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- Trade facilitation and microfinance for poverty reduction in the GMS: The case study of Thailand, *Ms. Kornkarun Cheewatrakoolpong*, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand  
  
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- Poverty, Inequality and Trade Facilitation in Low and Middle Income Countries, *Mr. Cuong Viet Nguyen*, National Economics University, Viet Nam  
  
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- The impact of agricultural trade facilitation for agricultural food exports in Indonesia and Southeast Asia, *Mr. Ir Masyhuri*, Universitas Gadjah Meda, Indonesia  
  
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- Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and their impact on trade facilitation and poverty reduction in Sri Lanka, *Mr. Chandana Karunaratne*, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka  
  
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- Trade Facilitation and Poverty Reduction: The case study on China-ASEAN Region, **Mr. Laping Wu**, China Agricultural University, China

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