An OECD Regional Seminar on
“Narrowing development gaps in Southeast Asia: A policy dialogue on inclusive growth”

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The economic development of the last two decades characterised by a major realignment of the global economy towards emerging and developing countries – a phenomenon called "shifting wealth" – offers new opportunities to improve not only economic but also social outcomes. However, rapid growth in Asia is also associated with persisting vulnerability and high inequalities putting social cohesion under threat and risking long-term development prospects. This situation calls for an examination of development paradigms and the policy options for more equally shared progress. New policy solutions are needed to promote and foster social cohesion in a changing Asia.

The seminar will share the findings of the OECD Development Centre’s latest annual publications: the Southeast Asian Economic Outlook (SAEO) 2011/12, including its in-depth study on green growth, to give a macroeconomic context of the region; and the Perspectives on Global Development (PGD) 2012, to present the issue of social cohesion. The event will be an opportunity to take stock of how different societies are dealing with the development gaps and social consequences of past growth paths and the types of policies that have been put in place to help attain an inclusive growth and strengthen the level of cohesiveness in the society. A mini-workshop on the second day will allow for brainstorming on how best to measure and evaluate policies geared towards fostering social cohesion.

The seminar will gather policy makers and experts from the region for an informal dialogue on the policy challenges and best practices for an inclusive growth that promotes social cohesion.
AGENDA

■ DAY 1, 12 February 2012

9:00 – 9:30 Registration and refreshments

9:30 – 9:50 Welcome address by OECD Development Centre and Korea Development Institute
- Kiichiro Fukasaku, Head of Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre
- Oh-Seok Hyun, President, Korea Development Institute (KDI)

Opening remarks by Kyung Wook Hur, Permanent Delegation of Korea to the OECD

Session 1: Economic outlook and policy challenges in Southeast Asia
Growth for six Southeast Asian economies, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam will moderate in the near term. Global uncertainties and natural disasters shed a negative light on the growth prospects of the region but compared with sluggish OECD economies, overall Southeast Asia will have a solid growth performance through 2016. To sustain the favourable outlook, countries need to overcome considerable structural challenges. Governments will have to tackle these constraints to steer their economies towards a more balanced, inclusive and sustainable growth path. Green growth offers a viable development model for ASEAN countries in the long term, as its aim is to use natural resources wisely and unlock new sources of growth. Despite recent initiatives, much remains to be done to identify appropriate policy measures to foster green growth in the region.

Moderator: Kyung Wook Hur, Ambassador, Permanent Delegation of Korea to the OECD

9:50 – 10:30 Macroeconomic outlook and structural policy challenges in the region

Presentation of the medium-term economic trends, short-term macroeconomic challenges and structural policy reforms in Southeast Asian countries based on the main findings of the Southeast Asian Economic Outlook 2011/12

Presenters:
- Kensuke Tanaka, Project Manager & Economist, Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre
- Zairah Abdul Rashid, Executive Director, Malaysian Institute of Economic Research

Discussant:
- Satoshi Kojima, Principal Researcher and Director of Economic and Environment Group, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
- Yeongseop Rhee, Director, Advance Rulings Division, Inland Revenue Board, Malaysia
- Yuki Ito, Senior Economist, Development Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan
- Yeong Hwa Lee, Deputy Director, Employment and Labour Market Information Division, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam
- Suchat Katima, Director, Mekong Institute
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Coffee break

12:30 – 13:30 Green growth – Alternative growth strategy

Presentation of the SAEO 2011/12 special theme on green growth and the potential benefits of transitioning to low-carbon green economies based on experiences in both OECD member and selected Asian countries. The Korean experience will also be addressed in this session.

Presenters:
- Kiichiro Fukasaku, Head of Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre
- Satoshi Kojima, Principal Researcher and Director of Economic and Environment Group, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan
- Florian Alburo, Professor of Economics, University of the Philippines

Discussant:
- Eun Hae Jeong, Global Environment Division, Ministry of Environment, Korea
- Donghyun Park, Principal Economist, Economics and Research Department, Asian Development Bank

Photo session + Lunch (Venue: Lincoln Hall, 7th floor, KDI School)

Session 2: Narrowing development gaps and ensuring social cohesion in Southeast Asia
The region has experienced remarkable economic dynamism. But fast growth in some Southeast Asian countries has not always been translated into higher life satisfaction for their citizens. Growth paths in which economic and social inequalities are wide are unlikely to be sustainable. Economic and social transformations bring new demands which the governments must address. Coherent policies from fiscal to employment, social protection and education need to be designed or re-designed in a co-ordinated fashion. The latest OECD Perspectives on Global Development 2012 in fact argues that social cohesion contributes to maintaining long-term economic growth, and as such is a valuable goal in itself. Southeast Asia is also one of the most diverse in the world. Reducing income disparities within countries and at the same time between countries has long been recognised as a policy priority in the region. The next edition of the Southeast Asian Economic Outlook 2012/13 will examine policies to narrow the development gap at both regional and country levels.

14:00 – 16:00 Policies for narrowing the development gaps and inclusive growth

Introduction to the special focus of the next edition of SAEO on narrowing the development gaps and discussion on what policies and strategies at the country and regional levels are needed, including for catching-up of less developed countries in the region.

Facilitator: Kensuke Tanaka, Project Manager & Economist, Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre

Presenter:
- Woojin Lee, Professor of Economics, Korea University
- Kim Song Tan, Professor of Economics, Singapore Management University
- Rathya Kong, Deputy Director, Economic Integration & ASEAN Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia
- Phouphet Kyophilavong, Professor of Economics, National University of Laos

Discussant:
- Suchat Katima, Director, Mekong Institute
- Cheonsik Woo, Vice President, Department of Industrial and Corporate Affairs, KDI

Coffee break

16:30 – 18:30 Which policy reforms foster social cohesion (content & process)?

Presentation of the main findings of the OECD Perspectives on Global Development 2012, which examines the opportunities to foster social cohesion in fast growing countries; and short presentations from country experiences to highlight examples of more successful policies.

Facilitator: Yeongseop Rhee, Professor of Economics, Seoul National University

Presenter:
- Juan R. de Laiglesia, Economist, OECD Development Centre
- Patatma Teeravanitchaporn, Executive Director, Social Database and Indicator Development, Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), Thailand
- Ngo Xuan Lieu, Deputy Director, Employment and Labour Market Information Division, Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs, Viet Nam
- Hang-Eng Lim, Director, Advance Rulings Division, Inland Revenue Board, Malaysia
- Guangjin Chen, Deputy Director, Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Discussant:
- Donghyun Park, Principal Economist, Economics and Research Department, Asian Development Bank
Session 3: Measuring efforts to narrow development gaps and foster social cohesion: from better measures to better policies

Facilitator: Hun Joo Park, Professor of Global Governance and Political Economy, KDI School of Public Policy and Management

09:30 – 12:15 Workshop on measuring social cohesion (all participants)

This session will be a workshop devoted to discussing tools to help improve the policy framework to sustain and foster social cohesion and narrow development gaps. A proposal by the OECD Development Centre for Social Cohesion Policy Reviews will serve as a basis for discussion. This is a country-based instrument to diagnose and provide policy recommendations regarding the social cohesion impact of policies, based on the conclusions of the "OECD Perspectives on Global Development 2012: Social Cohesion in a Shifting World". The participants will be divided into 2 groups, before reconvening in an open floor discussion.

Objectives:
1. To explore how the social cohesion framework can be used to analyse and improve policies;
2. To identify measures of social cohesion and development gaps that can represent the social challenges and development objectives of countries in the region;
3. To discuss how the methodology can be improved, both in general and to make it more relevant for countries in Southeast Asia.

Presentation: Social Cohesion Policy Reviews by Juan R. de Laiglesia, Economist, OECD Development Centre

GROUP A – Policy analysis

This group will discuss how policy analysis can be carried out to improve the effect of policy on social cohesion. Participants will identify the most relevant analyses for the priority issues in their country.

GROUP B – Indicators

This group will discuss proposals for indicators to diagnose the state of social cohesion and development gaps at the country level. Participants will have the opportunity to propose others.

Open floor discussion

12:15 – 12:45 Way forward and concluding remarks

- Sang Woo Nam, Executive Secretary of the OECD-Korea Policy Centre & Dean of KDI School
- Kiichiro Fukasaku, Head of Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre

Lunch (Venue: TBD)
Welcome address by OECD Development Centre and Korea Development Institute

Kiichiro Fukasaku
Head of Regional Desks
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Kiichiro (Ki) Fukasaku is Head of Regional Desks, OECD Development Centre. His Division works on three regional economic outlooks: African Economic Outlook (AEO since 2001), Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO since 2007) and Southeast Asian Economic Outlook (SAEO since 2010). Mr. Fukasaku holds Ph.D. in Economics from University of Sussex, United Kingdom (1991). He has 15 years experience as a management staff member at the OECD Development Centre. He joined the OECD as a senior economist at the Development Centre in November 1990 and was appointed Head of Division in December 1996. Prior to joining the OECD, he was a staff economist at the GATT Secretariat (now the WTO) in Geneva (1983-1990). As a professional economist, Mr. Fukasaku has been working extensively in trade, investment and development fields. Since 2007, he has been a guest professor at Keio University, Tokyo, teaching a summer course on development economics for both home and foreign students.

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Oh-Seok Hyun is a member of the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness, Presidential Committee on Green Growth, Presidential Committee on Regional Development, Advisory Council on Presidential Committee for G-20 Summit and Prime Minister’s International Development Cooperation Committee. He also served as Chairman of the Nongovernmental Public Serving Organization Evaluation Board for the Ministry of Strategy and Finance. He has been President of the Institute for International Trade of the Korea International Trade Association. Mr. Hyun formerly served as Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economy and Special Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economy. He contributed in formulating and coordinating the national agenda, working as Secretary for Economic Affairs of the Office of the President and Director-General of the National Economic Advisory Council. He also served as Director-General of Bureau of Economic Policy and Bureau of Treasury of the Ministry of Finance and Economy. He also worked as an economist at the World Bank. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Opening remarks

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Permanent Delegation of Korea to the OECD

Kyoung Wook Hur served as Korean Vice-Minister of Strategy and Finance before being appointed as the head of the Korean Delegation to the OECD. After serving as Deputy Minister for International Affairs in the Ministry of Finance in 2007, Mr. Hur was appointed Secretary to the President for the National Agenda in 2008. Mr. Hur spent most of his 30-year career in the Ministry of Finance apart from one year at the Ministry of Planning and Budgeting as Director General in charge of economic ministries budget and 9 years in different international financial institutions. During his career at the Ministry of Finance he filled various positions from Director General of the International Bureau in 2006 to Chief of Staff in 2005. He also worked at the IMF as a Senior Economist between 2001 and 2004. Mr. Hur received his B.A. degree in Business Administration from Seoul National University and completed an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Session 1: Economic outlook and policy challenges in Southeast Asia

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Zakariah Abdul Rashid is the Executive Director of Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MER) and was formerly the deputy dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). He is professor of economics at UPM. He was the Head of Economic Department of the University before being promoted to the position of deputy dean. In addition to teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels, he is the principle investigator to many research projects. He served as consultant to many research institutes (ASEAN Secretariat, ESCAP, ADB, UNIDO, MIER, EPU, UPN Sebangor, UPN Pahang, UPN Johor and UPEN Kelantan) and governmental task force TWG Income distribution and poverty for RMI. Last year, he was invited by the Economic Advisor of the Prime Minister, Tan Sri Just Faaland, to his institute. Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Bergen, Norway to finalize SAM report. Recently, he has completed two research works for EPU on the Construction of Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) for Income Distribution and for UPEN Sebangor on the Construction of Sebangor Input-output Table, the Contribution of GLCs on the National Economy for Khasanah Nasional. He has been awarded as an Outstanding Consultant by the Universiti Putra Malaysia. His areas of Specialisation cover: Development Economics, Input-output Economics, International Economics, Technological Obsolescence and Change, Structural Change, Malaysian Industrialization, Manpower Planning, AFTA comparative advantage, Textile industry, Pharmaceutical industry, Chemical industry, Islamic Economics, Regional Economics, Social Accounting Matrix (SAM), Income Distribution.

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Florian A. Alburo is President of the Center for the Advancement of Trade Integration and Facilitation (CATIF), Professor of Economics at the University of the Philippines. He is also Fellow at the Center for Internet Studies, Institute for International Policy at the University of Washington in Seattle, and Advisor on Trade Facilitation of the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT) for UNESCAP. Mr. Alburo has over two decades professional and managerial experience on international trade and finance, investment and development policy administration as senior government policy maker, project director of programs and projects, leader of consulting teams, and independent consultant to international organizations and private sector. Previous experiences include Deputy Minister of Socio Economic Planning and Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority; Trade Specialist of the Greater-Mekong Sub-Region of Asia Development Bank; Panel Member Pacific Economic Outlook, (Pacific Economic Cooperation Council); Team Leader, Development Alternatives, Inc., United Nations Development Program; Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore) and Overseas Development Council (Washington, D.C.); and Project Specialist in Economics and Rural Development of the Ford Foundation. Mr. Alburo has over 70 papers and publications, received grants, awards including Outstanding Publication from the National Academy of Science and Technology, travel and study grants from foundations. He has Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics.

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