

**SEMINAR ON THE ASEAN COMPREHENSIVE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT
4-5 April 2016, Bangkok, Thailand**

**Venue: Centara Grand at Central Plaza Ladprao Bangkok,
Meeting room: Krungthep 2**

“ACIA as a tool to attract investments to Thailand”

Key Messages:

- (i) ACIA creates opportunities for investment in ASEAN Member States, as well as promotes, facilitates and protects investment within and into ASEAN Member States.
- (ii) Greater understanding of ACIA within the context of the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Community 2025 Blueprint and bringing in economic prosperity to ASEAN Member States including Thailand.
- (iii) Investment Promotion Agencies as frontline agencies in attracting intra-ASEAN investment and foreign direct investment require full understanding of ACIA.

Attendees: Senior officials from Thailand, mainly those with front-line responsibilities in dealing with businesses and investors and having the seniority to conduct in-house training for other officials carrying out similar duties, from the Board of Investment and sectoral ministries.

Facilitators: The Seminar will be conducted by experts on the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement. The facilitators will adopt interactive method, where there will be role play, group work, and case studies.

Time	Topic	Speakers
Day 1: 4 April 2016		
14.00-14.15	Opening Remark	Ms. Hilvy Bratakusuma, ASEAN Secretariat
14.15-15.15	ACIA in the context of International Investment Agreements ACIA is classified as a regional investment agreement, which is unique to ASEAN. This session will discuss ACIA from the context of international investment agreements and its interrelationship with international investment landscape.	Professor Dr. Julien Chaisse
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30-16.00	Question and Answer Session End of Day 1	

Day 2 :5 April 2016		
09.00-10.00	<p>ACIA: the Four Pillars and the Benefits for investors</p> <p>ACIA is built on four pillars and is an important document to be used to promote ASEAN as an important single investment destination in the face of a very competitive world in attracting FDI especially in the context of the ASEAN Community</p>	Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh
10.00-10.30	Break	
10.30-11.30	<p>ACIA's Pillar 1 and Pillar 2: Investment Promotion and Liberalisation</p> <p>This session will explain the first two pillars of ACIA, namely investment promotion and facilitation, and investment liberalization. Materials covered will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ways to promote and facilitate investment coming into respective ASEAN countries as mandated by ACIA. • The sectors covered under investment liberalization and an overview of ASEAN Member's schedules. • Reading the Schedules of Commitments of each AMS under ACIA. • The discussion on the latest protocol adopted by ASEAN Member States. 	Professor Dr. Sufian Jusoh
11.30-12.30	<p>Protection of Foreign Investments and Investors</p> <p>This session will explain the scope of application of ACIA and the standards of protection granted to foreign investors under ACIA. The approach will be using the existing body of case laws to illustrate when there is an investor or investment under ACIA.</p>	Professor Dr. Julien Chaisse
12.30 –14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-16.00 (with break in between)	<p>Dispute Settlement & Investor-State Arbitration</p> <p>This session will highlight options available under ACIA for settling investment disputes and promoting legal rights of foreign investors under the Agreement – State-to-state dispute settlement mechanism and investor-state dispute settlement mechanism. In addition, the session will also introduce the notion of conflict management in international investment law.</p>	Dr. Ioannis Konstantinidis
16.00-16.30	Question and Answer	
End of Seminar		