

STUDY ON EU – INDONESIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS



Understanding that there are numerous rooms of economic relations between Indonesia and the European Union (EU), it is crucial to have a comprehensive report that could demonstrate the progress of economic relations between both parties. To this end, EuroCham Indonesia and the EU Delegation in Jakarta will commission a study on EU – Indonesia Economic Relations.

The study will research the accomplishment, relevance, impact, and sustainability of the economic relations between Indonesia and the EU, looking back within the last 10 years. This research can be used as an academic basis to strengthen economic relations between Indonesia and the EU in the future, and as supporting documents to the ongoing CEPA negotiations.

As part of the study, a survey will be distributed conducted to all European companies--collecting data, perception, and measuring the European business contribution to Indonesia economy. The data collected from the survey will be treated with highest confidentiality and used in aggregate manner for the research purpose only.

EUROCHAM NEWS



EuroCham Indonesia elected in the EU–ASEAN Business Council Board

The EU–ASEAN Business Council (EU–ABC) recently held its 4th Annual General Meeting and election on 27 June 2017 in Singapore. Mr. Theodoor Bakker, EuroCham Indonesia Executive Board Member, was re-elected as Vice Chairman and will represent EuroCham Indonesia on the EU–ABC Executive Board.

During the Annual General Meeting, Singapore Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, delivered his remarks and shared that the ASEAN region will continue to reap the demographic dividend, and expects ASEAN economic growth in the next few decades to come.

The EU–ABC itself is an organization representing large European multinational companies and European Chambers of Commerce in nine ASEAN countries, including EuroCham Indonesia. The organization is the primary voice for European Business within the ASEAN region, formally recognised by the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The new EU–ABC Board Members are as follows:

- Chairman: Donald Kanak
- Vice Chairman: Martin Hayes (Bosch), Theodoor Bakker (Eurocham Indonesia)
- Treasurer: Carsten Hess (DHL)
- Secretary: Guy Apovy (Eurocham Laos)

FROM THE WORKING GROUPS



Advocacy on Water Resources Draft Bill

As a continuing advocacy efforts regarding Water Resources Draft Bill, Agriculture Food and Beverage Working Group met with the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs (CMEA). Organized on 21 June 2017, the meeting was aimed to to discuss the draft bill and elaborate insights from the CMEA on the issue.

During this meeting, the CMEA was represented by Mr. Wahyu Utomo currently serving as Deputy Minister for Infrastructure Acceleration and Regional Developmen. He was accompanied by Mr. Mohammad Zainal Fatah (Deputy Assistant for Water Resources Infrastructure). The Working Group, represented by Mr. Dendy Borman (Deputy Head) and representatives from Danone Indonesia, Nestle, and PAM Lyonnaise Jaya/PALYJA attended the meeting.



Meeting with Vice ESDM Minister

Following the response letter towards Regulation No. 10 of 2012 on Power Purchase Agreement; and No. 12 of 2012 on Renewable Energy, the Energy Working Group was invited for public consultation with Mr. Archandra Thahar (Vice Minister of ESDM).

Conducted on 21 June 2017, the public consultation also invited international chambers, donors agencies, and some embassies representatives. Eurocham was well represented

by Mr. Thomas Wagner, Mr. Bjorn Hendrich, Mr. Christophe Comte, and Mr. Dolreich.

Many issues and concerns were conveyed during the three-hour discussion. Vice Minister Archandra responded immediately on several issues, however he stated that some concerns need further study and coordination. As a follow up, the Vice Minister promised to call for another meeting in July.