

## **AMRO-IMF Joint Seminar on Cross-Border Digital Payments**

AMRO, in collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), successfully convened a seminar on Cross-Border Digital Payments on March 2, 2026 in Osaka, Japan. The event brought together officials from Ministries of Finance and central banks across the ASEAN+3 region, along with experts from international institutions, academia and private provider to exchange views on opportunities and challenges in advancing cross-border payment connectivity.

The seminar provided a platform for participants to discuss recent developments in digital payment systems, including the growing role of stablecoins, innovations in payment infrastructure, and regulatory considerations for cross-border transactions. Discussions also focused on how stronger payment connectivity can support trade, financial integration, and inclusive growth across the ASEAN+3 region.

Participants shared experiences on ongoing initiatives to enhance interoperability between national payment systems and explored policy approaches to ensure efficiency, transparency, and security in cross-border digital payments. The seminar also highlighted the importance of regional and global cooperation in shaping the evolving digital financial landscape.

The event forms part of AMRO's continued efforts to support regional policy dialogue, technical assistance and capacity building on emerging financial sector issues. Through collaboration with international partners such as the IMF, AMRO aims to promote knowledge sharing and strengthen policy frameworks that facilitate safe and efficient financial integration in the region.