

ICAEW Economic Insight 2018: South-East Asia Q2 Report Launch Event

As one of ICAEW's flagship events, the Economic Insight 2018: South-East Asia Q2 Report Launch was hosted in Vietnam and Singapore in the month of June. Sian Fenner, Lead Asia Economist at Oxford Economics and ICAEW economic partner, presented the Q2 report on the latest economic trend in ASEAN. This was followed by a panel discussion around the topic on how global trade policies impact on local businesses, changes to economic trends that influence the Vietnam economy, and the preparedness of accountancy professionals in tackling technology and the new form of currency.

Vietnam

The ICAEW Economic Insight was launched in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City on 6 and 7 June respectively. The guest speaker at both events was Prof. Tran Dinh Thien, Editor-in-Chief of Economic Studies Magazine and Former Director of the Vietnam Institute of Economics. Prof. Thien shared his views on the current economy and how the regulations and policies changes may influence the outlook of the local economy in the coming years.

6 June in Hanoi

The distinguished panellists comprised of Prof. Tran Dinh Thien, Editor-in-Chief of Economic Studies Magazine; Mark Billington, ICAEW Regional Director, South-East Asia; and Sian Fenner, Oxford Economics.



Opening remark by Mark Billington (left) and report presentation by Sian Fenner (right) in Hanoi



Panel members engaged in a panel discussion

Overwhelming turn out at the EI Hanoi event

7 June in Ho Chi Minh City

The panel discussion centered around key areas from the Economic Insight SEA Q2 report that influenced the SEA region and the Vietnam economy to generate insights. This was actively participated by Chartered Accountant Worldwide (CAW) members, representatives of Vietnam Institute of Chartered Accountants, academic and members of the media to achieve an enriching session.



Prof Tran Dinh Thien sharing his views on the Vietnam economic landscape



EI Report briefing by Sian Fenner, Oxford Economics



Full house attendance at the HCMC launch event



Active participation from audience during the Q&A session

Singapore

8 June

In Singapore, the ICAEW Economic Insight Q2 Launch event was attended by members of ICAEW and CAW, and also academic from leading higher education institutions. Following the report presentation, the panel discussed Fintech landscape, the regulation around crypto currency, its impact on businesses as well as administrating this new form of currency.

The panel comprised of industry experts - Daphne Ng, CEO of JEDTrade and Exco Member of Singapore Fintech Association; Eden Spivakovsky, Director of Deloitte South East Asia; and Seah Li Yun, Assurance Partner of EY Singapore.



Opening address by Mark Billington, ICAEW Regional Director, South-East Asia



Q&A session after EI report presentation



Panel discussion on Fintech landscape and the future of the profession in managing new currency market



Q&A session with the panellists