

ASEAN COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT (ACIA) FORUM “Transforming Investment in Brunei Darussalam through ACIA”

6 May 2015, Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam

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.

Audiences

Senior officials from central and provincial government, leaders from business sector, and academia

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Time	Topic and Speakers
07.45 – 08.00	Registration
08.00 – 08.15	Welcoming Remarks by Dato Paduka Lim Jock Hoi, Permanent Secretary (Trade), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Brunei Darussalam
08.15 – 09.25	<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 Brunei Darussalam</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh (World Trade Institute and Institute for Malaysia and International Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dennis Cai (Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre)</i> • <i>Hajah Nor Ashikin Haji Johari (Department of International Trade, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Brunei Darussalam)</i>
09.25 – 09.40	Coffee break
09.40 – 10.50	<p>Session 2: ACIA its potential benefits to Brunei Darussalam This session discusses the liberalization, facilitation and investor protections provisions in ACIA that would benefit Brunei Darussalam.</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Professor Dr. Julien Chaisse (Faculty of Law, Chinese University Hong Kong and World Trade Advisors)</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh (World Trade Institute and Institute for Malaysia and International Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)</i> • <i>Dennis Cai (Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre) (Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre)</i>
10.50 – 12.00	<p>Session 3: The experience of the Foreign Investors and Third-Country Business in Investing in Brunei and ASEAN</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh (World Trade Institute and Institute for Malaysia and International Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stephen So (Famous Textile Pte Ltd)</i> • <i>Rozman Junaidi (CAE Brunei MPTC)</i> • <i>Edmund Hui (Head of Business Development, Philips Lighting)</i> • <i>Karen Yap (Golden Corporation Sdn. Bhd.)</i>
Close of Program	