

**NDG LECTURE SERIES NO.3:
DEFINING THE GAP,
ZOOMING IN ON THE HEALTH SECTOR**
1-3 pm, 17 May 2013
The ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta

Background

Narrowing the development gap (NDG) within ASEAN deserves more attention to realise the ASEAN Community by 2015. The assistance to CLMV (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, VietNam) countries, for instance, needs to be stepped up to enable them to effectively participate in building the ASEAN Community and fully benefit from it.

In response to this need, ASEAN launched the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) to help the newer members develop more rapidly and thus narrow the development gap. For newer members to fully participate in and gain from regional integration, some level of assistance is required in equipping them with the capability to fulfill their commitments to carry out the measures agreed upon in building the ASEAN Community, the same commitments shared by the older members.

This Lecture will present the findings from the latest joint publication by ASEAN and AusAID titled "Narrowing the Development Gap in ASEAN: Drivers and Policy Options", particularly on defining the gap based on the quality of life outcomes in income, education and health, and will look closer at the development gaps and policies in the Health sector as a case study.

Provisional Programme

- **OPENING REMARKS**

Mr Rony Soerakoesoemah

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The prospect for ASEAN to narrow the development gap is highlighted by how it will be able to contend with the challenges of improving the inequalities in income, health and education of the Member States. The newly launched book "Narrowing the Development Gap Book in ASEAN: Drivers and Policy Options" provides suggestions on how to measure and address various development gaps in ASEAN, particularly between CLMV and ASEAN-6.

- **PRESENTATION: UNDERSTANDING THE ASEAN DEVELOPMENT GAP**

PROF. Mark McGillivray

Professor, Alfred Deakin Research Institute, Deakin University, Australia
Co-editor, Narrowing the Development Gap in ASEAN: Drivers and Policy Options

While the book is rich in policy analysis and recommendations, the presentation of Prof. Mark McGillivray will put a spotlight on the most fundamental of questions: What is the ASEAN Development Gap? The book defines the development gap based on the quality of life outcomes that the drivers of the gap generate. These life outcomes are measured based on the three universally accepted key areas of development achievements: income, education and health.

- **PRESENTATION: THE STATE OF HEALTH SECTOR IN CLMV AND RELATED EFFORTS TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENT GAPS IN HEALTH**

Dr Khanchit Limpakarnjanarat

World Health Organisation (WHO) Representative to Indonesia

Providing a perspective of how the development gaps look like and are addressed on the ground, Dr Khanchit will discuss perspectives and experience on the state of the health sector in ASEAN and particularly in the Mekong region.

- **PANEL DISCUSSANT**

Dr Ferdinal Fernando, MD, MDM

Assistant Director/Head, Health and Communicable Diseases Division (HCDD)

The ASEAN Secretariat

Dr Fernando will provide a response to the presentations and information on ASEAN's efforts at the regional- and country-levels to understand, measure, and devise policies and programmes to address development gaps in health.

OPEN SESSION: Q&A