

Parallel Activities of ASEAN-BAC 2019

Digital Infrastructure Seminar On 21 January 2019, Bangkok Thailand

The conference is designed to draw practical, do-able and sustainable solutions from public and private experts and thought leaders who will grace our panel discussions focusing on the importance and to address the need for development of efficient and effective digital infrastructure across ASEAN Member States. The panel will drill down and discuss obstacles, and barriers and challenges confronting ASEAN countries in capacitating and empowering its enormous human capital in order to become more digital literate and what solutions can be offered to those who are lagging behind that would also narrow the development gap among ASEAN Member States.

The questions are: What are the key elements and qualities that constitute effective digital infrastructure and why are they so critical? How can ASEAN countries collaborate better together to build up digital connectivity and ecosystem? What are the main obstacles that hinder progress towards “hard and soft” digital connectivity and what realistic recommendations can we bring forward? How do we make our ASEAN MSMEs 4IR ready?

Objectives

- To bring together policy makers and participants from government and business sectors from ASEAN and beyond to share their knowledge, wisdom of current digital infrastructure in Thailand and other ASEAN countries.
- To identify obstacles, challenges, and opportunities for the digital era in ASEAN region and explore how to address gaps based on best practices and success stories in supporting MSMEs.
- To introduce and suggest business leaders to be able to take full advantage of new technologies in developing digital economies in ASEAN Member States.
- To suggest how private business sectors can best help address the importance of digital technology and information accessibility, affordability and security.

