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2014 Asia-Pacific Business Conference: "Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration in East Asia: Prospects, Challenges and Implications"

27-29 November 2014, Exchange Plaza, Perth, Australia

CONFERENCE DETAILS: The conference is jointly organized by Asian Business and Organisational Research Group (ABORG) at Edith Cowan University and Center for Economic and Social Studies in Asia (CESSA) at Yokohama National University, and sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia.

With the recent financial and economic crisis, globalization and regional economic integration has become again the focus of intense global interest and debate. Led by the rapidly growing Chinese economy, the East Asian region is forging closer economic ties than ever before, and remains the most dynamic region in the world. It is believed that open regionalism can contribute substantially to enhanced productivity and economic growth, and to poverty reduction, within the region. The emerging trilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiation between China, Japan and South Korea provides new evidence of ongoing Asian economic integration. Given the economic size of the three countries and their respective shares in the global trade system, the social, economic, environmental and cultural implications of such an economic integration in the East Asian region would have an enormous impact world-wide. Multilateral trading systems will likely be one of the most important subjects for discussion at the 2014 G-20 Australia Summit on 15-16 November 2014.

The theme of the conference - "Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration in East Asia: Prospects, Challenges and Implications" - is both timely and relevant, dealing as it does with the East Asia regional economic integration and its continued rise as well as implications that has for the future of the Australia-East Asia bilateral relationship and our economic links. Due questions are being raised on the implications of globalization and the regional economic and monetary integration, prospects of FTA and regional integration, sustainable economic growth and business environment changes in line with the progress of the FTA negotiation and regional integration and so on. These are yet to be documented.

TOPICS: The conference aims to bring together academics and researchers at policy institutions as well as policy-makers in both the private and public sectors to discuss ongoing research on a wide range of theoretical and empirical issues related to globalization, regional economic integration and sustainable economic growth in the region. Potential topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Free trade agreements: impacts and challenges
- Intra-regional trade and direct investment
- FTA and business environment changes
- Challenges for accounting, auditing and governance in an integrated East Asian region
- Global and regional value chains
- Issues on globalization and economic integration
- The economics of currency internationalization: costs and benefits
- Dynamic integration process of the Chinese economy and the East Asian region

- Foreign exchange rates arrangement in the East Asian region
- Chinese RMB and the source of global current account imbalances
- Economic and financial crisis in the region: policy responses
- Financial liberalisation and the finance-growth nexus
- Nexus between international financial integration and global imbalances
- FTA between Australia and Japan
- FTA between Australia and China

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PAPER SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Interested authors should submit a draft of the paper or an extended abstract via email in electronic form to: zhaoyong.zhang@ecu.edu.au or h.djajadikerta@ecu.edu.au

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 20th September 2014. Please note that all the submitted papers will be refereed by at least one independent reviewer. The authors of accepted papers or extended abstracts will be notified by the end of September 2014. If you need more time to prepare for your submissions, please email the organisers.

For details about the conference, please visit the conference site at: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/conferences/2014/asia-pacific-business-conference>

FURTHER INFORMATION:

All accepted papers for presentation in the conference will be included in the conference proceedings to be published by Springer in its Series in Business & Economics. The revised versions of papers presented in the conference will be considered for publication in an edited book to be published by Springer.

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