Monitoring the Post-Pandemic Recovery in ASEAN

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While still not out of the woods yet, ASEAN has started to recover

- More than one year into the crisis, COVID-19 remains a significant risk to ASEAN
- Despite uncertainty, signs of recovery started to emerge, as roll-out of vaccination programs improves consumer and business confidence
- Country-specific factors will continue to underpin the strength of recovery: medical interventions and policy support
- Regional initiatives matter too! (ASEAN COVID-19 Response Fund, ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework)
But the post-pandemic recovery still presents a lot of challenges ...
... as well as opportunities to deal with emerging regional issues

➢ Scaling-up digitalization

➢ Addressing sustainability in all dimensions

➢ Re-imagining market integration
Conclusion: making recovery work

- In ASEAN, as elsewhere, post-pandemic recovery remains a key priority; but recovering better and ensuring a resilient and sustainable recovery requires tremendous actions and strategic measures.

- Beyond medical interventions and policy support, having a robust monitoring mechanism to ensure that regional measures are implemented is crucial ...

- ... as well strong regional cooperation that builds on systematic information sharing and development of new initiatives to sustain recovery on the ground.
Thank You!