



Promoting sustainable socio-economic development through quality infrastructure and connectivity

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Enhancing Regional Supply Chain

- COVID-19 has highlighted the vulnerability of supply chains and trade around the world
- Enhanced trade among the ASEAN countries and key trade partners has become more critical – to maintain economic growth and build resilience to external shocks
- Regional trade agreements to cover more than tariffs and including other policies that help cross-border trade facilitation to be more efficient

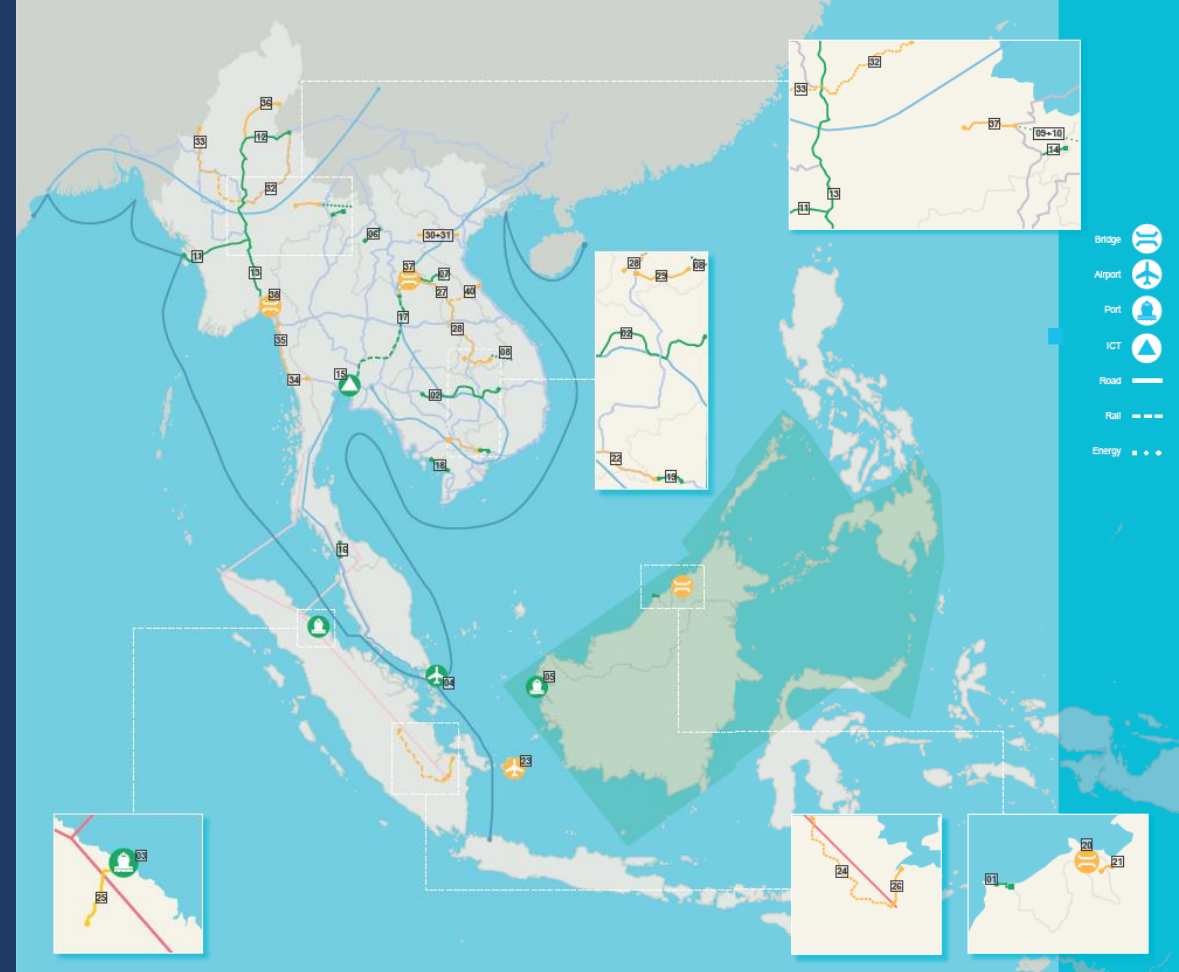


Promoting Digital Connectivity

- Digital technology and SMEs are the key elements that drive regional trade – and even more so during COVID-19
- Digital technology has not only made it easier for us to connect, but also enhance trade facilitation systems and procedures to be more efficient and transparent
- Digital connectivity in ASEAN still has room to grow. More needs for development of skilled workforce, knowledge of entrepreneurship, and data openness

Improving critical connectivity infrastructure

- Robust preparation of regional corridor projects will be essential to attract adequate financing.
- Regional integration or corridor development projects are multi-sectoral by nature. Solid technical, upstream work under a well-structured institutional oversight is key to good project preparation.





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