

### **AVI Monthly Newsletter**

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## Think Tank 2022 Public Lecture Series



Think Tank 2022 Public Lecture Series: Buddhist Philosophy and Scientific Thinking

Link: https://fb.watch/khutvnnKJI/.

# **AVI Shared Views on RCEP and ASEAN Economic Community**



Dr Sok Siphana, Chairman of AVI, shared his view on RCEP and ASEAN Economic Community. He said that RCEP was a gamechanging factor. The rules of origin are key to intra-regional trade. He also shared his view on SEA Games and people-to-people ties. Dr Chhem Kieth Rethy, Vice Chairman of AVI, moderated the roundtable discussion. Dr Rethy concluded the roundtable with a statement on Kun Bokator and cultural exchanges among ASEAN member countries.

AVI Commentary on Cambodia's Economic Diplomacy Strategy

## **2021–2023: A Positive Deliberation for 2050**



Cambodia's Economic Diplomacy Strategy 2021–2023 is a road map for Cambodian diplomats and officials to prioritise economic benefits to support the country's ambition to achieve its income goals in 2030 and 2050.

#### Read more:

https://www.asianvision.org/archives/public ations/avi-commentary-issue-2023-no-11cambodias-economic-diplomacy-strategy-2021-2023-a-positive-deliberation-for-2050

### Think Tank 2022 Public Lecture Series



Think Tank 2022 Public Lecture Series: World Peace: Would World Government Be More Effective than Global Governance?

Link: <a href="https://youtu.be/e15ZX661SEw">https://youtu.be/e15ZX661SEw</a>

AVI Shared Views on ASEAN-Japan Cooperation



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, ASEAN-Japan view on cooperation at a seminar co-organised by CSIS Indonesia and ERIA in Jakarta. He said that ASEAN and Japan faced common challenges deriving from intensifying geopolitical global rivalries, economic fragmentation, and the geopolitics of supply chains. He suggested that ASEAN and Japan work closely to promote an open, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral system.

#### Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4P6\_I KM80M

AVI Shared Views on Building a High-Level FTA with a Focus on RCEP



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, shared his view on building a high-level free trade agreement focusing on RCEP at the 2023 RCEP Media & Think Tank Forum in Hainan, China. He said establishing the RCEP Secretariat was urgently needed to optimise the benefits of this mega trade arrangement. Cambodia proposed hosting the secretariat last year and stands ready to meaningfully contribute to regional trade liberalisation and facilitation.

AVI Signed MoU with the Chamber of Crafts Erfurt



The Asian Vision Institute (AVI) and the Chamber of Crafts Erfurt (CCE), a self-governing organisation based in Erfurt, Germany, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on "Cooperation in Promotion of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)" on 16 May 2023.

AVI Participated in the Workshop on Enhancing Support Mechanism for ASEAN Women Peacekeeper



From 22–24 May 2023, Mr. Thong Mengdavid, a Research Supervisor at AVI, participated in the Workshop on Enhancing Support Mechanism for ASEAN Women Peacekeeper (CP2) and the Reflection of Military History for Sustainable Peace (DP2) at Paradise Hotel in Siem Reap.

#### **AVI-SDGs Dialogue**



#### Link:

https://fb.watch/kRnaDCnBRt/?mibextid=R UbZ1f

AVI Sponsored a Symposium on the Impacts of RCEP: Legal Commercial and Practical

### <u>Implications for Cambodian</u> Businesses



At the symposium held on 24 May 2023 at the Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra Hotel, the panellists discussed the legal, commercial and practical implications of RCEP for Cambodian businesses. The Ministry of Commerce's Secretary of State, H.E. Sok Heng, said RCEP was a process and a game changer, opening up more business opportunities in Cambodia. For Mr. Barta, RCEP involves many laws creating new business opportunities.

## AVI Presented "Cambodia's Digital Economy 2022"



The Centre for Inclusive Digital Economy (CIDE) of AVI is pleased to present "Cambodia's Digital Economy 2022", a visual representation of the country's digital economy development by 2022. It highlights key indicators in three categories such as (1) Digital Connectivity, (2) Digital Business, and (3) Digital Skills. These infographics serve as a useful tool for the public and relevant stakeholders to tap into Cambodia's growing digital economy by understanding the efforts made on digital transformation in terms of challenges, priorities, and solutions.

### AVI Contributed a Book Chapter on "Track Two Diplomacy and ASEAN Community Building"



Dr Chheang Vannarith, President of AVI, contributed a book chapter on "Track Two Diplomacy and ASEAN Community Building" in the Elgar Companion to ASEAN. He argues that TTD plays a critical role in constructing an imagined regional identity and developing regional institutions, which, in turn, contribute to the realisation of the ASEAN Community.

Read more: <a href="https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/the-elgar-companion-to-asean-9781800378872.html">https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/the-elgar-companion-to-asean-9781800378872.html</a>

### AVI Co-hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting



On 23–25 May 2023, the Asia National Assembly Water Consultative Board (AAWC) and the Asian Cultural Council (ACC), in collaboration with the Asian Vision Institute, co-hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> AAWC Board Meeting and a high-level roundtable discussion under the theme "Asia Action Agenda for Climate Resilience Through Water" in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.