



Regional Growth Hurt by a Prolonged Pandemic

AMRO revised the region's outlook at the 23rd ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Meeting. In 2020, the ASEAN+3 region is expected to contract by 0.3 percent, while the ASEAN region is set to contract by 3.3 percent. Only five out of 14 member economies will record positive growth. The whole region is projected to expand strongly at 6.7 percent in 2021, with all economies returning to positive growth.

See [AMRO's latest economic forecast](#) for the region.

Publications



Another 'Unprecedented' Crisis? This, Too, Shall Pass

This paper by Li Lian Ong and Edmond Choo compares the impact of the Asian Financial Crisis, Global Financial Crisis, and the COVID-19 pandemic to chart a possible path to recovery.

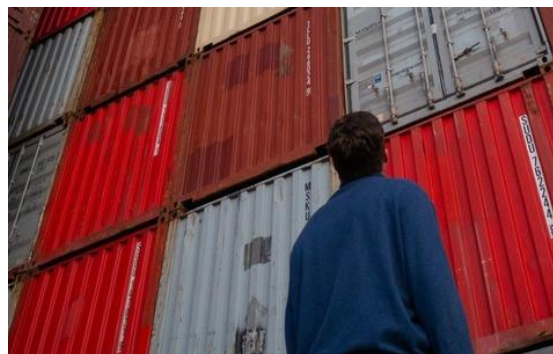
[Read the Analytical Note](#)

Outreach

Global Value Chains: Restructuring and Challenges in the ASEAN+3 Region

At a webinar on global value chains (GVCs), AMRO Chief Economist, Dr. Hoe Ee Khor presented the key trends that will shape the evolution of GVCs, emphasizing that regional integration is the way to forward.

[Watch the full presentation and download the slides](#)



Sovereign Debt & Financial Risks in ASEAN+3 during the Pandemic

During a webinar organized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and the International Monetary Fund – Singapore Training Institute, Dr. Khor identified the key sovereign debt and financial risks facing the ASEAN+3 region and their balancing factors.

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Op-eds and Blogs

Contributing to Economic Stability During a Pandemic – AMRO

AMRO Director Toshinori Doi writes about the impact of the COVID-19 on the ASEAN+3 region and shows how AMRO steps up its efforts as a “trusted family doctor” during this pandemic.

[Read the blog](#)





Transitioning Vietnam's Economy from Emergency Response to Recovery

This op-ed published in Zing News highlights the economic outlook for Vietnam and provides policy recommendations for the country to overcome the COVID-19 crisis.

[Read the op-ed](#) by Luke Hong and Jade Vichyanond

Japanese Life Insurers to Navigate a Post-COVID-19 Reality

The profit margins of Japanese life insurers have been hit by the ultra-low interest rate environment and the pandemic. This op-ed published by the Asia Times Financial advocates digitalization as the way forward.

[Read the op-ed](#) by Wei Sun



How Foreign Investment Drives Employment and Growth in Brunei Darussalam

The Brunei government has been diversifying its economy and attracting foreign investments. This blog shows how the inflow of mega investment projects has driven employment and growth in the country.

[Read the blog](#) by Vanne Khut

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