

## Major Events

### 2nd EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation, Goa, 4–5 November 2016



*Group Photo: Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA; Ms. Pooja Kapur, Jt. Secretary (ASEAN-ML), MEA; Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, Rear Admiral Suresh Mehta with the delegates of the 2<sup>nd</sup> EAS Conference on Maritime Security and Cooperation, Goa, 4-5 November 2016.*

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in partnership with the ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) and Naval War College (NWC) organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> EAS Conference on “Maritime Security and Cooperation” on 4-5 November, 2016 in Goa. All the EAS countries nominated their officials to the Conference, and overall 100 participants including senior officials attended this two-day event. Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the Opening Remarks. Dr. Vijay Sakhujia, Director, National Maritime Foundation (NMF)

gave Special Address. Ms. Pooja Kapur, Jt. Secretary (ASEAN-ML), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi delivered the Inaugural Address. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC gave the Welcome Remarks. Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, NM, Commandant NWC, Goa delivered the Special Remarks.

The Conference was divided into five sessions, aimed at facilitating an in-depth discussion on maritime security and cooperation and maritime multilateralism: (i) Maritime Security Issues in the Asia-Pacific, (ii) Maritime Safety Issues in the Asia-Pacific, (iii) Maritime Multilateralism: Opportunities, Challenges and Prospects for Asia-Pacific, (iv)

Blue Economy and Maritime Conservation, and (v) Way Forward. First session on “Maritime Security Issues in the Asia-Pacific” was chaired by Adm. Arun Prakash (Retd.), Former Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy. Speakers of the session were Commander Prakash Gopal, Research Fellow, NMF, New Delhi and country representatives of Japan, Indonesia, Singapore and Vietnam.

Mr. Daisuke Namioka, Director, Maritime Security Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Japan chaired the Second Session on “Maritime Safety Issues in the Asia-Pacific”. Dr. Gurpreet Khurana, Executive Director,

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NMF, New Delhi; Dr. Lawrence Prabhakar, Madras Christian College, Chennai and representatives from Thailand, China, Lao PDR were the speakers in this session.

Third Session on “Maritime Multilateralism: Opportunities, Challenges and Prospects for Asia-Pacific” was chaired by Mr. Tham Borg Tsien, Deputy Director-General, ASEAN Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Singapore. In this session, the panellists included Amb. Yogendra Kumar, Former Indian Ambassador to

the Philippines and speakers were from Australia, the Philippines, Myanmar and Russia.

Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA delivered the Key-note Address on the second day of the conference. This was followed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Session on “Blue Economy and Marine Conservation”, which was chaired by Dr. Prasanna Kumar, Director, National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa. Dr. P Shekhar, Chairman, Microtech Corp., Mumbai and country representatives from Singapore, China, Cambodia and Thailand were the speak-

ers in this session. Session V was a panel discussion on “Way Forward”, which was chaired by Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director, NMF. The Conference discussed, analysed and had put together the various components that would help strengthen cooperation among EAS participating countries in the maritime security. In the Concluding Session, Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Director, NMF summarized the conference output. Comrade Ashok Rai, Deputy Commandant, NWC and Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.

### 5th India-ASEAN Economic Forum: A Curtain Raiser to 14th ASEAN – India Summit and 11th East Asia Summit, New Delhi, 8 July 2016



*Release of Knowledge Report by Hon'ble Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.), Amb. Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), MEA; Amb. Shyam Saran, Mr Sunil Kanoria, HE (Mrs.) Ma. Teresita C. Daza, HE Ton Sinh Thanh, at the 5th India-ASEAN Economic Forum, 8 July 2016, New Delhi.*

AIC at RIS in collaboration with Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC), Government of India, Investment & Technology Promotion Division, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), ASEAN Secretariat and ASSOCHAM, organised the 5th India-ASEAN Economic Forum on 8<sup>th</sup> July

2016 at New Delhi. This event was a *curtain raiser* to 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit and 11<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit. The objective of the forum was to provide platform for entrepreneurs, financiers, mentors and other stakeholders to engage and collaborate across the ASEAN, to share ideas, best practices, develop solutions and partnership that strengthen the relationship

between ASEAN and India. Mr. Sunil Kanoria, President, ASSOCHAM gave the Welcome Address. Mr. R. K. Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director, WAPCOS gave the Theme Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; HE Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Ambassador of Vietnam; and HE Mrs. Ma Teresita C. Daza,

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, the Philippines delivered the Special Addresses, respectively. Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Gen. (Dr.) V. K. Singh (Retd.), Minister of State, MEA gave the Inaugural Address.

The Forum had three sessions covering various issues of trade, investment, environment sustainability and ASEAN-India connectivity. The First Session was focused on "Trade, Investment and Financing: Exploring New Opportunities", chaired by Mr. Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Business Standard. Mr.

Arvind Mehta, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India gave the Keynote Address and Ms. Ravneet Kaur, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India delivered the Special Address. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator AIC took part in the panel discussion of the First Session.

The Second Session on "Water and Sustainable Energy: Increasing Environmental Resilience" was chaired by Mr. Rudresh K Sugam, Senior Programme Lead Council on Energy, Environment. Mr. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water

and Sanitation, Government of India gave the Keynote Address in this Session.

Third Session on "Addressing India-ASEAN Transport Connectivity" was moderated by Mr. Raghu Dayal, Former Chairman, Container Corporation of India (CCI). Mr. Sanjay Mitra, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India made the Keynote Address. Ms. Pooja Kapur, Jt. Secretary (ASEAN ML), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) delivered the Special Address. Finally, Mr. D. S. Rawat, Secretary General, ASSOCHAM gave the Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks.

## Seminar on Promoting India's Export to Japan under India-Japan CEPA, New Delhi, 6 October 2016



Hon'ble Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (Independent Charge), Government of India releasing the RIS-AIC report on India-Japan CEPA. Also seen in picture (from left to right) are Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, Government of India; Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS; Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS; HE Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan and Amb. V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman,

RIS and AIC jointly organised the Seminar on "Promoting India's Export to Japan under India-Japan CEPA". Inaugural Session was chaired by Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS delivered the Welcome

Address. Dr. V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS made a brief presentation of the RIS-AIC report on "India-Japan CEPA: An Appraisal". It was succeeded by the ministerial level inaugural session, where the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry (Independent

ent Charge), Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman was the Guest of Honour and released the Report entitled "India-Japan CEPA: An Appraisal", authored by Dr. V. S. Seshadri, Vice-Chairman, RIS, and gave the Keynote Address. HE Mr.

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Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Japan gave a Special Address. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) delivered a Special Address. Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC extended the Vote of Thanks.

The one-day seminar had four sectoral sessions focusing on promoting India's exports to Japan in the areas of (i) Textiles and Garments, (ii) Marine Products and Sea Food, (iii) Pharmaceuticals, and (iv) IT Services. First session on "Bringing Value and Volume to Indian Textile and Apparel Exports to Japan" was chaired by Dr Jayant Dasgupta, former Ambassador of India to the WTO. In this Session, the panellists included Mr. Seiji Hamanishi, CEO, Ryohin-Keikaku Reliance India Pvt. Ltd. (MUJI); Mr. J.D. Giri, Vice-President, Shahi Exports; Mr. Vijay Mathur, Additional Direc-

tor General, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), New Delhi; and Mr. D. L. Sharma, Director, Vardhman Mills.

Mr. Hari Krishna, Director, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India chaired the Second Session titled "Promotion of Indian Sea Food Exports". Dr. Ram Mohan, Deputy Director, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and formerly Resident Director of MPEDA office in Tokyo; and Mr. Kazuhisa Tateno, Vice President, Toyota Tsusho India Pvt. Ltd. were the speakers in this Session.

Third Session titled "The Business Opportunity Arising from Japan's Decision Towards Greater Use of Generics by 2020—How can Indian Companies Respond?" was chaired by Prof. Abhijit Das, Head, Centre for WTO Stud-

ies; Dr. Abhay Sinha, Regional Director, Pharmexcil; Mr. Makoto Shigemitsu, Executive and Deputy Managing Director, Medreich Limited, Bangalore; and Mr. Krunal Parekh, General Manager-Operations, Lupin Pharmaceuticals were the panellists.

Session Four titled "Promoting Greater Trade and Cooperation in IT and IT-enabled Services in an Increasingly Digital Era" was chaired by Mr. Mayoshi Tamura, General Manager, Hitachi Pvt. Ltd, Co-chair of NASSCOM-Japan Council. In this Session, speakers included Mr. T.V Kamalak Kannan, Director and Chief Delivery Officer, TCS, Japan; Mr. Yasujiro Miyake, Counselor, Embassy of Japan; and Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, ICRIER. Finally, Amb. V. S. Sesshadri, Vice Chairman, RIS addressed the concluding session and extended the Vote of Thanks.

## International Workshop on Services Trade and Regulatory Reforms in Asia: In Search of a Comprehensive Approach, Kolkata, 26-27 October 2016

Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), AIC at RIS and International Management Institute (IMI), Kolkata organised a workshop "Services Trade and Regulatory Reforms in Asia: In Search of a Comprehensive Approach", on 26-27 October 2016, at Kolkata. The workshop was an opportunity to exchange views on the current state of services trade in Asia including issues related to barriers to trade in services, domestic regulations, regulatory frameworks, services trade reforms and their impact on global value chains. Work-

shop participants included senior policymakers, international experts, and representatives from academia and the private sector engaged in dealing services trade. Total 20 officials from Southeast and South Asian countries attended the workshop. Prof. Arindam Banik, Director, IMI-Kolkata gave Welcome Remarks; Dr. Bokwan Yu, Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) gave Opening Remarks; Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC gave Special Remarks; and Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Head, Training and Ca-

capacity Building, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) introduced the workshop. Eminent scholars and practitioners from ADBI, IDE-JETRO, APEC Secretariat, NASSCOM, IMI Kolkata, ICRIER, etc. delivered special lectures. Dr. De presented a paper on barriers to services trade in Session II, and chaired a session "Critical issues in Services Trade (2): Digital Services and e-commerce". Vote of Thanks was extended by Prof. Arindam Banik and Dr. Prabir De.

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Group Photo: Participants of the International Workshop, 26 – 27 October 2016, Kolkata

The workshop is classified into seven sessions. The first Session on “Understanding Services Trade and Global Value Chains” was chaired by Prof. Arindam Banik, Director, IMI Kolkata. Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International

Economic Policy (ICRIER), New Delhi and Dr. Bokhwan Yu, Deputy Dean, ADBI were the speakers in this Session.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session on “Addressing Barriers to Services Trade and Their Impact on Trade Flows” was chaired by Prof. Ajitava Raychaudhuri,

Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Prof. Arindam Banik and Prof. Prabir De were the speakers in this session. Prof. Prabir De made a presentation on “Addressing Barriers to Services Trade and Their Impact on Trade Flows”.

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## Workshop on Trilateral Cooperation, Bangkok, 22-23 September 2016

India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Cooperation is one of the pillars of ASEAN-India strategic partnership. To explore the scope and opportunities of Trilateral Cooperation, ASEAN India Centre (AIC) at RIS and ASEAN Studies Centre (ASC) at Chulalongkorn University organised a workshop “India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Relationship: Way Towards a Stronger ASEAN-India Partnership”, at Bangkok on 22 – 23 September 2016. This workshop at Chulalongkorn University was attended by several scholars and practitioners of all the three countries. A total 18 papers were presented at seven sessions in this one and a half day workshop. A follow-up workshop will be held in India during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017. One of the outcomes of this workshop is to publish a book on the subject.



Group Photo: Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, Dr. Prabir De and participants of Trilateral Cooperation Workshop, 22 – 23 September, 2016, Bangkok.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Session was focused on “Regulating Services Trade - Does It Matter?”. Prof. Ajitava Raychaudhuri chaired this Session. In this session, panellists were Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, ICRIER, New Delhi and Dr. Shintaro Hamanaka, Economist, Institute of Developing Economies (IDE), Tokyo.

Fourth Session titled “Services and Structural Reforms” was chaired by Prof. Rajat Acharya, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Dr. Andre Wirjo, Analyst, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat, Singapore and Dr.

Paramita Mukherjee, Dean (Academics), IMI Kolkata and Dr. Sahana Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Professor, IMI Kolkata were the speakers in this session.

Fifth Session titled “Services Trade and Regulatory Reforms – Country Presentations” was chaired by Dr. Tirthankar Nag, Dean (Research), IMI Kolkata. Participants from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar presented their views.

Sixth Session on “Critical Issues in Services Trade: Movement of Natural Persons” was

chaired by Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo. Dr. Shintaro Hamanaka, IDE, Tokyo was the speaker in this Session. Finally, the 7<sup>th</sup> Session was on “Critical issues in Services Trade (2): Digital Services and e-commerce” was chaired by Dr. Prabir De. Dr. Anupam Khanna, former Director General, National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), New Delhi was the speaker in this Session. The workshop ended with an open discussion on the subject. Prof. De and Prof. Banik thanked the ADBI, RIS and IMI for the support and encouragement.

## EAS Conference on Disaster Risk Management and Regional Cooperation, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, 2 November 2016



*Group Photo: Mr. Kiren Rijiju, MoS, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, Prof. Santosh Kumar, ED, NIDM, and Dr. Prabir De with the delegates of the EAS Conference on Disaster Risk Management and Regional Cooperation, New Delhi, 2 November 2016.*

AIC and RIS in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), East Asia Summit Earthquake Risk Reduction Centre and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) organized an EAS Conference on Disaster Risk Management and Regional Cooperation for EAS participat-

ing countries on 2 November, 2016. All the EAS countries nominated their officials to this Conference, and overall 100 participants including senior officials attended this one-day event. Mr. Kiren Rijiju, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India delivered the Inaugural Address. Ambassador Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs,

Government of India delivered the Keynote Address. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS made the Opening Remarks. Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS gave the Welcome Remarks. Prof. Santhosh Kumar, Executive Director, NIDM extended the Vote of Thanks.

The Conference was divided into two sessions aimed at fa-

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cilitating an in-depth discussion on Disaster Risk Reduction and Regional Cooperation: (i) Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Goals and Regional Cooperation and (ii) Regional Cooperation to Strengthen Disaster Risk Management Capacity. First session on “Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development Disaster Risk Reduction, Sustainable Development” was chaired by Mr. Kamal Kishore, Member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India. Special Remarks was made by Mr. Krishna Vatsa, Global Advisor, Climate Risk Management, United Nations

Development Programme (UNDP), New York. Prof. Santosh Kumar, NIDM made a presentation on this session and country representatives of Australia, China, Cambodia and Vietnam were the panelist of the session.

Dr. Le Quang Tuan, Head of Science and International Cooperation Division, Department of Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, Vietnam chaired the Second Session on “Regional Cooperation to Strengthen Disaster Risk Management Capacity”. Ms. Pooja Kapur, Jt. Secretary (ASEAN - ML), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) delivered the Spe-

cial Remarks. Mr. O.P. Singh, Director General, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Formerly Director General, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), New Delhi was the lead presenter and country representatives of Lao PDR, Indonesia, New Zealand, South Korea and Thailand were the speakers in this session. The Conference discussed, analyzed and had put together the various components in order to strengthen cooperation among EAS participating countries in the Disaster Risk Reduction issues. The Conference was concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Prabir De, Coordinator, AIC.

## International Programme on Cultural and Civilizational Links in Asia, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, 19 December 2016



*Release of Books authored by internationally known scholars, from the left, Dr. Andre Acri, Prof. Madhu Khanna, Ambassador Shyam Saran, Prof. Lokesh Chandra, Prof. G. C. Tripathi, and Dr. Ni Ariati at the event.*

Centre for Indic and Agamic Studies in Asia, New Delhi organized an international programme with the support of AIC at RIS and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations

(ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India on “Cultural and Civilizational Links in Asia” on 19 December 2016 at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi. It

marks the beginning of a new research venture to pursue joint programmes with scholars from ASEAN nations to focus on cultural links in Asia and to promote the broader

aims of strengthening socio-economic ties through better understanding of cultural roots of Asian countries. Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, ICCR was the Chief Guest at the programme and Amb. Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS was the Guest of Honour who delivered the Opening Address. The event was very well attended by over 100 scholars, students, writers, artists and academicians.

The Programme had three major activities: (i) Release of six academic books authored by internationally known scholars, (ii) Annual Distinguished Lecture on Veda and Agama across Asia by Prof. G.C. Tripathi, and (iii) Panel Discussion on Cultural and Civilizational Links in Asia, which was Chaired by Prof. Arvind Sharma, Birks Professor of Religious Studies, McGill University. The speakers at the Panel Discussion were Prof. Thomas Hunter, University of California, Berkly, USA;

Pasek Ariati, Director, SIT Programme, Bali, Indonesia; Dr. Andre Acri, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes in Paris, France; and Prof. Madhu Khanna, Ta-

gore National Fellow, National Museum, India. Finally, the seminar was concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Ms. Devika Khanna, Trustee, CIASA.

## Book Release

HE Mr. Bhagwant Singh Bishnoi, Indian Ambassador to Thailand released the book entitled "Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New Challenges to ASEAN - India Economic Partnership", published by ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), New Delhi at the India Studies Centre, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok on 22 September 2016.



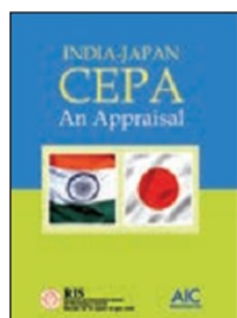
*Amb. Bhagwant Singh Bishnoi, Indian Ambassador to Thailand releasing the book.*

## Publications



### **Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New Challenges to ASEAN-India Economic Partnership, Edited by Prabir De and Suthiphand Chirathivat, Knowledge World, New Delhi**

This volume reviews the past progress of ASEAN-India economic integration and suggests the ways to further strengthen the economic partnership. It primarily deals with the economic integration issues between ASEAN and India, and assesses policy priorities, effectiveness, implementation imperatives and challenges. Each chapter in this book tries to capture essential features of the crosscutting issues and attempts to draw some policy implications. It is a valuable reference for policymakers, academics and practitioners.



### **India-Japan CEPA: An Appraisal of Progress, V S Seshadri, AIC-RIS, 2016**

AIC - RIS published a Report titled "India-Japan CEPA: An Appraisal of Progress". Ambassador V.S. Seshadri was the lead investigator and author of the Report, which was funded by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This Report reviews the implementation of the India-Japan CEPA and examines the scope for improvement in its implementations and makes specific recommendations.



## Research Publications (July – December 2016)

- De, Prabir and Mustafizur Rahman (eds.) (2016) *Regional Integration in South Asia: Essays in Honour of Dr. M. Rahmatullah*, Knowledge World, New Delhi.
- De, Prabir and Suthiphand Chirathivat (eds.) (2016) *Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New Challenges to ASEAN – India Economic Partnership*, Knowledge World, New Delhi.
- De, Prabir (2016) “BBIN MVA: Good Beginning but Many Challenges” in Prabir De and Mustafizur Rahman (eds.) *Regional Integration in South Asia: Essays in Honour of Dr. M. Rahmatullah*. Knowledge World, New Delhi.
- De, Prabir (2016) “Look East to Act East: Connectivity Challenges in India’s North East” in Prabir De and Suthiphand Chirathivat (eds.) *Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New Challenges to ASEAN – India Economic Partnership*. Knowledge World, New Delhi.
- Kumarasamy, Durairaj and Imdadul Islam Halder (2016) “Trade in Services in Asia-Pacific: Assessing Barriers and Implications for Services Trade Facilitation in India”, in Prabir De and Suthiphand Chirathivat (eds.) *Celebrating the Third Decade and Beyond: New Challenges to ASEAN – India Economic Partnership*. Knowledge World, New Delhi.
- De, Prabir and Imdadul Islam Halder (2016) “Inequality in Asia: Convergence and Determinants”, ARTNeT Working Paper Series, No. 158, UNESCAP, Bangkok.
- Kumarasamy, Durairaj and Prakash Singh (2016) “Does Access to Finance Facilitates the Firms’ Ability to Export? Experience from Asia-Pacific Countries”, ARTNeT Working Paper No.159, UNESCAP, Bangkok.
- De, Prabir (2016) “SDGs through Trade Facilitation in South Asia”, *Trade Insight*, Vol.12, No.1
- Raichaudhuri, Ajitava and Prabir De (2016) “Trade, Infrastructure and Income Inequality in Selected Asian Countries: An Empirical Analysis”, in Malabika Roy and Saikat Sinha Roy (eds.) *International Trade and International Finance: Explorations of Contemporary Issues*, Springer, New Delhi
- Kaur, Opinder (2016) Book Review on “Environment & Development: Essays in Honour of Dr. U. Sankar”, by K.R. Shanmugam and K.S. Kavi Kumar (eds.), *South Asia Economic Journal*, Vol. 17, No. 2, pp. 333-335.

## Research Projects: Ongoing

<b>Exploring Closer Economic Cooperation with East and South East Asia</b>	AIC has undertaken this study with support of the MEA. This study attempts to analyze, among others, the scopes and opportunities in India’s closer economic cooperation with East and Southeast Asia.
<b>Assessing Impacts of Economic Corridors</b>	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.
<b>Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) in ASEAN-India Trade</b>	The study analyses the NTMs faced by India in ASEAN and 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.
<b>Emerging Production Networks between India and ASEAN</b>	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.

## Forthcoming Major Events (January to June 2017) – Dates for Your Diary

- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Cultural and Civilizational Links between ASEAN and India, 19 January 2017, Jakarta
- ◆ Policy Dialogue on Mekong – Ganga Cooperation (MGC), 8 April 2017, New Delhi
- ◆ Delhi Dialogue IX, June 2017, New Delhi
- ◆ Fifth Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think-Tanks (AINTT), June/July 2017, Indonesia

## Ninth South Asian Training Program on CGE Modelling, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 12-16 November 2016



Group Photo: Ninth South Asian Training Program on CGE Modelling, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

Ms. Sreya Pan, Research Associate, AIC at RIS participated in the Ninth South Asian Training Program on CGE Modeling at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

from 12-16 November 2016. The workshop was jointly organized by South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM), Dhaka and South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Kathmandu together with the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), New Delhi. The training lectures were delivered by Dr. Selim Raihan, Professor, Department of Economics University of Dhaka and Executive Director, SANEM. Participants across South Asian countries came to attend the workshop. The five days workshop focused on structure of CEG modeling and on its different steps. The workshop covers the single country static CEG model, which is being used in many countries in trade, tax policy, and climate-change and poverty analysis.

## About RIS

Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi based autonomous think-tank under the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, is an organization that specializes in policy research on international economic issues and development cooperation. RIS is envisioned as a forum for fostering effective policy dialogue and capacity-building among developing countries on international economic issues. The focus of the work programme of RIS is to promote South-South Cooperation and assist developing countries in multilateral negotiations in various forums. RIS is engaged in the Track II process of several regional initiatives. RIS is providing analytical support to the Government of India in the negotiations for concluding comprehensive economic cooperation agreements with partner countries. Through its intensive network of policy think tanks, RIS seeks to strengthen policy coherence on international economic issues. For more information please visit [www.ris.org.in](http://www.ris.org.in)

## About AIC

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 at New Delhi on 19-20 December 2012, recommended the establishment of ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) using existing resources at New Delhi. AIC was formally inaugurated by the Honourable External Affairs Minister of the Government of India on 21 June 2013. AIC serves as a resource centre for ASEAN Member States and India to fill the knowledge gaps that currently limit the opportunities for cooperation. The AIC is closely working with both the ASEAN Divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to undertake and disseminate policy research and provide analytical policy recommendations. For more information please visit <http://aic.ris.org.in>



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