

2nd ASEAN-Myanmar Forum

Wednesday, 28th June 2017

“Moving Forward: Partnerships for a New Myanmar”

Programme

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| Venue: Sedona Hotel Yangon Date: Wednesday, 28 th June 2017 Time: 0800 – 1430 | |
| 0800-0900 | Registration |
| 0900-0910 | Opening Remarks by Associate Professor Simon Tay , Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs |
| 0910-0920 | Welcome Remarks by U Zaw Min Win , President, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) |
| 0920-0940 | <p>Keynote: Tapping the Potential - Investment Future in ASEAN</p> <p>ASEAN economies have continued to outperform despite weak global growth and political and security uncertainties. However there is also a sense of discontent from rising income inequality, preventing countries from realizing its full potential. Going forward, it will be imperative for governments to find ways to bridge the infrastructure gaps domestically to ensure inclusive growth, as well as regionally to be connected to the ASEAN Economic Community. How will the increasingly unstable geopolitical and strategic landscape affect the economic future of ASEAN and Asia? How can countries leverage on ASEAN (ie. AEC) for continued economic growth? What can countries do to position itself as an attractive investment destination/ partner?</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: High Level Representative from SG</p> |
| 0940-1000 | Morning Tea Break |
| 1000-1115 | <p>Panel 1: Economics and Investment under a New Government</p> <p>Economic expectations were high when the NLD government took over leadership of Myanmar. Although active steps have been made to improve transparency and reform the Myanmar Investment Commission, many investors still seek clarity over the country’s economic plans and emerging government policies related to investment and finance. What are the upcoming significant economic and financial sector reforms that are likely to affect foreign investors doing business in Myanmar? What are the government’s priority sectors for economic development? What challenges do investors face in the new Myanmar?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Aung Tun Thet, Economic advisor to the Myanmar President and Chairman of the UN Global Compact Network Myanmar • U Win Aung, Chairman, Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings and CEO, Dagon International Limited • Mr. Ong Chao Choon, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Myanmar |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Yasuhisa Ojima, Country Representative, International Monetary Fund (IMF) <p>Moderator: Associate Professor Simon Tay, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs</p> |
| 1120-1235 | Lunch |
| 1245-1305 | <p>Keynote Speech: Economic Priorities for a New Myanmar</p> <p>Myanmar finds itself in a much different world from the time when it first opened its doors to foreign investment in 2012. Since the merging of the planning and finance ministry under the new government, it has continued to make large strides to reform its archaic financial system and laws. What is the government's overall economic development plan and priorities for Myanmar? How does the government plan to attract foreign investments in 2017? How does the new laws and policies affect foreign businesses operations and investment opportunities in Myanmar?</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: H.E. U Kyaw Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance and Head of Myanmar Investment Commission, Myanmar</p> |
| 1305-1420 | <p>Panel 2: Partnerships in Myanmar – Building an inclusive Myanmar with foreign investment</p> <p>Myanmar's new government presides over time of political changes and economic uncertainty. Countries around the world are also becoming increasingly protectionistic, putting up restrictions and barriers to foreign trade and investment. How open should a newly emerging Myanmar be in today's world? What are the opportunities and impacts of liberalising the country's economy further? How can foreign investors work with the government to build an inclusive and open Myanmar?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sean Turnell, Economic Advisor to the Myanmar Government • U Myint Thaug, Regional Minister for Planning and Finance, Yangon Region Government • Mr Yotaro Agari, General Manager of Planning Division for Asia and Oceania, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ • Representative from Yoma Strategic Holdings <p>Moderator: Associate Professor Simon Tay, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs</p> |
| 1420-1430 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Associate Professor, Simon Tay, Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs</p> |
| 1430 | Closing Tea Break & Networking |

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