

1st seminar

- Nov. 29 (Tue) - Dec. 1 (Thu), 2016

- The 1st Seminar on Promoting services trade in ASEAN was held on Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2016 at ASEAN-Japan Hall. 40 officials from 10 ASEAN Member States, 4 business persons from 2 Japanese private sectors and 2 experts from international organization participated in the 1st seminar to discuss possible policy recommendations for promoting Professional services and R&D services in trade.

- Annex 1. List of delegates

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- Annex 2. Agenda

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- Annex 3. Program

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- The Meeting opened with remarks addressed by Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary General of AJC with key note presentation. Following the Secretary General, Professor Hikari Ishido delivered with a presentation along with the two discussion papers prepared for the meeting. Government officials reported the current situation of two services sectors in 10 ASEAN Member States through their presentations. *(Please see each country's presentation as below.)

* Each country's Presentation :

Brunei Darussalam

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Cambodia

<http://www.asean.or.jp/ja/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/2.-Cambodia-Professional-Service-and-RD-by-POTRY.pdf>

Indonesia

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Lao P.D.R.

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Malaysia

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Myanmar

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The Philippines

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Singapore

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Thailand Part1

<http://www.asean.or.jp/ja/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Thailand-Liberation-of-tourism-travel-related-TT.pdf>

Thailand Part2

<http://www.asean.or.jp/ja/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Thailand-DITP-24-Nov-16.pdf>

Vietnam

http://www.asean.or.jp/ja/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/10_VIETNAM-Presentation-Promoting-Services-Trade-NOV.2016.pdf

- Ms. Mina MASHAYEKHI, Head, Trade Negotiations and Commercial Diplomacy Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD reported world's current state of services negotiation in the Professional and R&D services via video.
- On the second day, government officials identified the latest issues and difficulties for both services sectors and shared their views on 83 policy suggestions as well as those mentioned in the two papers at the meeting with the particular attention to the following two points in formulating policies; 1) Promoting professional services trade / R&D services trade, and 2) Maximizing benefits from, and minimizing negative effects associated with, promoting professional/ R&D services trade respectively.
- On the third day, a field trip to Research and Development (R&D) Center of Nippon Koei Co., Ltd. was arranged by AJC.

