

Context

The processes of global integration represent both challenge as well as an opportunity for developing countries, in so far as a nation's growth prospects depend increasingly on external economic environment. In particular, policies of multilateral organizations such as WTO, the World Bank and IMF, other UN bodies, regional development banks and regional associations/ blocs have an important bearing on the process of development. The Asian countries are also currently moving towards deeper economic integration within the frameworks of sub-regional groupings such as ASEAN, BIMSTEC, ASEAN+1 arrangements, several bilateral economic partnership arrangements, functional arrangements such as Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), and emerging broader arrangements currently under discussion within the framework of the East Asia Summit (EAS). Thus, the Asian developing countries need to build capacity to analyze the implications of the emerging trends and exploit their potential.

Aim

Against this backdrop, the Global and Regional Economic Cooperation Issues (GRECI) Programme is offered by RIS under the framework of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), sponsored by JETRO, Japan. The GRECI Programme is designed to expose the participants to the growing complexities of global economic issues, including regional economic cooperation, and negotiations and build their analytical skills on them. It is aimed at strengthening the capacity of participants in understanding the emerging economic trends and patterns and helping them make informed policy choices.

Programme Structure

Programme covers modules of intensive instructions on global economic issues and negotiations of contemporary relevance, interspersed with study trips and workshops. Participants would also be expected to prepare and make presentations on select issues in consultation with the Programme Faculty.



Participants of the GRECI Capacity Building Programme with Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS and Dr. Ram Upendra Das, Fellow, RIS.

Duration

The Programme will begin on 6 February 2009 and conclude on 6 March 2009. Participants are expected to arrive in New Delhi by 5 February 2009.

Eligibility

The Programme is open to officials, diplomats, Journalists and researchers from the developing East Asia Summit (EAS) member countries, especially from the CLMV (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam) countries. Participants should have a good working knowledge of English.

Fellowship Allowances

The Programme covers return travel of the participants between his/her home country and India as well as food and accommodation allowances for the duration of the Programme in New Delhi. It also



Some Participants at an earlier Capacity Building Programme with Dr. Nagesh Kumar and Dr. Ram Upendra Das.

covers the expenses related to study tour organized as part of the programme.

Application

RIS can accommodate 10 participants from developing EAS countries. Interested applicants may apply directly to RIS by sending their CVs, a recommendation letter from their supervisors and a brief note of not more than 200 words on how this programme will benefit their future professional work and prospects. The applications should be sent to dgoffice@ris.org.in by 15 January 2009.

Faculty

The Programme draws upon the in-house research team of RIS as well as noted experts on specific topics from other organizations to provide to the participants a comprehensive treatment and perspective on the subject. RIS faculty comprises internationally renowned scholars on international economic issues and policy research.

A Lecture-session at RIS for Developing Countries' Professionals



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Participants take a break for site-seeing.

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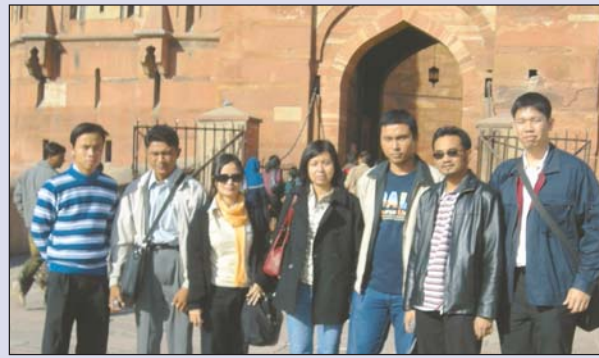
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GRECI participants at a visit to Red Fort, Agra.

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