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EU-ABC EVENTS

EU-ABC Mission Trip to Thailand



Above: EU-ABC Delegation at Office of the Prime Minister, Government House

The EU-ASEAN Business Council organised an fruitful Mission Trip to Thailand on 17 - 19 February, which saw the delegation have meetings with the following government bodies and organisations to brainstorm on issues and recommendations over numerous sectors:

- Prime Minister, H.E. Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha
- Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MOAC)
- Bank of Thailand
- **Customs Department**
- Ministry of Energy
 Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI)
 Ministry of Transport (MOT)
- Ministry of Finance
- Board of Investment (BOI)

The delegation consisted of over 50 participants from over 30 European Companies. Highlight of the trip, was without a doubt, the meeting with Prime Minister, H.E. Gen. Prayut Chan-o-cha, which served as a platform for the delegation to have open discussion about the prospects of an EU-Thailand FTA.









Several press articles on EU-ABC's delegation meeting with Prime Minister Prayut were released:

http://thailandtip.info/2020/02/19/die-regierung-moechte-mehr-investitionen-von-europaeischen-investoren/

https://www.hooninside.com/news-feed/148477/view/

http://www.newswit.com/gen/2020-02-20/4b80a71061d94d2bbe3bf1c51ea9cbe7/

 $\underline{\text{http://share.fengshows.com/article.html?id=ff8138dd-908e-449f-aeeb-c9aa0aafafc2\&channelID=r06\&time=1582089544.566769}$

For more information on the meeting with Prime Minister Prayut, click here

ASEAN Safe Nutritious Food PPP Initiative Workshop



The EU-ABC is proud to co-organise and participate in the ASEAN Safe Nutritious Workshop, together with US-ASEAN Business Council and CropLife Asia. The Workshop was held in Jakarta this year, being the third in a series and the best one yet. Excellent panels of speakers with great interaction from the audience covering areas on access to safe and nutritious food, from farm to fork, saw everyone walking away with insights and better understanding on the subject. The EU-ABC is already looking forward to the next lineup in the series.









Click <u>here</u> for more information of the workshop.

Seminar Series: Transforming ASEAN To Leverage on Sustainable FTAs







The EU-ABC started off the week amidst scenic views of the padang and CBD skyline, with an engaging roundtable discussion on Sustainable FTAs. Guests got to hear from and have an active discussion on on the subject matter with a distinguished panelist of speakers comprising *Christian Ewert*, *President of amfori*, *Dr Deborah Elms*, *Executive Director of Asian Trade Centre and Dr Tran Thu Quynh*, *Trade Counsellor from the Vietnam Embassy in Singapore*.





EU-ABC UPCOMING EVENTS



7th Annual General Meeting & Gala Dinner Date: 3 June, Wednesday Venue: To be confirmed Guest-of-Honour: H.E. Chan Chun Sing Singapore's Minister-in-charge of Trade & Industry

Programme 4.00pm - Annual General Meeting (Members) 6.00pm - Cocktail Reception 7.00pm - Gala Dinner 9.00pm - End

Save the Date, Details to follow. For more information, email us.



Myanmar Mission Trip Date: 8-9 June 2020

<u>Fees</u>
Full Members: Free-of-Charge*
Associate Members: SG\$1,250
Non-Member Companies^: SG\$2,500

*EU-ABC Full Members can attend up to 3 mission trips per year for free.
^European companies that would ordinarily qualify for EU-ABC membership.

Please indicate your interest at info@euasean.eu

Webinar: Sustainable Health is Sustainable Wealth: The Time for **ASEAN To Act on Smart Financing is** Now

Date: 9 March 2020

More details to follow.



For more information, refer here

NEW EU-ABC MEMBERS



The **World Gold Council** is the market development organisation for the gold industry. Our purpose is to stimulate and sustain demand for gold, provide industry leadership, and be the global authority on the gold market.

We develop gold-backed solutions, services and products, based on authoritative market insight and we work with a range of partners to put our ideas into action. As a result, we create structural shifts in demand for gold across key market sectors. We provide insights into the international gold markets, helping people to understand the wealth preservation qualities of gold and its role in meeting the social and environmental needs of society.

The membership of the World Gold Council includes the world's leading and most forward thinking gold mining companies.

PARTNER EVENTS



In his second term, President Widodo and his team are set to prioritise a fleet of policy areas, from economic and infrastructure development to education and investment reforms, all amidst plans to move Indonesia's capital from Jakarta to East Kalimantan.

Extreme rainstorms and flooding in Jakarta are part of the reason for the capital move to the island of Borneo. Can Indonesia afford to clear more forests to make way for a new city? And in doing so how can the country strike a balance between environmental concerns and economic growth?

Join key policymakers, academics and business leaders at Indonesia Summit 2020 on April 16th in Jakarta, as we hear from the government about its policies for sustainable growth and plans to support the private sector.

For more information, please contact asiaevents@economist.com or call +65 6428 2603.



Date: 21 April 2020

Venue: Grand Hyatt Jakarta

For 9 years, the AVCJ Indonesia Forum has been THE meeting place for the leaders of the alternative investments industry in the region. From private equity funds, institutional investors to leading corporations and startups, the AVCJ Forum is where the ecosystem gathers once a year to exchange ideas, catch up with friends and meet future business partners.

Join over 280 attendees in Jakarta when investment leaders from across Asia meet for a day of cutting-edge industry debate on domestic, regional and global issues.

EU-ASEAN Business Council members can enjoy a **20% DISCOUNT** off the standard rate after 21st February, to attend the Forum.

To register, book online by clicking here, email book@avcj.com or call +852 2158 9636 and quote the discount code **EUABC INDO20**.





May 14, 2020 | Bangkok

The meeting place for risk professionals and finance practitioners

The Risk ASEAN conference brings together senior professionals from major regional and global financial institutions and regulators to analyse the impact of regulatory reforms and investigate the latest investment strategies adopted by banks and institutional investors across the ASEAN region.

Topics include how to mitigate investment risks in a volatile market and enhancing risk management strategies across credit, market, liquidity, and regulatory risks.

FREE complimentary passes for the conference are available for banks and buy-side professionals working in the following areas:

- Risk management
- Compliance
- Trading
- Treasury
- · Portfolio management
- · Quantitative finance

Workshops on Regtech, Ibor and FRTB are also open for registration. EU-ASEAN Business Council members can enjoy a **15% discount**. To register, click <u>here</u> and use promo code **EUASEAN2015**.

Software and technology vendors, rating agencies, exchanges, law firms, consultants, and sales/business development representatives are charged a fee to attend.

For more information on registration, please contact Louise Lim on louise.lim@infopro-digital.com or by phone +852 3411 4840.













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