

ASEAN COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT (ACIA) FORUM “Regional Positioning of Singapore through ACIA”

7-8 April 2016, Singapore

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Singapore

Key Messages

ACIA accelerates the creation of ASEAN Economic Community which brings benefits to a vibrant economic region with more than 600 million populations.

ACIA assists in bringing economic opportunities into ASEAN.

Businesses and Investors benefit from the four pillars of ACIA: liberalisation, promotion, facilitation and protection of investments.

Objectives

To introduce and promote the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA), which came into force on 29th March 2012 to ASEAN investors, government agencies and the private sector, in particular its *enhanced* features.

To improve the understanding of the ACIA provisions among the policy makers, academia and the business sector including Singapore’s based investors in ASEAN

To discuss ACIA as a catalyst for a Global ASEAN as part of the ASEAN Community 2025

Audience

Business community, chambers of commerce, academe, representatives from relevant government agencies

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PROGRAMME

| Time | Topic and Speakers |
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| 08.30-09.00 | Registration |
| 09.00-09.15 | Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Wong Toon Joon (2 nd Director, Emerging Markets Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore) |
| 09.15-10.15 | <p>Session 1: Transforming ASEAN as an Investment Hub Through ACIA. This session discusses the salient features of ACIA especially its four pillars and its benefit for Singapore as one of the major investment hub and as part of the ASEAN Community</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Dr. Julien Chaisse (<i>Faculty of Law, Chinese University Hong Kong and World Trade Advisors</i>)</p> <p>Panellists: Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh (<i>World Trade Institute and Institute for Malaysia and International Studies Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i>) Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis (<i>Head of Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration</i>) Mr. Wong Toon Joon (2nd Director, Emerging Markets Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore)</p> |
| 10.15-10.30 | Coffee break |
| 10.30-11.50 | <p>Session 2: ACIA its potential benefits to Singapore This session discusses the liberalisation, facilitation and investor protections provisions in ACIA that would benefit Singapore as an investment hub and also a major source of FDI in many ASEAN Member States</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis (<i>Head of Investment Treaty Arbitration and International Law, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration</i>)</p> <p>Panellists: Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh (<i>World Trade Institute and Institute for Malaysia and International Studies Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i>) Professor Dr. Julien Chaisse (<i>Faculty of Law, Chinese University Hong Kong and World Trade Advisors</i>)</p> |
| 11.50-13.00 | <p>Session 3: The experience of Singaporean businesses in investing in ASEAN</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh (<i>World Trade Institute and Institute for Malaysia and International Studies Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia</i>)</p> <p>Panellists: Mr Ng Ooi Hooi (<i>President, Regional Investments, Keppel Land</i>) Mr William Tay (<i>CEO, Southeast Asia, Ascendas</i>) Mr James Ong (<i>Head of Corporate Finance, YCH Group</i>)</p> |
| 13.00-14.30 | Lunch |
| Close of Program | |