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The Seventh ASIA KLEMS Conference

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The 2026 KLEMS conference will focus on "Enhancing Regional Productivity and Competitiveness", bringing together experts, policymakers, and researchers to discuss strategies for strengthening regional economic performance. The conference will explore key drivers of economic competitiveness within the KLEMS framework with more oriented towards overcoming structural gaps in capital investment, labor market dynamics, innovation, digitalization, and supply chain efficiency.

Discussions will center on best practices, emerging trends, and policy recommendations to improve productivity at the regional level and foster economic resilience. By encouraging collaboration and knowledge-sharing, the conference aims to address productivity gaps, enhance regional competitiveness, and drive sustainable growth across Asian economies.

Agenda | 20 August 2026 | Day-1

Time	Program
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:05	Welcoming Remarks by APO Mr. Dong Jin Lee APO Programme Officer
09:05 - 09:40	Keynote 1 Dr. Mohd Yusof Saari Chief Executive Officer of Centre for Future Studies Berhad (THE FUTURE)
09:40 - 10:15	Keynote 2 Prof. Bart van Ark Professor of Productivity Studies at University of Manchester, and Managing Director & Principal Investigator of The Productivity Institute
10:15 - 10:50	Keynote 3 YBhg. Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed Former Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy)
10:50 - 11:30	Break
Launching Ceremony : The 7th Asia KLEMS Conference 2026 & Productivity Report 2026	
11:35 - 11:45	Welcoming Remarks YBhg. Datuk Kamaruzzaman Johari Chairman of Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) / APO Director for Malaysia
11:45 - 12:00	Opening Remarks YB Tuan Sim Tze Tzin Deputy Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI)
12:00 - 12:15	Launching Productivity Report 2026 "Advancing Structural Change for Sustainable Productivity Growth"
12:15 - 14:00	Networking Lunch
14:00 - 17:30	Parallel Session 1 Stream 1 - Labour, Human Capital & Emerging Productivity Drivers Stream 2 - Productivity Growth, Structural Change & Convergence Stream 3 - State Productivity Divergence (Local Participant)
17:30 - 18:00	End of Day 1
19:30 - 21:00	Welcome Dinner Hosted by APO and MPC

Agenda | 21 August 2026 | Day-2

Time	Program
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 11:30	Parallel Session 2 & 3 Stream 1 - Labour, Human Capital & Emerging Productivity Drivers Stream 2 - Productivity Growth, Structural Change & Convergence
12:00 - 12:30	Closing Ceremony
12:30 - 14:00	Networking Lunch End of programme



PAPER PRESENTATION SCHEDULE (INTERNATIONAL)

Paper Presentation Schedule
20 August 2026 | Day 1

Stream 1 - Labour, Human Capital & Emerging Productivity Drivers Signature 1, Level 3		
Time	Authors	Paper Title
14:00 - 14:30	Hana Kim	The Impact of Workforce Aging on Industry Productivity: Evidence from Korea KLEMS Data
14:30 - 15:00	Radheshyam Verma, Siddhartha Nath and Ranajoy Guha Neogi	Dynamics of Hours-adjusted Employment and Labour Productivity
15:00 - 15:30	Rajib Das, Gautam, Satyarth Singh and Dhanya	Working Hour and Wage Dynamics: Insights from PLFS data
15:30 - 16:00	Muhammad Adriansyah, Ibrahim Kholilul Rohman	Does the Internet Enable Females to Allocate Higher Work Hours? Evidence from Indonesia
16:00 - 16:30	Akash Yadav and Sandeep Kumar Kujur	Technological and Non-Technological Innovation in Shaping Gender-Based Employment Diversity: Evidence from Manufacturing Enterprises in a Large Developing Economy- India
16:30 - 17:00	Jagannath Mallick	Energy Intensity, Productivity and Labour Share in Emerging Economies

Stream 2 - Productivity Growth, Structural Change & Convergence Signature 2, Level 3		
Time	Authors	Paper Title
14:00 - 14:30	Harendra K. Behera and Kanupriya Sharma	Economic Growth and Employment Elasticity: The Indian Experience
14:30 - 15:00	Necla Ayas, Ozlem Ogdur	The Sources of Sectoral Economic Growth in Turkey: A Structural Decomposition via the KLEMS Approach (1995-2014)
15:00 - 15:30	Ilya B. Voskoboynikov, Denis Ternovsky	Industry Origins of Productivity Growth and Structural Change in Russia in 2010-s
15:30 - 16:00	Narayan Chandra Pradhan	Supply Chain Efficiency as a Determinant of Export Competitiveness: Evidence from the Indian economy
16:00 - 16:30	Harendra Kumar Behera, Pawan Gopalakrishnan, Abhinav Narayanan	Does Competition Spur Investment? Insights from India's Manufacturing Industries
16:30 - 17:00	Harry X. Wu	From Reform Dividend to TFP Recession: China's Growth Accounting Revisited, 1978-2023

Paper Presentation Schedule

21 August 2026 | Day 2

Stream 1 - Labour, Human Capital & Emerging Productivity Drivers Signature 1, Level 3

Time	Authors	Paper Title
09:00 - 09:30	Abdul A Erumban, Gaurav Nayyar, Dana Vorisek, and Shu Yu	Intangible Capital, Labor Productivity and Labor Income: Firm-Level Evidence from India
09:30 - 10:00	Hyunbae Chun and Keun Hee Rhee	Productivity Growth with Intangible Investment in Korea
10:00 - 10:30	Tomohiko Inui, Takayuki Ishikawa	On the Effects of Intangibles Investment in Japan: Empirical Analysis Based on Japan Industries Productivity Database
10:30 - 11:00	Suresh Chand Aggarwal and Abdul A. Erumban	Labor productivity growth in India: role of ICT and gender composition
11:00 - 11:30	Kyoji Fukao	Advances in AI and Robotics and Projections of Japan's Industrial Structure in 2040

Stream 2 - Productivity Growth, Structural Change & Convergence Signature 2, Level 3

Time	Authors	Paper Title
09:00 - 09:30	Necla Ayas and Ozlem Ogdur	Covergence Dynamics and the Productivity Gap: A Comparative KLEMS Analysis of TFP in Turkey and the European Union (1995-2014)
09:30 - 10:00	Bart van Ark and Abdul Erumban	Has Global Productivity Convergence Ended? Evidence and Lessons for Asia
10:00 - 10:30	Radheshyam Verma, Siddhartha Nath, Chaitali Bhowmick and Swastik Yadav	Balassa-Samuelson Effect in Emerging Market Economies - An Empirical Examination
10:30 - 11:00	Ilya B. Voskoboinikov, Abdul A. Erumban, Harry X. Wu	Productivity Slowdown in a Shifting Global Economy: Comparative Insights from China, India, and Russia
11:00 - 11:30	Mun S. Ho, Koji Nomura, Jon Samuels	Productivity dynamics after energy shocks, financial crisis, and covid: Evidence from an Augmented Asia Productivity Database

PAPER PRESENTATION SCHEDULE (MALAYSIA)

Paper Presentation Schedule
20 August 2026 | Day 1

Stream 3 – State Productivity Divergence Stella Room, Level 3	
Time	State
14:00–14:30	Sharing session by Dr. Mohd Yusof Bin Saari, Chief Executive Officer of Centre for Future Studies Berhad (THE FUTURE)
14:30 – 14:45	TPr. Shariman Bin Abdul Wahab W.P. Kuala Lumpur
14:45 – 15:00	Arif Hani Bin Abd. Rahman Kedah
15:00 – 15:15	Faizah Binti Abdul Rahman@Sulaiman Melaka
15:15 – 15:30	Mohd Hafiz Bin Che Mahmud Kelantan
15:30 – 15:45	Muhaimin Mustaqim Bin Jamaludin Pahang
15:45 – 16:00	Azizul Hakim Bin Abd Karim Perak
16:00 – 16:15	Hasan Hafizi Bin Hanapi Perlis
16:15 – 16:30	Lekshimi A/P Muniandy Pulau Pinang
16:30 – 16:45	Alison Binti Buda Sarawak
16:45 – 17:00	Muhammad Azhari Bin Salleh Selangor
17:00 – 17:15	Mohd Fadhlil Bin Jusoh Terengganu
17:15 – 17:30	Muadzad Shahrom Bin Muhasip Sabah

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CONFERENCE INFO

Item	International	Malaysia
Participants	110 participants Bangladesh, Cambodia, Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Turkiye, Thailand, Vietnam, USA, Russia, China, Netherlands	120 participants • State Government & Agencies • Industries • Ministries • Academia
Stream & Theme	Stream 1: Labour, Human Capital & Emerging Productivity Drivers Stream 2: Productivity Growth, Structural Change & Convergence	Stream 3: State Productivity Divergence
Paper presentation	22 papers	12 papers

CONFERENCE LAYOUT



Other info:

Item	Venue
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner	Asian Pot, Level 2
Prayer room (Şura)	Level 4