

Updates on the ASC project on use of ICT for ASEAN coordination and community-building: Hanoi Roundtable

On 7 May 2010, ASC and IdeaCorp of the Philippines jointly organised the 9th roundtable on the use of ICT in ASEAN, with collaboration of Vietnam's Academy of Social Sciences, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies. Participants included those in the government, private sector, academia and NGOs. The discussion primarily focused on the concern of the existing gap in the use of ICT between Vietnam and the rest of ASEAN as well as the state's (ambivalent) attitude regarding the active involvement in ICT of other "brokers", such as the private sector and NGOs.

Participants also suggested that it was imperative to change the way ASEAN members interacted with each other. More importantly, ASEAN needed to care more about how to make the use of ICT popular not only at the state level, but for the benefit of ASEAN citizens. The key thinking is "How to utilise ICT to enhance greater participation of the people in the policy formulation process".

The success of the Hanoi meeting will be followed by the final roundtable in Kuala Lumpur on 13 May 2010. As always, ASC will bring you the update of the event. Stay tuned...



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