

CAMBODIA

ASEAN COSTI-85 Meeting concludes with a Focus on Innovation and Regional Cooperation

The COSTI-85 meeting was marked by the comprehensive review of 93 ongoing STI activities, a testament to the robust scientific endeavors within ASEAN. These activities, including the commendable projects funded by the ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Fund (ASTIF), are making significant strides. Notably, the Real-time Epidemic Genomic Surveillance for ASEAN and the ASEAN Sero-Surveillance Study (ASSeSS) on COVID-19 are in progress, showcasing the region's commitment to tackling global health challenges. COSTI also updated the list of 21 centers, networks, and subsidiary bodies under nine sub-committees and four task forces, further strengthening the STI landscape in ASEAN.

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Korea committed to Growth of ICT Skills in Cambodia

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Cambodia Office, aims to bridge the gap between training quality and job market demands, focusing on the development of information and communication technology (ICT) talents. It explained that a recent high-level dialogue between Prime Minister Hun Manet and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol underscored the importance of industrial and digital skills in driving economic transformation and innovation. This mutual understanding led to the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the Skilled and Professional Talent Development Programme, which acknowledges the need for cooperation in Human Capital Development.

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MALAYSIA

Korea's BC Card starts QR Code Payment Service in Malaysia

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SINGAPORE

EMA and KOGAS to collaborate on LNG Procurement and Supply Chain Management

The Energy Market Authority (EMA) of Singapore and Korea Gas Corporation (KOGAS) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate and promote knowledge exchange on mutually beneficial areas in liquefied natural gas (LNG) procurement and supply chain management for Singapore and South Korea.



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INDONESIA

University of Indonesia (UI) and other Three of Korean Universities are expanding Educational Cooperation

Universitas Indonesia (UI) is ready to expand cooperation with three universities in Korea, namely Korea Nazarene University, Baek Seok University, and Kyung-In Women's University. This cooperation was discussed during the visit of the UI delegation led by the Dean of the Faculty of Cultural Sciences (FIB), Dr. Bondan Kanumoyoso, S.S., M.Hum., to the three universities located in Cheonan City and Incheon.

In addition to exploring cooperation, during their visit, the UI delegation visited the Smart Farm at Korea Nazarene University, which develops several types of fruit, such as cucumbers, melons, and strawberries, based on artificial intelligence (AI) database.

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UNIDO supports Indonesia with Digital Industrial Policy Training

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The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) provides support to the Government of Indonesia to conduct digital industrial policy training for the implementation of the Roadmap to Make Indonesia 4.0. As part of this ongoing collaboration, supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), 16 representatives from various government institutions received training on the latest developments in digital transformation of manufacturing, such as online monitoring systems, and technology trends – semiconductors, electronic vehicle (EV) batteries, and artificial intelligence (AI).

