

## AGENDA

09.30 – 09.45 Registration and light snack

09.45 – 10.00 Welcome Remark

10.00 – 11.00 Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2019

Speaker : Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD's Development Centre

Discussant : Febrio Kacaribu, Head of Macroeconomics and Financial Sector Policy  
Research Group, LPEM FEB UI

Moderator : Vid Adrison, Head of Graduate Program on Economic and Development  
Policy (MPKP) FEB UI

11.00 – 11.30 Q & A

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### **LPEM - OECD joint seminar on Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2019**

The OECD *Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India* is a bi-annual flagship publication on regional economic growth and development in Emerging Asia. The *Outlook* is regularly presented at the occasion of the ASEAN/East Asia Summit in the fall and The *Update of Outlook* will be released in Spring. The report comprises several elements - i) macroeconomic assessment and economic outlook, ii) a special thematic chapter addressing a major issue facing the region and , iii) structural country notes offering specific recommendations for 12 Emerging Asian countries.

According to the 2019 edition of the report, economic growth in emerging Asia is expected to remain robust over the medium-term. The main challenges will be related to export performance amidst rising protectionism, opportunities and risks of Fintech, quality of ex-ante and ex-post disaster response, and efficiency in infrastructure delivery.

In terms of the thematic chapter, this year's edition looks at *smart cities*, with a special focus on transportation. Traffic congestion in Emerging Asian cities continues to impose significant economic, environmental and social costs. Addressing this issue necessitates considerable improvement in the infrastructure and transport systems. In addition, several structural policy challenges including digitalization, renewable energy, based on the previous editions of the Outlook will be addressed during the presentation.

## **Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk, OECD Development Centre, Paris, France**



Kensuke Tanaka is the Head of the Asia Desk of the OECD Development Centre (in France). He initiated and is in charge of several publications including the biannual OECD flagship publication "*Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India*", which comprises assessment of the macroeconomic situation and the regional integration process as well as an analysis of key structural policy challenges in Emerging Asia. This publication started from 2010 and is now regularly presented at the occasion of the ASEAN/East Asia Summit. He also constructed the *Medium-term Projection Framework* (MPF) in 2009 based on a DSGE model approach to serve the forecasts for the Outlook.

Then in 2012 jointly with Asian Development Bank, he started the "*Revenue statistics for Asian countries*", which provides comparable statistics of Asian countries on fiscal revenues and discusses fiscal policy changes in Asia. More recently, he published "*Road and Rail Infrastructure in Asia: Investing in Quality*" in 2018, focusing on externalities of infrastructure investment in selected Southeast Asian countries.

Between 2010-2013, he constructed the leading and composite economic indicators called *Asian Business Cycle Indicators* (ABCIs) and release the quarterly bulletin "*This Quarter in Asia*". He also led a project to create *Narrowing Development Gaps Indicators* (NDGIs) with the ASEAN Secretariat in 2012.

In addition to analytical work, he initiated the policy dialogue network called "*OECD-AMRO-ADB/ADB-ERIA Asian Regional Roundtable on Macroeconomic and Structural Policies*" which is held annually to provide an opportunity for 5 different international organisations to discuss hot issues in the region.

Before joining the OECD Development Centre, Mr. Tanaka was a Programme Manager at the OECD, Centre for Co-operation with Non-members, mainly in charge of Southeast Asian economic issues. He published "*Shaping policy reform and peer review in Southeast Asia*" in 2008. Previously, he worked at a public research institute and taught Monetary and Financial Economics in France (Sciences Po) as well as in Japan (Yokohama College of Commerce) and held lectures at various universities in Southeast Asia. He wrote articles in the fields of macroeconomic, public policy, regional integration and development in Asia.