

## AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION

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### SPEAKERS' PROFILE

Opening Remarks	
<p><b>NGAMPASONG MOUNGMANY</b> Vice Minister Ministry of Public Works and Transport Lao PDR</p>	
Moderator	
 <p><b>RONALD ANTONIO BUTIONG</b> Chief of Regional Cooperation and Integration Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department Asian Development Bank</p>	<p><b>Ronald Antonio Butiong</b> oversees and coordinates ADB's overall regional cooperation and integration (RCI) operations by providing relevant strategic and technical advice. He develops and maintains thematic policies, strategies, operational plans, and directional papers to guide bankwide regional cooperation and integration work and ensures alignment with ADB's Strategy 2030.</p> <p>Mr. Butiong has over 25 years of professional experience working on regional cooperation and integration and country programming. He joined ADB in February 2004 as a Programs Specialist - Greater Mekong Subregion\ (GMS) in the former Mekong Department. He progressed to Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist and GMS Unit Head, Southeast Asia Department (SERD) in June 2008, and in February 2010, transferred to the Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) to head the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Unit.</p> <p>Mr. Butiong was a consultant responsible for various technical assistance projects promoting subregional cooperation in ADB's developing member countries. He was Assistant Vice President and Head of Investments of the Trust Banking Group of the erstwhile Far East Bank and Trust Company (FEBTC) in the Philippines.</p> <p>Mr. Butiong holds a Master's degree in Mathematics from Louisiana State University, United States, and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics from De La Salle University, Philippines in 1985. He also holds a Certificate in FEBTC-Executive Development Program from the Asian Institute of Management, Philippines.</p>

## Presentation



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Professor **Ruth Banomyong, PhD (Cardiff)** is currently Dean at the Faculty of Commerce & Accountancy (a.k.a Thammasat Business School), Thammasat University in Thailand. Thammasat Business School is the only triple accredited institution in the country. He received his PhD in 2001, in the field of International Logistics within the Logistics & Operations Management Section (LOMS) at Cardiff Business School (UK).

He was the winner of the James Cooper Cup in 2001 for the best PhD dissertation in logistics from the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport (CILT) in the United Kingdom. In 2016, Supply Chain Asia (Singapore) awarded the prize of supply chain educator of the year. In 2021, the Industrial Engineering & Operations Management (IEOM) Society awarded him with the Distinguished Educator Award in 2021 while the National Research Council of Thailand (NCRT) awarded him with the National Outstanding Researcher Award in the field of Economics for 2022.

Ruth's main research interests are in the field of multimodal transport, international logistics, trade facilitation, logistics development policy, supply chain performance and humanitarian supply chains. He has published over 100 papers and reports in scientific journals and has co-authored more than 10 books.

Since 1995, Ruth has been a consultant for international agencies such as the United Nations Conference on Trade & Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP), The World Bank, The Asian Development Bank (ADB), The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), OECD, etc.

## Panel Discussion



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**Eva Chan** has a long experience in the Single Window and Customs implementation since 1993. She has been involved in development of UN Recommendation such as REC 36 AND Rec 33 revision. She is currently the Project Lead for UN/CEFACT White paper for Transit Accompanying Documents. She has worked as a domain expert in the trade and Customs area in close cooperation with international organisations and represented Malaysian Government as the technical consultant in ASEAN Single Window Technical Working Group. She has also worked in international projects focusing on Single Window feasibility study such as Nigeria, Nepal, Hong Kong SAR and in the role as Business Process analysis and Data harmonization expert.