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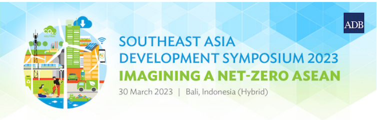

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DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM 2023
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Southeast Asia, being one of the regions most impacted by the climate crisis, needs to prioritize decarbonization. Join the Asian Development Bank's Southeast Asia Development Symposium 2023, "Imagining a Net-Zero ASEAN," on 30 March to learn about innovative technologies and solutions, financing mechanisms, and policies that can help the region decarbonize.

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With SEADS 2023 focused on advancing the region's net-zero goals, we are highlighting our net-zero coverage in this issue of the newsletter. Here are our top stories.

Asia's Green Transition Will Require More Climate Finance

While sustainable finance is key in facilitating the implementation of innovative solutions to tackle climate change, philanthropic organizations are taking an increasingly structured approach in helping address climate risks by working more collaboratively with relevant stakeholders in developing solutions.

This article is published in collaboration with Google and Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN).

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What Is Waqf and How Can It Help Finance Indonesia’s Clean Energy Transition?

With annual cash waqf donations estimated at around $12 billion and total land waqf assets at $134 billion, authorities are now considering using these Islamic endowments to fight climate change.

This article is published in collaboration with the Climateworks Centre.

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Green Technology as Driving Force for Agriculture in Viet Nam

Thanks to an EU-backed project that promotes clean fuel from agricultural wastes, small business owners see improvement in their earnings and end product, while contributing to reducing pollution.

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How Do We Get Emerging Economies to Invest More in Large-Scale Nature-Based Solutions?

Nature-based solutions, aiming to protect ecosystems such as forests, agricultural land, peatlands, mangroves and oceans while addressing societal and economic challenges, are widely accepted as the way forward in addressing the impacts of climate change.

This article is published in collaboration with Arup.

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How Indonesia Can Put 55 Million e-Motorcycles on the Road by 2030

Indonesia currently has more than 120 million motorcycles on the road and only a few e-motorcycles in use. However, replacing fossil-fueled with electric-powered motorcycles on the road will not be an easy task. An ADB study favors limiting the use of gasoline motorcycles for specific zones over subsidizing electric-powered units.

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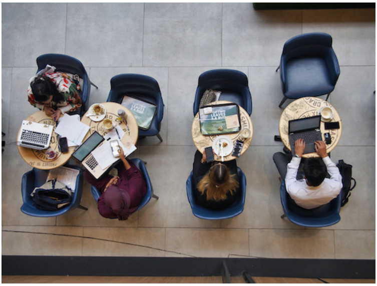
Other Stories



Southeast Asia’s Tech Industry Goes from a Gallop to a Canter

With investments in ASEAN startups showing signs of weakness, policies are needed to support innovation ecosystems, both in individual member states and on a regional level.

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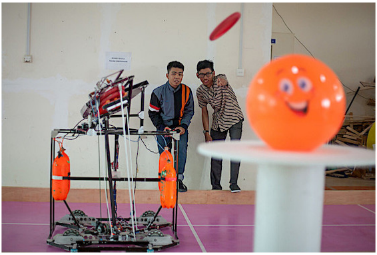

Understanding Data and AI Regulations in Southeast Asia

While Southeast Asia should leverage on data and artificial intelligence, governments should set up safeguards to ensure these technologies promote human dignity.

This article is published in collaboration with the Tech for Good Institute.

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BKCF Grants Fund Now Open for Third Round of Project Proposals

The BIMP-EAGA–Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund (BKCF) is again open for proposals for grant financing. Priority projects include renewable energy, green enterprises, sustainable tourism, low-carbon transport, and high-quality agro-fisheries production. Projects may receive between $50,000 and $300,000. Deadline for applications is on 22 March.

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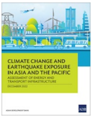
Publications

Climate Change and Earthquake Exposure in Asia and the Pacific: Assessment of Energy and Transport Infrastructure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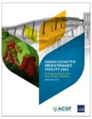
This report from ADB analyzes the exposure of energy and transport assets to climate change and earthquake hazards, and highlights how multi-hazard assessment can help strengthen the resilience of crucial infrastructure. Download.

ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility 2022: Building Southeast Asia's Green Project Pipelines



This report from ADB details the progress made by the ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility in accelerating the development of green infrastructure in the region by creating a pipeline of bankable projects and catalyzing capital from different sources. Download.

Regional Report on Women in Tourism in Asia and the Pacific

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This report from the United Nations World Tourism Organization examines the participation of women in tourism and assesses the sector's contribution to advancing gender equality and empowering women and girls. Download.

Reframing of Global Strategies and Regional Cooperation Pathways for an Inclusive Net-Zero Strategy in the Energy Transition Framework

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Policy Brief

This brief from ERIA assesses energy transition challenges for ASEAN and the Gulf Cooperation Council, and proposes new policy pathways toward an inclusive global net-zero economy. Download.

Igniting SDG Progress Through Digital Financial Inclusion

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DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION

This report provides evidence-based examples of the benefits of digital financial services for the 13 relevant Sustainable Development Goals. It features examples from across the globe, including from Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore. Download.

Events

Singapore–Japan Fast Track Pitch Event

19 March • Singapore

With ASEAN's rising prominence as a source of innovation, it has become crucial for Japanese companies to collaborate with startups from the region so that they can incorporate innovations and become more competitive in the growing Southeast Asian market.

The Singapore–Japan Fast Track Pitch Event offers startups the opportunity to pitch their ideas to eight companies in Japan and ASEAN. Under the scheme, startups will have the chance to receive support not only from the Japan External Trade Organization, but also from government agencies in ASEAN, and access resources not only from major Japanese companies, but also from global companies in ASEAN.

Deadline for proposals is on 19 March.

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ADB Southeast Asia Development Symposium 2023: Imagining a Net-Zero ASEAN

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Eight out of 10 ASEAN member states at the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow have committed to net-zero targets by 2050. ADB's Southeast Asia Development Symposium (SEADS) 2023, "Imagining a Net-Zero ASEAN," will bring together thought leaders and decision makers from government, industry, academia, and the development sector to discuss innovative solutions that can help countries focus on becoming net-zero economies and rebound from the COVID-19 crisis.

For questions on registration, how to attend in-person or virtual sessions, access to recordings, and more, read the SEADS 2023 FAQs.

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Navigating toward
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through Clean Energy Solutions
13–16 JUNE 2023

Asia Clean Energy Forum 2023: Navigating toward a Carbon-Neutral Future through Clean Energy Solutions

13–16 June • Manila (In-person)

The Asian Development Bank cordially invites clean energy practitioners to participate in the 18th Asia Clean Energy Forum (ACEF) taking place in Manila on 13–16 June 2023. This forum is co-organized with the United States Agency for International Development and the Korea Energy Agency.

ACEF is a forum for clean energy practitioners to come together and share insights into possible actions using clean energy solutions, for a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

Individuals who are interested in speaking at the forum are encouraged to submit their abstracts through the ACEF 2023 Call for Abstracts.

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PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart 2023

21–23 June • Sarawak, Malaysia

The PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart, to be held in Kuching in Sarawak, Malaysia, will showcase the host city as a top destination for sustainability and adventure travel destination. The forum, themed "Responsible Tourism, Gastronomy Tourism and Ecotourism," aims to help secondary and tertiary areas grow and develop into widely recognized, bucket-listed tourism destinations.

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