

# ERIA's Activities

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**JEF-RIS International Symposium**

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# 1. Schedule

## November 2007: 3<sup>rd</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS) (Singapore)

- The formal establishment of ERIA was agreed by all the leaders at the EAS  
(EAS: ASEAN, Australia, China, republic of Korea, India, Japan, New Zealand)

### Excerpt from Chairman's Statement of the 3rd East Asia Summit



13. We agreed to the establishment of the Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) to be accommodated temporarily at the ASEAN Secretariat. We welcomed the report submitted to us by the Expert Group, which focuses on research topics of strategic interest to the EAS countries. We encouraged the Expert Group to continue its research work and we looked forward to practical policy recommendations to further regional integration and strengthen partnerships in East Asia.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 : **ERIA Inaugural Meeting, Formally Established**

August 7 : EAS Energy Ministers Meeting (Thailand)

August 28 : EAS Economic Ministers Meeting (Singapore)

September 17 : **Opening Ceremony of the ERIA Annex Office**

November 19 : Seminar on EAIC Development (Cambodia)

December 5 : Energy and Food Symposium (Japan)

December 30 : **International Organization Status Established**

February 6-7, 2009 : High-Level Conference on Financial Crisis ( India)

February 24 : Research Institute Network Meeting (Thailand)

March 17 : Seminar on the Current Economic Crisis (Vietnam)

May 18 : Academic Advisory Council Meeting (ERIA)

June 3<sup>rd</sup> : Joint Press Statement of the EAS ( Thailand)

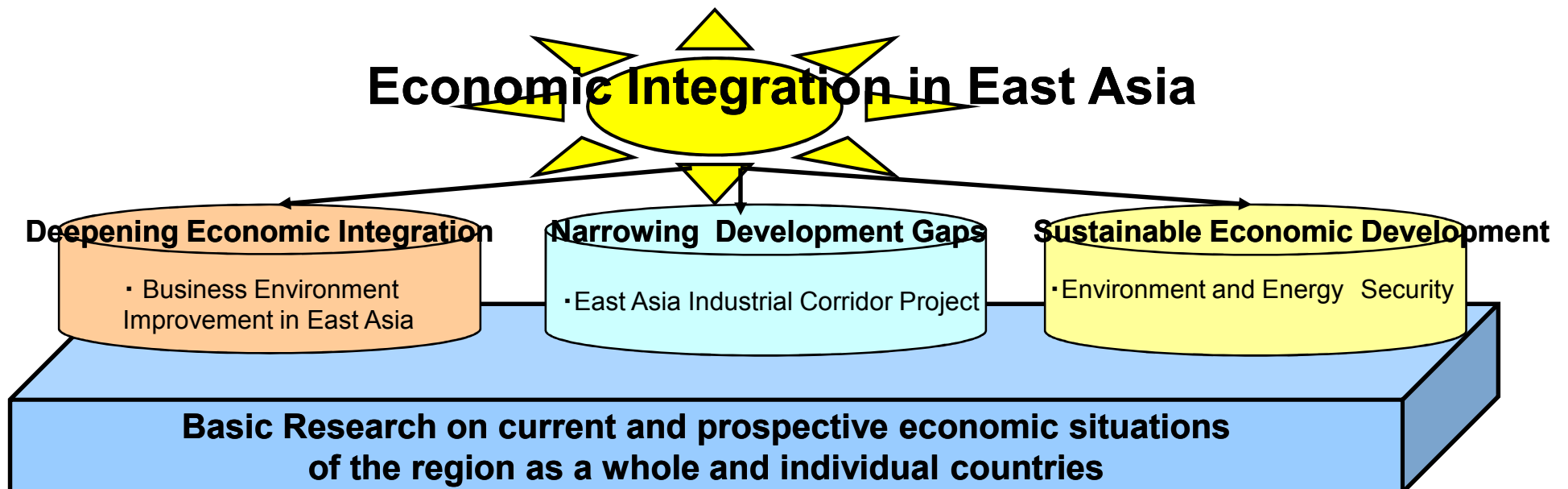
July 29 : EAS Energy Ministers Meeting (Myanmar)

August 8 : BIMP-EAGA Ministers Breakfast Meeting (Brunei)

August 15 : EAS Economic Ministers Meeting (Thailand)

## 2. Three Pillars of ERIA Activities

- ERIA experts have identified the following three pillars of policy research agenda: deepening economic integration, narrowing development gaps, and sustainable economic development. A set of projects for this year has already started.
- ERIA will conduct a wide range of policy studies and provide practical policy recommendations, leading enriched policy discussion among various stakeholders. ERIA will also lead the region in its academic quality as an influential research center and seek constructive collaboration with researchers and research institutions in East Asia and the world.
- Examples of the current projects are (1) East Asia Industrial Corridor Project, (2) Environment and Energy Security, and (3) Business Environment Improvement in East Asia.

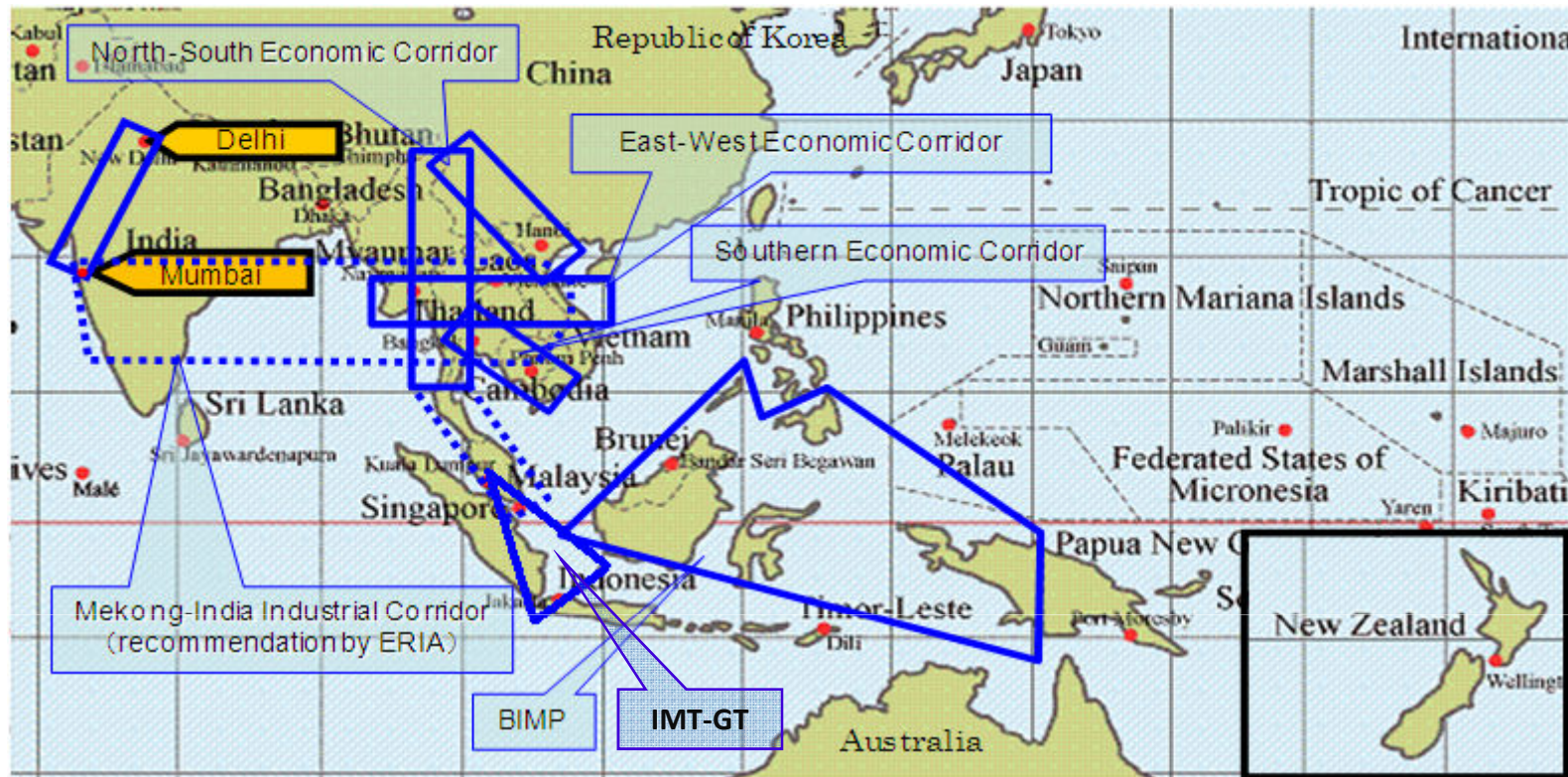


### 3. Request from the EAS Leaders



8. They expressed determination to strengthen the region's growth potential and expand demand, including through accelerating basic infrastructure improvement, policies and measures for expanding domestic demand, assistance to the private sector in particular SMEs, and human resources development as well as advancing regional cooperation efforts, such as ASEAN integration, facilitation of trade and investment, promotion of subregion-wide development and promotion of people-to-people exchanges.
  
11. In order to promote sub-regional development, they encouraged the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), ADB and ASEAN Secretariat to work together to prepare as soon as possible a coherent master plan, which would contribute to coordinating, expediting, upgrading and expanding sub-regional initiatives and promoting private sector participation. In addition, they called upon ERIA to provide policy recommendation to stimulate economic growth in the region, deepen regional integration and strengthen partnership in East Asia.

## 4.Promotion of Comprehensive Sub-regional Development



### Basic Concept

- Coherent strategies to link sub-regional infrastructure development with industrial development planning
- A new mechanism to facilitate the private sector's participation and System development for Public-Private Partnership (PPPs)
- Trade facilitation and institutional development
- Sub-regional seamless business environment to strengthen the growth potential in Asia

 **Provide Basis for Further Growth in the Region**