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Digitize to Decarbonize

Riding the waves of innovations through frontier technologies, such as the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, and blockchain, can help countries leapfrog Paris pathways.

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\$3 Million in Seed Funding at Stake in Search for Innovative Solutions to Fight Climate Change

Grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000 will be made available to eligible NGOs in 11 markets in Asia Pacific: Australia; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Japan; New Zealand; Singapore; Republic of Korea; Taipei, China; Thailand; and Viet Nam. Deadline for applications ends 31 January 2023.

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Safer Trains: Expanding Communication Platforms to Report Gender-Based Violence in Transport Services in the Philippines

Grievance redress mechanisms are essential for quick response to stakeholder feedback—and to make public transport equitable and safer.

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Intellectual property and other intangible assets needed to help Southeast Asia meet net zero goals.

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Why We Need Whole Life Carbon Data to Scale Net Zero Buildings

Given that buildings and the wider built environment contribute more than a third of the total greenhouse gas emissions emitted continuously into the Earth's atmosphere, action is urgently needed to decarbonize the property sector.

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Redefining Business As Usual: Exploring the Future of MSMEs in Indonesia through Strategic Foresight



With more than 64 million enterprises, Indonesia's micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises sector is often considered the backbone of the economy and a driver of future economic growth. To predict the sector's future, stakeholders apply strategic foresight to help policymakers gain insights on how to help MSMEs grow.

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Students' App Ideas Showcased at TCS goIT Digital Innovation Fair 2022



A mobile app that enables citizens to call for emergency assistance during calamities bags top prize.

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Publications

Leveraging Benefits of Regional Economic Integration: The Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Greater Mekong Subregion



This report shows the Lao PDR can leverage its regional position to boost trade, increase agriculture, and harness the power of its cities to promote inclusive and equitable growth. Download.

Joint BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Tourism Recovery Communications Plan and Toolkit 2022–2024



This publication, which provides a tourism recovery communications plan and toolkit, was jointly prepared by BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT. Download.

Technology and Disability: Trends and Opportunities in the Digital Economy in ASEAN



This report examines the role of digital technology in fostering the inclusion and economic empowerment of people with disabilities in Southeast Asia. Download.

Events



PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart 2023

21–23 June 2023 • 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.

Register

In Case You Missed It



Changing Workforce in the Post-COVID-19 World

While employment rates in Southeast Asia have improved as economic activities picked up in the first half of 2022, jobs are threatened by global headwinds and other supply chain issues due to mobility restrictions to contain a resurgence in COVID-19 cases. This webinar from the Asian Development Bank examined the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the emerging trends in the region's labor markets, particularly for women and the youth, and what needs to be done to ensure a resilient and inclusive workforce in a post-COVID-19 world.

