



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “ASEAN 2025:
Towards Increased Trade, Investment and Competition in the Southeast
Asian Region”**

Thursday-Friday, 25 – 26 July 2019

**Cooperation between Chiang Mai University Faculty of Law and
Universitas Pelita Harapan Faculty of Law**

Background

The future and vision of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2025 is articulated in the 2025 ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint which provides for five interrelated and mutually reinforcing, pillars namely: (i) A Highly Integrated and Cohesive Economy; (ii) A Competitive, Innovative, and Dynamic ASEAN; (iii) Enhanced Connectivity and Sectoral Cooperation; (iv) A Resilient, Inclusive, People-Oriented, and People-Centered ASEAN; and (v) A Global ASEAN.

Accordingly ASEAN Members are committed to continue reducing or eliminating border and behind-the-border regulatory trade barriers to facilitate the competitive, efficient, and seamless movement of people, services and goods in the region. In the field of investments, ASEAN aims to further enhance its attractiveness as a global investment destination by establishing an open, transparent and predictable regional investment system. Investment prospects have been promising due to the region’s improved investment climate, robust economic growth, growing middle class, and deepening regional integration. In fact, foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to ASEAN have increased from \$123 billion in 2016 to \$137 billion in 2017, the highest rate of growth at almost 11% since its establishment.

In the field of competition law, the ASEAN Competition Action Plan (ACAP) 2025 has likewise laid down 5 (five) strategic goals to achieve AEC 2025, namely, a) Establishing effective competition regimes in ASEAN Member States (AMS); b) Strengthening capacities of the AMS competition-related agencies; c) Elaborating regional cooperation arrangements on competition policy and law; d) Fostering a competition-aware ASEAN region; and e) Moving towards greater harmonization of competition policy and law in ASEAN. Indeed for ASEAN to be a competitive region with well-functioning markets, rules on competition will need to be highly operational and effective. Regional competition policy and law must provide a level playing field for all firms, regardless of ownership through enforceable competition rules that proscribe anti-



competitive activities to progressively realize market liberalization and a unified market and production base.

To date, the ASEAN members are fully cooperating to remove obstacles to achieve AEC 2025. This conference seeks to contribute to the organization's efforts by providing an opportunity for academics, practitioners, and government officials, within and outside the region, to likewise support AEC 2025, by submitting and presenting research papers that address and explore issues, challenges and strategies to attain this vision, particularly research papers focused on improving and harmonizing the region's trade, investment and competition law and policy framework.

Key Theme of the Conference

Issues, opportunities, challenges, and strategies in pursuing the AEC 2025 Vision in the areas of ASEAN trade, investment, and competition law and policy.

Objective of the Conference

1. To bring together academics, researchers, practitioners, and scholars to exchange and share their experiences and knowledge on trade, investment and competition policy and law towards AEC 2025.
2. To strengthen networking of professionals and collaboration among participants of the conference.

We welcome papers in the areas of trade, investment, and competition policy and law from academics, researchers, practitioners, and scholars from around the world that can contribute to ASEAN 2025 Vision. The output of this conference will be published as a proceeding or e-proceeding with ISBN.



Keynote Speaker and Invited Speakers

- Keynote Speaker: Dato Lim Jock Hoi Secretary-General of ASEAN
- Invited Speakers
 - Trade expert
 - Investment expert
 - Competition Policy and Law expert

Conference Date and Venue

Day / Date : **Thursday – Friday / 25 – 26 July 2019**

Venue : **Universitas Pelita Harapan**

MH Thamrin Boulevard 1100, Lippo Village

Tangerang, Banten, Indonesia 15811

Submission Procedure and Instructions

Abstracts must be submitted by **31 March 2019 Midnight Western Indonesian Time** via bit.ly/ASEAN2025Conference.

If you are not able to access the form from your location or should you otherwise encounter technical problems that do not allow submission via the link provided, please send an email to citi@uph.edu.

Only one proposal per person will be considered. In evaluating the proposals, priority will be given to unpublished papers and works in progress. All proposal will be reviewed by at least two members of the Conference Committee on a double-blind and confidential basis.

The Conference Committee will announce the results of this call for papers at the earliest time possible or on or before **25 May 2019**.

Conference papers will be made available to conference participants prior to the conference. Accepted papers must be submitted by **25 June 2019** to ensure the dissemination of papers among conference attendees.



Conference Fees and Costs

Conference fees are as follows:

	INDONESIAN PARTICIPANT	INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANT
Early Bird ^{*)} Presenter	IDR 1.000.000	USD 200
Early Bird ^{*)} Participant	IDR 750.000	USD 150
Regular Presenter	IDR 1.500.000	USD 250
Regular Participant	IDR 1.000.000	USD 200

**) Early Bird Registration until April 30, 2019*

All conference participants including speakers must be able to cover their own travel, accommodation, and attendance costs.

Enquiries

Please submit enquiries to citi@uph.edu or Mrs. **Velliana Tanaya** (velliana.tanaya@uph.edu)

Important Deadline

- Abstract submission : 31 March 2019
- Earlybird registration and payment : 1 – 30 April 2019
- Regular registration and payment : 1 – 15 May 2019
- Completed paper Submission : 25 June 2019
- Conference : 25 – 26 July 2019