedings of the First Roundtable of AINTT, was released at the Second Roundtable. Senior officials attended this Roundtable with participation of representatives of think-tanks of ASEAN countries. The theme of the Second Roundtable was



H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR and Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India releasing the “ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership: Perspective from the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks”, Proceedings of the First Roundtable of AINTT.

identified as “Deepening ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership”. There were three major sessions in this Roundtable, each of which dealt with the key challenges in the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership: (i) economic cooperation, (ii) connectivity, and (iii) socio-cultural and development cooperation. The

sessions were followed by a high level panel discussion on “ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership: New Frontiers”. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC, and Mrs. Viengngeun Khaykhamphithoune, Dy. Director-General, IFA, MoFA, Vientiane made the Concluding Remarks and extended the Vote of Thanks.



Participants of the Second Roundtable of the AINTT with H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR and Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India.

Third Roundtable on ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT), 25-26 August 2014, Hanoi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with ASEAN Secretariat, Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) organised the Third Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT) in Hanoi, Vietnam on 25-26 August 2014. Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India inaugurated the AINTT. H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Vietnam delivered the Keynote Address. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) gave the Welcome Address. Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS delivered the Special Address.

The AIC-RIS Second AINTT Roundtable Proceedings entitled "Dynamics of ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership" was released by the Hon'ble Ministers at the Roundtable. This Roundtable was attended by



Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India delivering the Inaugural Address. Also seen in the picture from (from right to left) are Prof. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences; H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Vietnam; and Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS.

senior officials and discussed a number of regional issues, which have policy implications on the process of regional integration of ASEAN and India. The Roundtable consisted of three main sessions, each of which discussed the basic issues, challenges and prospects involved in the process of integration and development

between ASEAN and India such as (i) economic cooperation and integration, (ii) physical connectivity and soft infrastructure, and (iii) investment cooperation. The Roundtable concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC and Dr. Ngo Xuan Binh, VASS, Hanoi.



H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Vietnam and Mrs. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India at the Third Roundtable of AINTT with the participants.

Roundtable on ASEAN-India Transit Transport Agreement (AITTA), 16 April 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS organised a Roundtable on “ASEAN-India Transit Transport Agreement (AITTA)” in New Delhi on 16 April 2014. Ambassador V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made the Opening Remarks. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Minister of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC made a presentation on “ASEAN-India Transit Transport Agreement (AITTA)”, followed by discussion with the senior officials of different government nodal agencies like Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Home



Participants of the Roundtable on ASEAN-India Transit Transport Agreement (AITTA).

Affairs, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, North Eastern Council, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Information Technology

and Planning Commission. Representatives of different states like Assam, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and West Bengal also participated in the Roundtable.

Roundtable on ASEAN-India Connectivity 29-30 September 2014, Shillong

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the North Eastern Council (NEC), organised a Roundtable on “India-ASEAN Connectivity: Challenges and Opportunities for the North Eastern Region” in Shillong on 29-30 September 2014. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC made the Welcome Remarks. Ambassador V S Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS; Mr. Ameising Luikham, Secretary, NEC; and Mr. Roopen



Participants of the Roundtable on ASEAN-India Connectivity: Challenges and Opportunities for the North Eastern Region.

Roy, President, ICC and Managing Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd, Kolkata delivered

Special Addresses. On-behalf of ASEAN HOMs in Delhi, H.E. Mr. Rizali Wilmar Indrakesuma,

Indonesian Ambassador in India extended a Special Address. The Roundtable was attended by the ASEAN Heads of Missions, diplomats, senior bureaucrats from the Northeast India, senior officials of Government of India and scholars.

RIS monograph entitled “Building Cross-Border Production

Networks between India’s North East Region, Bangladesh and Myanmar” and ICC monograph entitled “Investment Opportunities in North East India: Scopes for Cross Border Production Links” were released at the Roundtable. The Roundtable covered wide range of issues including connectivity,

border trade, trade facilitation, environment, tourism and skill development, etc. Effective implementation of ‘Vision 2020’ was also discussed at the Roundtable. The Roundtable ended with the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC.

Roundtable Discussion with ASEAN Delegation on Cyber Security, 20 January 2015, New Delhi

AIC at RIS jointly with the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) and Data Security Council of India (DSCI) organised a Roundtable Discussion with ASEAN Delegation on “Cyber Security” in New Delhi on 20 January 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the Welcome Address. Dr. Kamlesh Bajaj, CEO, Data Security Council of India (DSCI), New Delhi made the Opening Remarks. Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director, Political and Security Directorate, ASEAN

Political Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta made Special Remarks on Cyber Security. Presentations on Cyber Security were made by Col. Arun Kumar Anand, Sr. VP and Global Practice Head, CISO, NIIT Technologies; Mr. Baljinder Singh, Global CIO, EXL Services and Mr. Vivek Gupta, VP2, Leader of Information Security, EXL Services; Mr. Dhruv Khanna, CEO, Data Resolve; Mr. K.S. Ponia, AVP and Function Head, Tech Mahindra;

Mr. Manoj Sarangi, CISO, HCL Technologies; Mr. Sunil Varkey, CISO & Head – IRMC, Wipro; Mr. Tanmoy Chakrabarty, VP, TCS; and Mr. Prasenjit Das, Lead-eSecurity, TCS. This was followed by open discussion. Experts from ASEAN and India exchanged views on the current state of technical knowledge available in cyber security and the measures required to build further capacity in this domain. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; Dr. Kamlesh Bajaj, CEO, DSCI and participants at the Roundtable discussion on Cyber Security.

Dialogue on India-Singapore Relations 6 March 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore (NUS) organised a Dialogue on “India-Singapore Relations” in New Delhi on 6 March 2014. Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, RIS welcomed the participants. Ambassador Shyam Saran made the Opening Remarks. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India and Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) made Special Remarks. The discussions involving officials and dignitaries from



Ambassador Shyam Saran speaking at the Dialogue on India-Singapore Relations. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director-General, RIS; Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman, ISAS; and Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India.

RIS and NUS focussed on three major themes: India’s Look East Policy, India-Singapore Relations and ASEAN-India Relations. Ambassador Shyam Saran made the Concluding Remarks.

Conferences and Seminars

Seminar on From Connectivity Corridors to Development Corridors between India and Myanmar, 28 November 2013, Nay Pyi Taw

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, organised a seminar themed “From Connectivity Corridors to Development Corridors between India and Myanmar” on 28 November 2013 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the Opening Remarks. In the Inaugural Session,

Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; H.E. Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Ambassador of India to Myanmar; H.E. U Thar Aye, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region of Myanmar; and H.E. Daw Lei Lei Thein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development presented their views on transforming connectivity corridors to development corridors.

Second Session focused on “Connectivity and Trade Facilitation between India and Myanmar”. Dr. Wah Wah Maung, Deputy Director General, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development made a presentation on “Development Planning and Aid Coordination in Myanmar”. Mr. Puneet Agrawal, Director,

Ministry of External Affairs, made a presentation on “Co-operation between India and Myanmar on Connectivity Projects”. Ms. Cindy Joelene, Myanmar Development Resource Institute (MDRI), made a presentation on “Connectivity to the ASEAN Economic Community”. Mr. Y.K. Sharma, Group General Manager (Airport), RITES, made a presentation on “Proposed Integrated Customs Post (ICP) at Moreh and Trade facilitation measures”.

Third Session focussed on “Transforming Connectivity Corridor into Economic Corridor”. Daw Tin Aye Han, Director, Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar, made a



Participants at the Seminar, From Connectivity Corridors to Development Corridors between India and Myanmar.

presentation on “A New Economic Climate: Foreign Investment Law and Other Incentives”. Dr. Priyo Ranjan, Manipur University made a presentation on “Opportunities for Trade and Investment in Manipur and Other Neighbouring States of India”. Ms. L. Seng Kham, MDRI,

made a presentation on “Prospects for Trading of Agriculture Commodities between India and Myanmar”.

The seminar ended with Closing Remarks by H.E. U Thar Aye, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region of Myanmar and Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS.

National Seminar on ASEAN-India Maritime Transport Cooperation, 31 January 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA), Mumbai, organised a National Seminar on “ASEAN-India Maritime Transport Cooperation” in New Delhi on 31 January 2014. One of the objectives of this seminar was to receive comments and suggestions from the stakeholders on the draft of the “ASEAN-India Maritime Connectivity Report”, which was circulated in the seminar. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC made the lead presentation.

Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the Opening Remarks. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. There were three technical sessions dealing with the ASEAN-India Trade,



Ambassador Shyam Saran speaking at the National Seminar on ASEAN-India Maritime Transport Cooperation. Also seen in picture is Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India.

ASEAN-India Ports and Shipping Networks, and the Emerging Challenges of ASEAN-India Maritime Transport Cooperation. Stakeholders from MEA, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Commerce and

Industry, National Security Council Secretariat, Planning Commission, High Commission of Brunei Darussalam, High Commission of Republic of Singapore, Philippines Embassy, Royal Thai Embassy, Rail

India Technical and Economic Service, Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Export Import Bank of India, Confederation of Indian Industry, The Energy and Resource Institute, Institute for Defence

Studies and Analysis, Indian Council of World Affairs, SAEA Group Research, Drewry Maritime Services Private Limited, Indian National Ship owners' Association, J.M. Baxi and Co., Indian Council for

Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) participated in the discussions. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.

International Conference on Cross-Border Connectivity, 12 May 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India organised an International Conference on "Cross-Border Connectivity" in New Delhi on 12 May 2014. Ambassador Shyam Saran delivered the Opening Address. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. The conference had three technical sessions which focussed on emerging scenario of cross-border connectivity projects and building backend linkages. Officials and dignitaries from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Planning Commission, Indian Railways, Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), Ministry



Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India delivering Keynote Address at the International Conference on Cross-Border Connectivity.

of Development of North Eastern Region (MDONER), Government of India, Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Government of Thailand, Myanmar Development Resource Institute (MDRI), Yangon, U.S.

Trade and Development Agency (USTDA), ILFS Infrastructure Development Corporation, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and SREI Infrastructure Finance, attended the Conference. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.



Dr. Biswajit Dhar, Director General, RIS chairing the first session on 'Emerging Scenario of Cross-Border Connectivity Projects.' Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Dr. Siriphan Jitprasithiri, Director, International Highways Development Group, Bureau of International Cooperation, Department of Highways, Government of Thailand, Bangkok; Dr. Than Tun, Dy. Director, Centre for Economic and Social Development - Myanmar Development Resource Institute (MDRI-CESD), Yangon; Dr. Kavita Iyengar, Senior Economist, ADB, India Resident Mission, New Delhi; Dr. Sabyasachi Mitra, Principal Economist, South Asia Regional Cooperation Coordination Division, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila; Ms. Kathryn Stevens, Dy. Mission Director, US Agency for International Development (USAID), New Delhi; Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan, Jt. Secretary (DPA - III), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India; and Ms. Diep Nguyen-van Houtte, Senior Transport Specialist, Trade and Transport Facilitation, South Asia Region (SASDT), The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

India-ASEAN Conference on Cyber Security 19 January 2015, New Delhi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) organised an International Conference on “India-ASEAN Cyber Security” in New Delhi on 19 January 2015. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC delivered the Welcome Address. Dr. Kamlesh Bajaj, CEO, Data Security Council of India (DSCI), New Delhi made the Opening Remarks. Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director, Political and Security Directorate, ASEAN Political Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta made the Special Remarks. The participants from India and ASEAN member states discussed the scope and opportunities for greater collaboration between



Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India delivering keynote address at the International Conference on India-ASEAN Cyber Security. Also seen in picture are (from left to right) Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; H.E. Mr. Rizali Wilmar Indrakesuma, Indonesian Ambassador in India; Mr. R. Chandrashekhar, President, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), New Delhi; and Mr. Pratap Parameswaran, Director, Political and Security Directorate, ASEAN Political Security Community Department, ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta.

ASEAN and India on cyber-security related challenges and necessary policy measures to strengthen cyber-security cooperation. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) extended Vote of Thanks.

Delhi Dialogue VII- ‘ASEAN-India: Shaping the Post 2015 Agenda’, 11-12 March 2015, New Delhi

Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon’ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India inaugurated the two-day Delhi Dialogue VII on the theme “ASEAN-India: Shaping the Post 2015 Agenda” in New Delhi on 11 March 2015.

The Dialogue was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in partnership with the AIC at RIS, the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses (IDSA), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and

Industry (FICCI), Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), the Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore (ISAS), the SAEA Group Research, Singapore, the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia, the Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta, the Institute of Security and International Studies, Thailand and supported by the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), the Confederation of

Indian Industry (CII), the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), the All India Association of Industries (AIAI), Mumbai, and the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Kolkata.

The notable panel discussions held during the event were on ‘Building Knowledge Societies and Economies: Education and Skill Development including Mutual Recognition of Degrees’, ‘Strengthening Cultural Linkages



Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chairing the Session on Economic Issues. Also seen in the picture from (left to right) Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific's South and South-West Asia Office; Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Head, ASEAN Studies Centre, and Director, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok; Dr. Sankaran Nambiar, Senior Fellow, Malaysia Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Kuala Lumpur; and Prof. Prabir De, RIS and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS.

and People-to-People Contacts', 'Building Infrastructure and Connectivity among India and ASEAN', 'Integrating Regional Production Networks and Value Chains' and 'Future Directions for ASEAN-India Relations'. The dialogue also featured a dedicated Business Session, where the business leaders discussed the various aspects of ASEAN Economic Community. The Indian government's 'Make in India' campaign was also presented. Political leaders, policymakers, senior

officials, diplomats, business leaders, think tanks and academics from India and ASEAN participated in the Delhi Dialogue-VII held in New Delhi on 11-12 March 2015.

During the Dialogue, AIC at RIS organised the session on 'Economic Issues' that deliberated on issues like Infrastructure and Connectivity, Energy, and Integrating Regional Production Networks and Value Chains. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS chaired the session. Dr. Sankaran

Nambiar, Senior Fellow, Malaysia Institute of Economic Research (MIER), Kuala Lumpur and Prof. Prabir De, RIS and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre at RIS were the lead speakers. Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Head, ASEAN Studies Centre, and Director, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Head, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific's South and South-West Asia Office were the panelists.



Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India with other dignitaries at Delhi Dialogue-VII.

Interactive Session with ASEAN Delegates on ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership 13 March 2015, New Delhi

AIC at RIS organised an Interactive Session with ASEAN Delegates on “ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership” in New Delhi on 13 March 2015. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS and Ambassador Suresh Reddy, Indian Ambassador to the ASEAN made Special Remarks. This was followed by discussions on various aspects of ASEAN-India economic relations with particular reference to cultural connectivity, soft infrastructure, trade and investment, production networks, etc. Mr V. P. Hirubalan,



Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS speaking at the Interactive Session on ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership. Also seen on head table (from right to left) are Ambassador Suresh Reddy, Indian Ambassador to the ASEAN; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS; and Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC.

Deputy Secretary-General, ASEAN V S Seshadri made presentations on attended the meeting. Dr. Prabir De, the activities of AIC. Dr. Prabir De Coordinator, AIC and Ambassador extended the Vote of Thanks.

Book Releases

Release of Report ‘Transforming Connectivity Corridors between India and Myanmar into Development Corridors’, 14 August 2014, New Delhi

Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER & DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India released the RIS Report entitled “Transforming Connectivity Corridors between India and Myanmar into Development Corridors” by Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS in New Delhi on 14 August 2014. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Welcome Address. Ms. Sujata Mehta read out the message of Gen. (Dr.) V. K. Singh, Minister of State of External Affairs, Government of India, in absentia. Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made a presentation about the Report.



Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (ER & DPA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India releasing the RIS report entitled “Transforming Connectivity Corridors between India and Myanmar into Development Corridor”. Also seen in picture (to her left) are Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS.

Launch of the Report ‘APEC and India: An Appraisal’, 21 May 2015, New Delhi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with FICCI, organised the event to release AIC Report entitled “APEC and India: An Appraisal” in New Delhi on 21 May 2015. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India released the Report and delivered the Special Address. Mr. Siddhartha Birla, Immediate Past President, FICCI and Chairman, XPRO India Limited delivered the Welcome Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Inaugural Address. Ambassador V.S. Seshadri made a presentation about the Report. The Report examines the desirability of India joining APEC. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.



Ambassador Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India releasing the RIS-AIC Report entitled “APEC and India: An Appraisal”. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Ms Pooja Kapur, Joint Secretary (ASEAN ML); Mr. Siddhartha Birla, Immediate Past President, FICCI and Chairman, XPRO India Limited; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; and Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS.

ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture Series

ASEAN – India Eminent Person Lecture by Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), 12 August 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS with support of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India and ASEAN Secretariat launched the ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture Series (AIEPLS). H.E. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV), delivered the first lecture of the series on “New Political Situation and Economic Order in Asia” in New Delhi on 12 August



H.E. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) delivering ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture on “New Political Situation and Economic Order in Asia”.

2014. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the Welcome Remarks. H.E. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang spoke on the rapidly changing political landscape in Asia

and emergence of new regional economic order. He discussed the implications of China and India's rising power, role of U.S., and trends in regional economic integration

in Asia. He also discussed viability of the future development agenda of Asian countries. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.

ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture by Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), 13 August 2014, Kolkata

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, ASEAN Secretariat, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), organised the second lecture of the ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture Series. H.E. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) delivered the lecture on "Recent Policy Actions of East Asian Countries and Regional Security Environment" in Kolkata on 13 August 2014. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Ambassador Krishnan Srinivasan, Former Foreign Secretary of India made the Opening Remarks. Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Past Chairman, CII Eastern Region, Kolkata made the Introductory Remarks. H.E. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang spoke on the increasing trend of territorial



H.E. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Thang, President of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) and Member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) delivering ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture on "Recent Policy Actions of East Asian Countries and Regional Security Environment".

disputes and military spending in East Asia. He discussed the growing power of China on the regional

security environment of East Asia, and territorial dispute in the East Sea (South China Sea).

ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture by Mr. Yashovardhan Azad, Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission, New Delhi, 2 December 2014, Manila, The Philippines

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, ASEAN Secretariat, The Asia Society, Philippines, organised a lecture under the ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture Series, delivered by Mr. Yashovardhan Azad, Information Commissioner, Central Information Commission on 2 December 2014 at Manila. Mr. Azad's lecture was on 'India's Right to Information Act'.

ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture by Prof. A.K. Ramakrishnan, Professor and Former Chairperson of the Centre for West Asian Studies at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 8-10 April 2015, Yogyakarta

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, The Institute of International Studies, University of Gadjah Mada (UGM) organised a lecture under the ASEAN-India Eminent Person Lecture Series, delivered by Prof. A.K. Ramakrishnan, Professor and Former Chairperson of the Centre for West Asian Studies at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) at the Bandung Conference, which was held at Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 8-10 April 2015.

ASEAN-India Seminar Series

Economic Integration between South Asia and East Asia: A Perception Survey of Asian Opinion Leaders, by Dr. Pradumna B Rana, 29 January 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS organised the first Seminar under the ASEAN-India Seminar Series in New Delhi on 29 January 2014. Dr. Pradumna B. Rana, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore presented a paper titled “Economic Integration between South Asia and East Asia: A Perception Survey of Asian Opinion Leaders”. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS made the Introductory Remarks. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS delivered the Opening Address. Ambassador Sanjay Singh, Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India made Chairperson’s Remarks. Dr. Rana discussed potential benefits and costs of South Asia/East Asia integration based on the views of South Asian



Dr. Pradumna B. Rana, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore speaking at the ASEAN-India Seminar on Economic Integration between South Asia and East Asia: A Perception Survey of Asian Opinion Leaders. Also seen on head table are (from left to right) Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS; Ambassador Sanjay Singh, Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; and Prof. Amita Batra, Professor, Centre for South, Central, Southeast Asian and Southwest Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

and East Asian opinion leaders through a perception survey. The opinion leaders in both regions think positively about the South Asia/East Asia integration and its potential to revive economic integration in South Asia. They also feel that South Asian countries should be given

greater role in different East Asian initiatives. Dr. Rana emphasised on market-led approaches (including connectivity) to drive South Asia/East Asia integration, role of SASEC and BIMSTEC to promote SA/EA integration and role South Asian countries in the RCEP negotiations.

Joining Global Production Networks: India's Opportunities and ASEAN-India Cooperation, 11 December 2014, New Delhi

AIC at RIS organised a second seminar of the ASEAN-India Seminar Series in New Delhi on 11 December 2014. Prof. Premachandra Athukorala, Australian National University (ANU) presented a research paper titled “Joining Global Production Networks: India’s Opportunities and ASEAN-India Cooperation”. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS made the Welcome Remarks. Ambassador V. S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS made the Chairperson’s Remarks. Prof. Premachandra Athukorala highlighted India’s lacking performance to participate into the global production networks in electronics and electrical goods, dominated by China and other high-performing East Asian



Prof. Premachandra Athukorala, Australian National University (ANU) speaking at the ASEAN-India Seminar on Joining Global Production Networks: India’s Opportunities and ASEAN-India Cooperation. Also seen in picture are (to his left) Prof. S K Mohanty, RIS; (to his right) Ambassador V. S. Seshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS; and Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS.

countries. He suggested reforms to boost overall investment scenario together with investment promotion campaign to attract multinational enterprises (MNEs) engaged in

global production networks. Prof. S K Mohanty, RIS gave his comments on the presentation. Ambassador V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made the Closing Remarks.

ASEAN-India Capacity Building Programmes

First Training Programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis”, 26 - 30 May 2014, Yangon

Under Building Trade and Investment Capacity in Myanmar, AIC at RIS in collaboration with the CEES Myanmar organised the first training programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis” in Yangon, Myanmar from 26 to 30 May 2014. This training programme was targeted for the Myanmar officials and researchers from various government offices, research institutes and universities,



Participants of Trade Policy and Analysis programme with the faculty members.

consisted of 15 participants. H.E. Dr. Pwint San, Deputy Minister for Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar made the Opening Speech. Mr. U Zaw Min Win, Vice President,

Union Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry made the Special Remarks. Dr. Mia Mikic, Chief, Trade Policy Section, Trade and Investment

Division, UNESCAP introduced the programme. The Programme focussed on several aspects of trade policy and analysis. Dr. Prabir De coordinated the training programme.

Second Training Programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis”, 16-20 September 2014, Kolkata

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the CEES Myanmar and Jadavpur University organised the second training programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis” in Kolkata from 16 to 20 September 2014. Prof. Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Jadavpur University, Kolkata made the Welcome Remarks. H.E. Than Htwe, Consul General, Myanmar Consulate-General, Kolkata delivered the Inaugural Address. Mr. Sunil Mitra, Former Secretary, Finance and Revenue, Government of India and Director, IPE Global and Team Lead, the Knowledge Partnership Programme made the Special Remarks. Prof. Abhijit



Participants of Trade Policy and Analysis programme with the faculty members.

Chakraborti, Vice Chancellor, Jadavpur University, Kolkata delivered the Special Address. This Programme focussed on various aspects of global and regional trade policies and related analytics.

A total of 15 participants from various government offices, research institutes and universities of Myanmar took part in the programme. Dr. Prabir De coordinated the training programme.

Third Training Programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis”, 11-15 May 2015, Yangon

AIC at RIS in collaboration with CEES-Myanmar, Yangon University of Economics and Myanmar Ministry of Commerce organised the third training programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis” from 11 to 15 May 2015 in Yangon, Myanmar. Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Indian Ambassador in Myanmar delivered the Keynote Address. Mr. Toe Aung Myint, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, delivered the Opening Address. Prof. Tun Aung, Pro-Rector,



Participants of Trade Policy and Analysis programme with the faculty members.

Yangon University of Economics delivered the Opening Address. 20 participants from government offices, research institutes and universities of Myanmar attended

the capacity building programme. This Programme focussed on various aspects of trade policy regionalism and related analytics. The training programme ended with Vote of

Thanks by Dr. Tin Htoo Naing, Director, CEES-Myanmar and Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS. Prof. Prabir De coordinated the training programme.

Fourth Training Programme “Trade Policy and Analysis”, 9-13 June 2015, New Delhi

AIC at RIS in collaboration with the CEES Myanmar organised the fourth training programme on “Trade Policy and Analysis” in New Delhi from on 9 to 13 June 2015. 13 participants from various government offices, research institutes and universities of Myanmar attended the programme. Prof. Prabir De made the Welcome remarks and gave an Introduction of the programme. Dr. Geethanjali Nataraj, KPP IPE Global, New Delhi made the Special Remarks. Prof. S.K. Mohanty, RIS delivered the Opening Address. H.E. Mr. Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar delivered the Inaugural



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Address. Several aspects of global and regional trade and analysis were covered at the programme.

Dr. Prabir De coordinated the training programme.

Study Tour

Dawei Port and Special Economic Zone Industrial Corridor Visit, 8-11 April 2015

ASEAN Studies Centre, Chulalongkorn University invited AIC for a study tour to Dawei, Myanmar to visit the development of Dawei deep sea port and special economic zone project. Prof. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC at RIS and Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy, Consultant, AIC at RIS participated in the study tour. This four-day study tour was held from 8 to 11 April 2015. During the trip, AIC team visited Dawei deep sea port, industrial corridor, township projects, water reservoir, exploring connectivity – railways, airport and roadways. Authorities of Dawei Development Corporations gave a presentation on the development stage of the projects. AIC team also visited Dawei University and interacted with the faculty. Dr. Kyaw Nain, Department of Geography, Dawei University gave a presentation on “Investigation on Conceptual Planning of Dawei Deep Sea Port and Industrial Estates in Dawei District, Tanintharyi Region”. The study tour helped the AIC team in understanding the connectivity and trade linkages and future investment requirement in the region. The study tour was in part supported by ASEAN-India Centre, Chulalongkorn University.

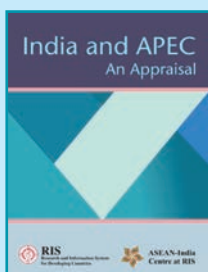


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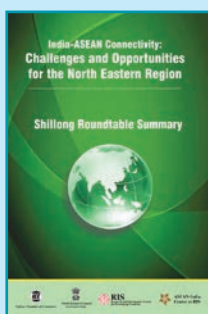
ASEAN-India Development and Cooperation Report, 2015 (Forthcoming)

AIC at RIS is planning to publish ASEAN-India Development and Cooperation Report (AIDCR) which has contribution from eminent experts. AIDCR has covered a series of cross-cutting economic issues in line with the Vision Statement of ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit 2012. This flagship Report is being published by Routledge and is expected to be released soon.



India and APEC: An Appraisal, 2015

AIC at RIS published a Report titled “India and APEC: An Appraisal”. Ambassador V.S. Seshadri was the lead investigator and authored the report, which was funded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This Report examines the desirability of India joining APEC, and the way forward.



ASEAN-India Connectivity: Challenges and Opportunities for the North Eastern Region, Shillong Roundtable Summary, 2015

AIC at RIS published the Summary of the Roundtable which was held in Shillong on 29-30 September 2014. The Roundtable was attended by all ASEAN Heads of Mission (HoMs).



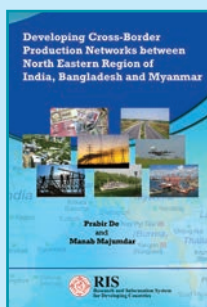
Dynamics of ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership, 2014

AIC at RIS published the proceeding of the second Roundtable on ASEAN-India Network of Thinks-Tanks (AINTT) entitled “Dynamics of ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership”. The Book includes four major sections: (i) Cooperation, (ii) connectivity, and (iii) socio-cultural and development cooperation and (iv) new frontiers, each of these sections deal with the key challenges facing the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership.



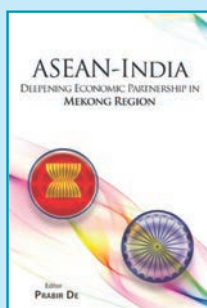
ASEAN – India Maritime Connectivity Report, 2014

AIC at RIS published a Report titled “ASEAN-India Maritime Connectivity Report”. The Report addresses the prospects and challenges concerning the ASEAN-India maritime relations and provides a framework for strengthening the maritime connectivity. This Report also provides a set of recommendations to strengthen maritime connectivity between India and ASEAN countries, and enhance economic integration between them.



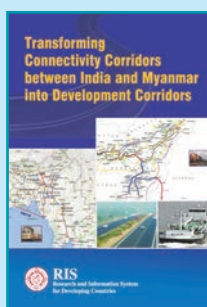
Developing Cross-Border Production Networks between North Eastern Region of India, Bangladesh and Myanmar: A Preliminary Assessment, 2014

RIS conducted a study entitled “Expansion of North East India’s Trade and Investment with Bangladesh and Myanmar: An Assessment of the Opportunities and Constraints”, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER) and the North Eastern Council (NEC) in 2011-12. This study presents opportunities in cross-border production networks between NER, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The Study, which is authored by Dr. Prabir De, shows that the NER has the potential to grow faster than its current pace, provided the region builds cross-border production links, particularly with Bangladesh, Myanmar and other Southeast and East Asian countries. Efficient logistics services are an important factor for the expansion of production networks within or across countries. This Study has also provided a set of recommendations for strengthening production networks between the NER, Bangladesh and Myanmar.



ASEAN – India: Deepening Economic Partnership in Mekong Region, 2014

AIC at RIS published a Book titled ‘ASEAN – India: Deepening Economic Partnership in Mekong Region’, edited by Dr. Prabir De. This book is an outcome of the International Conference “Mekong-India Cooperation: Linking Markets, Fostering Trade”, organised by RIS in collaboration with Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS), Calcutta University in Kolkata on 23-24 June 2011. The objective of the conference was to discuss the challenges and prospects of economic integration between India and the Mekong region. This Book analyses the India-Mekong cooperation in light of growing ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership. It addresses the prospects and challenges concerning the India-Mekong relations and provides a framework for deepening the economic partnership in Mekong region. The Book serves as a knowledge product for policymakers, academics, private sector experts and regional cooperation practitioners; and is a must-read for anyone interested in the regional economic cooperation between India and Mekong region.



Transforming Connectivity Corridors between India and Myanmar into Development Corridors, 2014

AIC at RIS published a Report titled “Transforming Connectivity Corridors between India and Myanmar into Development Corridors”. The Report focuses on enhancing land connectivity and rejuvenating border trade mechanisms and how these two enabling elements can stimulate development of a vibrant economic corridor stretching further in land into both countries. This Report also provides a set of recommendations to strengthen land connectivity between Myanmar and India, particularly with North Eastern region of India, and enhance economic integration between them.



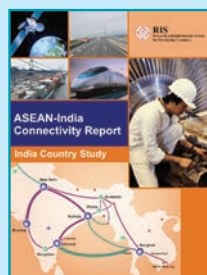
ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership: Perspectives from the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks, 2013

AIC at RIS published the Proceeding of the First Roundtable on ASEAN-India Network of Thinks-Tanks (AINTT) titled “ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership: Perspectives from the ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks”. The First Roundtable of AINTT provided new ideas and suggestions in deepening the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership. This book is the compilation of research papers presented at first Roundtable of AINTT, which was held at New Delhi on 7-8 August 2012.



ASEAN-India Eminent Persons' Report to the Leaders, 2012

At the 8th ASEAN-India Summit in Ha Noi in October 2010, the Leaders of ASEAN and India welcomed the establishment of an ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group (AIEPG) to take stock of the 20 years of ASEAN India cooperation and chart future direction of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations. The AIEPG report was submitted to the 10th ASEAN-India Summit in Phnom Penh in November 2012. The leaders emphasised on the importance of human resources development and propose an ASEAN-India Knowledge Initiative which would include institution-to-institution linkages between their universities and their respective centres of excellence in different fields. Considering the work of the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group (AIEPG), and its Report with recommendations for forging a closer partnership for peace, progress and shared prosperity, the Heads of the State/ Government of ASEAN and India at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit 2012, held in New Delhi on 19-20 December 2012, recommended the establishment of ASEAN India Centre (AIC).



ASEAN-India Connectivity Report: India Country Study, 2012

The “ASEAN-India Connectivity Report: India Country Study” was prepared by RIS under the ERIA Research Project on “ASEAN-India Connectivity: Comprehensive Asia Development Plan, Phase 2”. The Report suggests an appropriate strategy to enhance the physical connectivity between India and ASEAN. It also recommends that the overland connectivity through India’s North East Region (NER) and the multimodal connectivity through southern India, primarily through Chennai-Ennore area could be promoted to enhance this physical connectivity. This report considers these issues starting with assessments of connectivity in trade and transportation between India and ASEAN. The Report also identifies prioritised projects from the list of key actions stipulated under the various regional cooperation projects, especially those that will have high and immediate impact on ASEAN-India connectivity.

Research Projects: Ongoing

Exploring Closer Economic Cooperation with East and South East Asia	AIC at RIS has undertaken this study with support of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This study attempts to analyse, among others, the scopes and opportunities in India's closer economic cooperation with East and Southeast Asia. [Research Team: Amb. V S Seshadri & Others]
ASEAN-India Air Connectivity Study	India has proposed negotiations on an open sky policy in air cargo. At the same time, to facilitate ASEAN-India trade (services trade in particular), stronger air connectivity between ASEAN and India is important. One of the objectives of this study is to present a strategy for strengthening the air connectivity between ASEAN countries and India, in particular with Tier II and Tier III cities in India. The study is completed and a stakeholder's consultation is going to be held on 16 June 2015. [Research Team: Prof. Prabir De, Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy and Mr. Sunando Basu]
Assessing Impacts of Economic Corridors	The study develops an economic geography model to be tested with sub-national data, and assesses the impact of economic (transport) corridors in India with special reference to Indian states in terms of growth. Four important corridors, connecting India with eastern neighbours, have been selected, namely, (i) BCIM-Economic Corridor, (ii) East-West Corridor (part of Golden Quadrilateral project), (iii) Trilateral Highway, and (iv) Kalandan multimodal transit transport project. The study is ongoing. [Research Team: Prof. Prabir De and Mr. Manmeet Ajmani]
Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) in ASEAN-India Trade	The study analyses the NTMs faced by India in ASEAN and by ASEAN in India in select products. Out of 16 NTMs, it considers the major ones, namely, SPS and TBT. The study is based on both primary and secondary data and will be ready by August 2015. [Research Team: Prof. Prabir De, Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy and Mr. Sunando Basu]
Emerging Production Networks between India and ASEAN	This study explores India's integration process, especially in manufacturing sectors viz. machinery, electrical and optical products and automobile sector including parts and accessories to start with. Special attention on these sectors stem not only from the fact that they are among key trading sectors between India and ASEAN but also because these are few important sectors among others where IPN building process as a result of FTA carries emphatic impact for SME's. This study explores the possibilities to build cross-border networks within those industries on which the India has manufacturing capacities and complementarities that match with the demand or supply capacity of ASEAN and vice versa. Besides, this study also makes an attempt to identify the challenges in building the production networks. In particular, the study identifies the gaps in connectivity and trade facilitation in promoting the production networks between ASEAN and India, and provides the possible remedies. [Research Team: Prof. Prabir De, Dr. Durairaj Kumarasamy and Ms. Sreya Pan]

Forthcoming Events

(July- August 2015)

- Visit of Mr. Evan Gracia, Foreign Secretary, Philippines under the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Lecture Series, 17 July 2015, New Delhi
- International conference on ASEAN-India Cultural Links and Historical Dimensions, 23-24 July 2015, New Delhi
- Fourth AINTT Roundtable, 7-8 August 2015, Kuala Lumpur
- National Seminar on ASEAN-India Air Connectivity Study, August 2015, New Delhi

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