DAY 1, 23 FEBRUARY 2022

Opening Remarks - Teguh Dartanto, Dean of Faculty Economic and Business, Universitas Indonesia

Teguh Dartanto is the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business, Universitas Indonesia (FEB UI) and a senior researcher at LPEM FEB UI. His areas of specialization include health economics, poverty, social protection, and development economics. He has published in, among all, the Lancet, World Development Perspectives, Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies, and Energy Policy. Teguh is also a member of advisory board to Minister of Investment and Indonesia Representative at Governing Board of ERIA. He was a 2017 Eisenhower Fellow and a researcher at JICA Research Institute. Teguh earned his Ph.D. in International Development from Nagoya University, Japan.

Welcome Remarks - Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean & CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank. Dean Sonobe is a development economist and obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University. His research interests include the empirics of economic development, particularly industrial development processes and poverty reduction in developing countries. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He also previously served as a professor of economics at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS.
Keynote Address - Johnny G Plate, Minister of Communication and Information, Republic of Indonesia

Johnny G Plate currently serves as the Minister of Communication and Information of the Republic of Indonesia. On 23 October 2019, he was inaugurated as Minister of Communication and Information as part of President Joko Widodo’s Advanced Indonesia Cabinet. He started his business in the early 1980s in the field of plantation equipment. At that time, plantations were being opened in Kalimantan and Papua. Success in agricultural equipment, this graduate of Atma Jaya Catholic University, together with his colleagues, expanded their business to the world of aviation transportation. He was part of the Air Asia business. Success as a businessman, the former activist of the Indonesian Catholic Student Association (PMKRI) was later attracted to the political stage. His political career was marked when he joined the Indonesian Democratic Unity Party (PKDI). He was trusted as Chairman of the PKDI Court until 2013. After that, Johnny moved to the Nasdem Party. In 2017, he was appointed Secretary General of the Nardem Party replacing the old one to continue the 2013-2018 period.

Keynote Address - Suahasil Nazara, Vice Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia

Suahasil Nazara is the Vice Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia, having been appointed since October 25, 2019. He was previously appointed as Chairman of Fiscal Policy Agency, at the Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia, having been appointed on October 31, 2016. Currently, Suahasil has been given a mandate by the President as Chair of the National Economic Recovery Task Force since March 2021 and is also trusted to become Deputy Chairperson of the Job Creation Law Task Force since May 2021.

Prior to his appointment at the Ministry of Finance, Suahasil was an active and leading economist as a member of the Indonesian Economist Association, the Expert Team for Minister of Finance on Fiscal Decentralization (2009-2011), and the National Economic Committee (2013-2014). He was previously also active as Vice Chairman of Supervising Committee of the Indonesian Decentralization Watch (2009-2015) and the Policy Coordinator at the Secretariat of the National Team of Poverty Reduction Acceleration at the Office of the Vice President (2010-2015).

Suahasil Nazara is a committed academic. He joined the government official as a lecturer at the Faculty of Economics, University of Indonesia (1999) which he then held different positions: Head of Graduate Degree Program in Economics (2004-2005), Director of Demographic Institute (2005-2008), and Head of Economics Department (2009-2013). In 2009, Suahasil obtained the status of Professor in Economics.

He earned his bachelor’s degree majoring in Economics from Universitas Indonesia (1994), his Master’s degree from Cornell
University USA (1997), and his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD.) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign USA (2003). His expertise includes the economics of development, regional economics, labor economics, the economics of poverty and social protection, and econometrics.

SESSION 1: ADOPTION OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY FOR MSMES DEVELOPMENT

Moderator - Riznaldi Akbar, Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist

Riznaldi Akbar’s areas of specialization include macroeconomic surveillance, fiscal policy, and budget analysis. Prior to joining ADBI, he worked for Indonesia’s Ministry of Finance in various roles, addressing taxation, macroeconomics, investor relations, and the Group of 20 (G20). He was also a special advisor for the Chairman of Indonesia’s Fiscal Policy Agency (FPA), in which he oversaw multi-faceted fiscal policy issues and coordinated across the units and divisions of the FPA and Ministry of Finance. He holds an MA in public policy from Carnegie Mellon University and a PhD in economics from the University of Western Australia.

Speaker - M. Dian Revindo, Head of Research Group on Global Value Chain, LPEM FEB UI

Revindo has been appointed as the head of Business Climate and Global Value Chain Research Group at LPEM FEB UI since 2017. His research interests include small and medium-sized enterprises, tourism, local economic development, microfinance, industrial organization and international trade. He has an extensive experience in research, survey, assistance and consulting projects for various national and international client organizations. He also currently serves as the editor-in-chief of Economics and Finance in Indonesia, a journal published by Universitas Indonesia. Revindo earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Lincoln University, New Zealand, M.A. in European Studies from KU Leuven, Belgium (2008), a M.Sc. in Economics from KU Leuven, Belgium (2007) and a B.A. in Economics and Development Studies from Universitas Indonesia (2000).
Speaker - Dr. Karthik Varada, Project Academic Specialist, Mohammed bin Salman Center for Future Science and Technology for Saudi-Japan Vision 2030, The University of Tokyo

Karthik Varada holds a Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo’s Graduate School of Engineering, where he researched the process and performance attributes of ESG investments targeting gender diversity. He is currently a Project Academic Specialist at the University of Tokyo. Karthik has experience working with venture capital and impact investing firms and helped startups with social impact assessment. Until 2020, he worked as Project Coordinator at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation. Karthik was among the founding members of Asia Women Impact Fund, an impact investment fund committed to advancing gender equality in Asia. He holds a master’s degree from the University of Tokyo where he developed a mathematical model to explain Social Impact Bonds. He received a bachelor’s in engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad.

Speaker – I Nyoman Adhiarna, Director of Digital Economy, Ministry of Communication and Information, Republic of Indonesia

Dr. Nyoman Adhiarna is currently the Director of Digital Economy, DG Informatics Applications, Ministry of Communications and Information & Informatics (Kominfo). He has worked in various fields of policy and regulation as well as digital facilitation initiatives including: digital transformation for priority sectors, micro, small medium enterprises (MSMEs) and strategic sectors, IT governance on e-commerce and digital economy, and digital startup initiatives. Prior to his career at DG Informatics Applications, he was also in charge of spectrum policy and planning for mobile services, and telecommunication and information technology policy.

Dr. Adhiarna earned his Ph.D (information and telecommunication technology management) from Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Republic of Korea (2012), Master of Engineering (M.Eng) in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT), Australia (1997), and BS in Industrial Engineering from Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB) (1989).
SESSION 2: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderator - Toshiro Nishizawa, Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) The University of Tokyo

Mr. Nishizawa has been a full-time faculty member of The University of Tokyo’s Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP) since July 2013 after serving at the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). Early in his career, he spent years working at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IMF, and the World Bank. Prof. Nishizawa has been actively engaged in policy dialogue and research activities with his interests in Asian economies, financing for development, Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), and sovereign debt. He holds a BA in Latin American studies from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (1982), a BA in economics from the University of Tokyo (1984), and an MSc in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1988).

Speaker - Ibrahim Kholilul Rohman, Senior Economist, Indonesia Financial Group

Mr Ibrahim previously was Head of Economic Research at Samudera Indonesia – among the largest logistics and transportation companies in Indonesia. He also teaches at the Faculty of Economics and Business the University of Indonesia. On the digital economics discourses, he has been asked to give speeches at various occasion of consultations, trainings and seminars with the Ministry of National Planning-Bappenas, LIPI, Bank Indonesia, OJK, CSIS, Ministry of Communications and Information and the media (newsletter and broadcasting). He also helped the World Bank-Jakarta on the assessment of the contribution of digital economy in Indonesia as a short-term consultant in 2020.

Previously, he was a principal research fellow at the United Nations University- Operating Unit on Policy Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV), basing in Guimarães, Portugal. His research focused on the impact of e-government (eGov) development on country competitivenes and innovative capabilities. Prior to joining UNU, he worked at the Information Society Unit, JRC Directorate Growth and Innovation-the European Commission for three years (2013-2016).

He went to Chalmers University of Technology at Department of Technology Management and Economics. He obtained my PhD in 2012 in Technology and Society specifically on ICT and Digital Economics.
Mr. NGUYEN holds a Bachelor of Economics and a Master of Economics, both from the Australian National University (Australia). He joined the CIEM in 2005. Currently being the Director of the Department for General Economic Issues and Integration Studies, Mr. Nguyen has various research papers and policy recommendations to the government of Viet Nam on economic integration and sustainable growth. He represents the CIEM at the Regional Institute Network (RIN).

Mr. Nguyen is Viet Nam’s official representative to the Economic Committee, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum. He is currently leading the team to prepare APEC’s structural reform agenda for 2021-2025.

Closing Remarks – Khoirunurrofik, Associate Director for Education and Training

Khoirunurrofik received his Ph.D. in Public Economics from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies- GRIPS (Tokyo, Japan) in 2014. He also obtained Master of Arts in Policy Analysis from GRIPS in 2011, Master in Public Policy and Management (MPM) from Carnegie Mellon University-Australia Campus in 2007, and International Master in Regional Integration from Asia Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia – University of Autonoma Madrid, Spain in 2004. He joined LPEM FEB UI in 1999 after earning his Bachelor’s degree in Statistics from FMIPA, Bogor Agricultural University. Rofik has been a lecturer at the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia, since 2000. His research interests are Public Finance and Fiscal Decentralization, Urban and Regional Economics, focusing on industrial agglomeration and productivity, and Applied and Spatial Econometrics. Before he was appointed Associate Director for Education and Training, he was LPEM’s Head of Public Finance and Public Policy Research Group.

During his career in LPEM, he has led a prolific number of projects such as the Institutional Capacity Assessment on Nutrition in Indonesia (UNICEF), Feasibility Study of Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) in Indonesia (UNDP), Study on Life Insurance Tax (AAJI), Aceh Timur Green Economic Development (IDH), and Maritime Connectivity in South East Asia: It’s Role and Challenges Towards Integration (ERIA), and Ideal Funding Schema for Local Owned Company (BUMD) in Indonesia Participating Interest Management (SKK Migas). His academic papers have been published in several peer-reviewed journals, including the Asia Pacific Journal of Regional Science, the International Journal of Small and Medium Enterprises and Business Sustainability, the Journal of Indonesian Applied Economics, and Jurnal Kebijakan Ekonomi.
DAY 2, 24 FEBRUARY 2022

Opening Remarks - Seungju Baek, Deputy Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute

Prior to joining ADBI, Deputy Dean Seungju Baek served as Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea. He has 30 years of economic and development policy experience. His other previous roles include serving as a senior policy analyst focused on developing countries for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as well as an international development expert at the World Bank Institute. His capacity building and training interests include post-COVID-19 recovery and inclusive growth for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific. He earned his doctor of public administration degree in public policy from Korea University.

Keynote Remarks - Febrio Nathan Kacaribu, Head of Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia

Febrio Kacaribu was born in Sidikalang, North Sumatra, on February 27, 1978. He obtained a Bachelor of Economics degree in 2002 from the University of Indonesia, and continued his study with a Master degree of International & Development Economics from the Australian National University in 2005. In 2014, he obtained a Ph.D from the University of Kansas. He has been the Head of LPEM Macroeconomic and Financial Research since 2015 and was appointed as Head of the Fiscal Policy Agency on April 3, 2020. His areas of expertise include Business Economics & Projection, Economic Models, Financial Economics, Monetary Economics, and Public Policy Analysis.

SESSION 3: ADDRESSING CHALLENGES ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderator - Nella Hendriyetty, Director of Center for Regional and Bilateral Policy, Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia

Nella earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics, Accounting (SE, Ak.) from Andalus University, Padang in 1996, then earned a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in finance from the University of Illinois, United States in 2003. In 2016, she received her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree from Victoria University, Australia.

Previously, she served as Head of the Accounting Compliance Subdivision for Investment Management and Securities Institutions at the Capital Market Supervisory Agency (Bapepam) in 2004, and was trusted as a Senior Compliance Officer at the Center for Transaction Reports and Analysis Finance (PPATK) from 2005 to 2010. She was then appointed as Head of the G20 Forum Division at the Center for Climate Change and Multilateral Financing Policy, Fiscal Policy Agency of the Ministry of Finance in 2016. In 2019, she was seconded as Senior Capacity Building and Training (CBT) Economist at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Finally,
on December 30, 2021, he was appointed as Head of the Center for Regional and Bilateral Policy.

Speaker - Kotaro Yamabe, Music Securities, Inc., Japan

Attorney-at-law. After graduating from the University of Tokyo (LL.B., 2004 and J.D., 2006), Mr. Yamabe joined law firm Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, where he practiced mainly in the areas of banking and finance. From 2012 to 2014, he worked for the Financial Services Agency of Japan, where he was involved in drafting new rules to facilitate equity crowdfunding. After graduating from the University of Cambridge (Master of Corporate Law) in 2015, he joined Music Securities, a company which operates an empathy-based investment crowdfunding platform that connects individual investors and MSMEs. He is currently a director and chief legal officer of the company.

Speaker - Teguh Yudo Wicaksono, Head of Mandiri Institute, Indonesia

Teguh Yudo Wicaksono currently serves as the Head of Mandiri Institute. Previously, he worked as revenue policy advisor at Australia Indonesia Partnership for Economic Development (Prospera). In the role, he had provided advice on revenue-related and fiscal policies to Ministry of Finance. Formerly, he worked as a research fellow at SurveyMETER (2015-2017) and had been as an economist at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS; 2003-2010). For years, he was also a consultant to international organizations, including the World Bank, ADB, ILO, UNICEF, Palladium, and others. His research and publications include industrial policy, tax policy, international trade, labor market and technology.

He earned Ph.D. degree in Economics from the University of Kentucky USA as a Fulbright Presidential Scholar, and Master of Economics from the University of Sydney, Australia.

Speaker - Poornima Gayangani Wasana Jayawardana, Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Poornima Jayawardana is a Financial Sector Specialist from ADB. She has been involved in ADB's financial inclusion interventions in the Southeast Asia region, and currently is the Financial Inclusion Lead for Indonesia. Poornima holds an MSc in International Development from the University of Manchester in the UK, and BBA, MBA, and PhD degrees from the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan. She has also received Professional Executive Education on Financial Inclusion and Financial Technology from the Harvard University in the USA, Oxford University, and Cambridge University in the UK.
SESSION 4: POLICIES ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL LITERACY

Moderator - Prani Sastiono, Deputy Head of Digital Economy and Behavioral Economics, LPEM FEB UI

Prani Sastiono is a researcher at the Institute of Economics and Social Research and an Assistant Professor at the Department of Economics at Universitas Indonesia. Her main focus of research includes economics in health, financial inclusion and digital finance, economic development and behavioral economics. She graduated from the National Institute of Political Studies in Tokyo with her PhD in public economics.

Speaker - Dr. Erica Paula Sioson, Senior Officer, ASEAN Secretaria

Ms Erica is a PhD educated development practitioner and researcher with extensive experience in developing, implementing, delivering and managing research and capacity building programs for evidence-based policymaking. Her growing list of publications demonstrate a passion for multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral approach to sustainable development. She specializes on gender mainstreaming, financial inclusion and literacy, migration and remittance, multiculturalism and social protection. Her achievement are including launched an e-learning platform as a capacity building and communication strategy; improved impact indicators for capacity building programs; supported localization of international monitoring indicators to track national achievements; growing list of publications on various sustainable development issues such as gender mainstreaming, financial inclusion and literacy, social protection, migration, remittance and multiculturalism; developed knowledge products to bridge technical research and policymaking; supported implementation of nationally representative surveys using computer-assisted personal interviewers (CAPI); as well as developed, implemented and delivered a number of training programs.
Speaker - Sabyasachi Saha, Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing, India

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha is Associate Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi. He specialises in innovation economics, trade and technology, international trade, technology and development policy. He has co-edited two volumes published by Springer and has made extensive academic contributions in the form of research articles and policy briefs.

He has regularly participated in official policy forums at the UN Headquarters and other UN led platforms and has been an active contributor on partnerships, regional cooperation and technology facilitation for SDGs. He has also been contributing to G20, BRICS and South-Asia Think-Tank forums and networks. Recently, he has also contributed as Member of the Thematic Group on Sustainable Technologies for Govt. of India’s forthcoming Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020.

He obtained his PhD in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi in 2013 and completed his M.Phil (2009) and M.A. in Economics (2007) from JNU. He is a recipient of the WIPO Prize for Young Scholars, DAAD funded fellowship of the Government of Germany and Government of India Travel Award. As PhD scholar he has participated in numerous academic conferences globally including at the National University of Singapore, Georgia Tech, University of Warsaw, and HTW University of Applied Sciences, Berlin.

SUMMARY AND WRAP-UP SESSION

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Riatu Mariatul Qibthiyyah received her Ph.D. degree in Economics from Georgia State University (Atlanta, US) in 2008, Master of Arts from Georgia State University in 2002, and Bachelor of Arts in Economics from FEB UI in 1999.

Riatu is a public finance expert involved in various research and projects on policy evaluation and monitoring, design of the related fiscal scheme, intergovernmental transfer, and regulatory impact assessment. She also has a research interest in higher education-related policy. She is now a member of TADF (Technical Assistance on Fiscal Decentralization) under the Ministry of Finance.

Before serving as LPEM’s Associate Director in Research in 2014, she was the Head of Economics Undergraduate Program in Department of Economics, FEB UI (2009-2013). She is currently the Director of LPEM FEB UI since 2015.
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