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Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa , Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### PROGRAMME

<b>DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017</b>	
3.00 – 6.00pm	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
7.30 – 8.00 pm	<b>Arrival of Participant &amp; Guests</b>
8.00 – 8.10 pm	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Tan Sri Dato Sri Sulaiman Mahbob, <i>President of MEA</i>
8.10 – 8.20 pm	<b>Introduction</b> Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah , Chairman of Sunway Group
8.20 – 8.30 pm	<b>Official Opening</b> Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Former Governor, Bank Negara Malaysia
8.30 – 10.00 pm	<b>Cultural Show &amp; Welcome Dinner</b>
<b>DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY, 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017</b>	
8.00 – 9.00am	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
9.00 – 9.30am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Dr. Victoria Kwakwa, <i>Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank</i>
9.30 – 11.00am	<p><b>Plenary Session 1: ASEAN Integration: Technological Upgrading for Sustainable Development</b></p> <p>With the exception of Singapore, the remaining ASEAN economies are entrenched among middle and low income country groups. There is consensus that these countries will have to focus on innovation and technology to raise the pace of economic development and structural change. In the quest to achieve transformation from low to high value added activities, there is consensus that long term growth would not only have to be inclusive, but will also require negotiating the global common sustainably to prevent environmental and health catastrophes. This panel session will discuss the critical issues relevant towards stimulating technological upgrading among the ASEAN economies.</p> <p>Speaker 1: Norman Loayza, <i>Lead Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank</i></p> <p>Speaker 2: Prof. Rajah Rasiah, <i>Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Dato' Heng Huck Lee , Chief Executive Officer, Globetronics Technology Berhad</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>

11.00 – 11.30am	Coffee Break
11.30 – 1.00pm	<p><b>Plenary Session 2: ASEAN Integration: Dynamic and Integrated Labour Market</b></p> <p>ASEAN integration has evolved for several decades. While changes in legal and market institutions have stimulated flows of labour across borders in ASEAN, government restrictions, asymmetries between economic agents and imperfections have also impeded the development of dynamic labour markets. On the other hand, the lack of effective labour market policies has undermined the capacity of businesses to upgrade to higher value added activities. In addition the lack of effective labour market policies has undermined the motivation for labour to upgrade their capabilities. In a number of cases labour is exposed to dehumanizing practices and subjected to poor material conditions. This panel session will look to deliberate on how dynamic labour markets that are aligned to international best practices can be promoted to serve the needs of both businesses and labour.</p> <p>Speaker 1: Tan Sri Professor Kamal Salih, <i>Adjunct Professor, Department of Development Studies, University of Malaya</i>  Speaker 2: Prof Rene Ofreneo (Philippines), <i>Professor Emeritus, University of Philippines, Diliman</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Professor Suresh Narayanan, <i>School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia</i></p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>
1.00 – 2.30pm	<p><b>Luncheon Address</b>  Sudhir Shetty, <i>Chief Economist, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank</i></p>
2.30 – 4.30pm	<p><b>Parallel Sessions: Cluster papers by topics</b></p> <p>Breakout 1 – 4 paper presenters  Chairperson :_Dr. Nipon Poapongsakorn – Economic Society of Thailand  Breakout 2 – 4 paper presenters  Chairperson – Mr Tran Duc Minh - Vietnam Economic Association  Breakout 3 – 4 paper presenters  Chairperson: Prof Rajah Rasiah  Breakout 4 –4 paper presenters  Chairperson – Dr Walter Theseira – Economic Society Singapore</p>
4.30 – 5.00pm	Tea Break
5.00 – 6.00pm	Council Meeting chaired by Tan Sri Dato Sri Sulaiman
	Free & Easy

**DAY 3 - THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

9.00 -10.30am	<p><b>Plenary Session 3: ASEAN Integration: Galvanizing Trade through Effective Trading Agreements</b></p> <p>ASEAN is recognized globally as a model of trade liberalization, which was the key reason for all the pioneering nations and Brunei to be accepted as members by the World Trade Organization in 1995. This glowing distinction is largely based on the easing of tariffs. There are concerns over the use of non-tariff barriers and more recently on the use of domestic regulations which continue to restrict trade flows among members, between members and the world at large. Key ASEAN policymakers have shown their resolve to further the processes of liberalisation to galvanize trade further. Hence, this panel will review global and regional trading agreements to elucidate ways for stimulating trade further.</p> <p>Speaker 1: Datuk Supperamaniam Manickam - Distinguished Fellow of ISIS , Former Ambassador of Malaysia to the World Trade Organisation. Speaker 2: Dr Ponciano Sabado Intal, Jr, Senior Researcher, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta, Indonesia.</p> <p>Chairperson: Professor Dato' Dr. Mohamad Ariff, Professor of Economics and Governance, International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF)</p> <p>Q &amp; A</p>
10.30 - 11.00am	Coffee Break
11.00 - 1.00pm	<p>Parallel Sessions: Cluster by topics :</p> <p>Breakout 5 – 4 paper presenters Chairperson: Dr. Majah-Leah V. Ravago – Philippine Economic Society Breakout 6 – 4 paper presenters Chairperson – Datuk Dr. R Thillainathan Breakout 7 – 4 paper presenters Chairperson: Dr Abdul Mongid - Indonesia Economic Association Breakout 8 – 4 paper presenters Chairperson – Mr Sophal Chan – Cambodia Economic Association</p>
1.00 – 2.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm	Tour
8.00 – 10.00pm	<p><b>Dinner Speech</b> <b>ASEAN @ 50 – An Investment Practitioner's Perspective</b> Tan Sri Dato' Azman Mokhtar Managing Director of Khazanah Nasional Berhad</p>

<b>DAY 4 - FRIDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017</b>	
9.00 – 9.10 am	<b>Welcoming Remark</b> Deepak Mishra, <i>Practice Manager, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice, World Bank</i>
9.10 – 9.40 am	<b>Presentation of the Malaysian Economic Monitor June 2017 Edition: Data for Development</b> Presenter 1: Richard Record, <i>Country Economist for Malaysia, World Bank</i> Presenter 2: Kenneth Simler, <i>Senior Poverty Economist, World Bank</i>
9.40 – 10.50 am	<b>Panel Session 1: Lessons on Digital Transformation I</b> Speaker 1: Ajay Pandey, <i>Minister/Chief Executive, Unique Identification Authority of India, Government of India, “From zero to billion – how the digital id system is transforming India”</i> Speaker 2: Honorable Toomas Ilves, <i>Former President of Estonia, “From the Backwaters of the USSR to the Global Frontiers – The story of E-stonia” (TBC)</i> Moderator: The Edge/BFM (TBC)
10.50 – 11.05 am	Coffee Break
11.05 – 12.30 am	<b>Panel Session 2: Lessons on Digital Transformation II</b> Speaker 1: Kai Kaiser, <i>World Bank Senior Economist, “Pioneering approaches to data-driven Development”</i> Speaker 2: Maria Ressa, <i>Founder of Rappler, “Data revolution, transparency and citizen Journalism” (TBC)</i> Speaker 3: Amri Shan, <i>Head of Government Affairs, Grab: “Easing Urban Congestion” with Big Data (TBC)</i> Speaker 4: Khailee Ng, <i>Managing Partner, 500 Startups, “Digital entrepreneurship and public policy” (TBC)</i> Moderator: Noelle Lim, <i>Executive Director, BFM Edge Education</i>
12.30 – 2.30 pm	<b>Luncheon Address</b> Dato Yasmin Mahmood, <i>CEO of Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)</i>
2.30 – 4:00 pm	<b>Panel Session 3: The Future of ASEAN in an Era of Protectionism</b> Speaker 1: Ali Salman, <i>Director of Research, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs</i> Speaker 2: Sudhir Shetty, <i>Chief Economist East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank</i> Speaker 3: Tan Sri Datuk Dr Rebecca Sta Maria, <i>Senior Policy Fellow, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, and former Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia</i> Speaker 4: John Panzer, <i>Director, Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment Global Practice, World Bank</i> Moderator: Dato’ Latifah Merican Cheong, <i>Deputy President, the Malaysian Economic Association</i>
4.00 – 4.15pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Faris Hadad-Zervos, <i>Country Manager for Malaysia, World Bank</i>
4.15 – 4:45pm	Light refreshments