

**Meeting between ERIA, Ambassadors of ERIA Member States and
Dialogue Partners
KIYA Masahiko, Ambassador of Japan to ASEAN
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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for giving me the floor.

At last year`s meeting, I congratulated ERIA for the establishment of its Asia Zero Emission Center and ERIA School of Government.

Since then, we have seen these centres, along with ERIA Digital Innovation and Sustainable Economy Centre (E-DISC) established the year before, become more active as integral functions of ERIA.

ERIA` s strength is that it can convene people from across ASEAN and beyond in critical sectors for our future, from academics to government officials to private sector, and from those who have expertise in each ASEAN Member States to those who study at regional and global levels. The networking of such diverse experts who convene at ERIA brings about clear opportunities of collaboration between domestic policies and ASEAN.

Japan will encourage and contribute to making full use of these centres for the benefit of the region and the world. We are hopeful that it will further enhance its presence and contribution through collaboration with regional and international organisations such as ADB and OECD.

I will also like to congratulate the Australian Mission to ASEAN and ERIA for hosting a successful event yesterday. Japan will also continue to support and work with ERIA in various fields, and I truly hope other countries will follow suit.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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