

ASIA-READY EXPOSURE PROGRAMME

ASIA-READY WEBINAR SERIES



(schedule correct as at 26 April 2021)

The National Youth Council (NYC) works with various partners to co-curate webinars to allow youth and participants of the **Asia-ready Exposure Programme (AEP)** to gain awareness of the topics of interest in the ASEAN members states, China and India (ACI). Through these webinars, you will be able to gain a better appreciation of the regional issues / developments and a greater awareness of how inter-connected Singapore is with the regional markets.

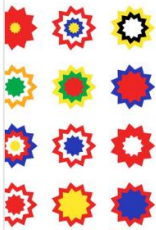
For AEP participants, the topics or focus countries of the webinar attended need not be related to your AEP project(s) as the objective is to expose you to more than what you will learn through the project.

AEP Participants are encouraged to attend the compulsory webinar at the earliest opportunity as the sessions will generally only be held once a month and must be attended before the end of their AEP project. **Check out the latest schedule here:** <https://go.gov.sg/aepwebinar>

Registration is on a **first-come-first-served** basis and may close 3 to 7 days before the session, depending on the take-up rate.

Date	Time	Topic / Title	Country	Registration
Fri, 14 May 2021	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Trade and Agreements: Regional Partnerships and How They Affect You(th)	ASEAN	https://go.gov.sg/aepwebreg
June onwards	To be confirmed			

Webinar details and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) appended below for reference



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TRADE AND AGREEMENTS: REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND HOW THEY AFFECT YOU(TH)

COVID-19 has further accelerated the worldwide process of de-globalisation ignited by the US-China trade war, with many countries imposing export restrictions on key goods amidst the pandemic. However, Singapore remains committed in ensuring trade lines stay open to facilitate the flow of goods and essential supplies despite the crisis, while taking steps to enhance its resilience, such as aiming to improve food security by producing more food locally.

Find out more on why Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) like the recently-signed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) matter to Singapore, businesses, and you(th).

Date: 14 May 2021, Friday

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

(Please join 15 minutes before the session begins)

Register at go.gov.sg/aepwebreg



Moderator:
Ms Faridah Mohd Saad
Deputy Director (Agritech)
Enterprise Singapore

At Enterprise Singapore, Faridah helms a trail-blazing team to spearhead Singapore as a leading urban agriculture & aquaculture technologies hub, contributing to food security, economic growth and good jobs for Singaporeans.

Prior to this, she was with the Ministry of Trade & Industry, where her team was involved in negotiating, reviewing and implementing Singapore's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and cooperation activities among ASEAN and its dialogue partners, including negotiating the world's largest FTA - the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP).

She is currently also the President for Mendaki Club and NYC's INSPIRIT member.



Guest Speaker:
Mr Alvin Tan
Minister of State
Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth
Ministry of Trade and Industry

Mr Alvin Tan was appointed Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Culture, Community and Youth on 1 September 2020. He was first elected as a Member of Parliament in July 2020.

Before joining the government as Minister of State, Mr Tan worked in the private, public and non-profit sectors in organisations such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Goldman Sachs, the United Nations and Oxfam.

Mr Tan holds a First Class Honours in Economics from the University of Sydney and a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University.



Guest Speaker:
Mr Raymond Yee
Vice President (Customs and
Regulatory Affairs)
DHL Express

Raymond has over 25 years experience dealing with Customs and Trade issues covering both public and private sectors, including but not limited to trade facilitation and policy making, trade negotiations, customs simplification and valuation, tax and logistics supply chain efficiency, free trade areas and their rules and requirements.

His first role involved setting up the ASEAN Free Trade Area in the ASEAN Secretariat in 1994 as well as managing customs cooperation and trade facilitation issues in ASEAN as the Assistant Director for Trade Facilitation.

He is also the current Chair of the EU-ASEAN Business Council Working Group on Trade Facilitation.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1. Are the preparation modules compulsory for AEP participants? Where are they held / conducted?

A1. AEP participants must attend **at least one** curated country information module / learning series (e.g. webinars) organised by NYC. All preparation modules provided by NYC are **held online**.

Participants may sign up for more than one session of the webinars should they be interested. Attending additional webinars and preparation modules is based on request, subject to availability and determined by NYC at its sole discretion.

Q2. When should the AEP participants attend the preparation modules?

A2. AEP participants may attend the preparation modules during the Preparation or AEP Project phase and should complete all preparation modules before the end of their AEP project.

Q3. Can non-AEP participants take part in the preparation modules?

A3. AEP participants will be given priority in attending the preparation modules where possible. Non-AEP participants may take part in the preparation modules subject to availability and determined by NYC at its sole discretion.

Q4. Do youths need to pay to attend the preparation modules?

A4. The costs of delivering the preparation modules are **fully subsidised** by NYC and/or our partners, therefore, there is no additional out-of-pocket expenses for the attendees. In return, we hope to receive your full attention and commitment to the session(s) you have signed up for.

Q5. Where can I find the dates / latest schedule for the curated country information module / learning series (e.g. webinars) organised by NYC? How long is each webinar and how to register?

A5. For AEP participants, NYC will send the dates / schedule and registration instructions through email to the applicant and Endorsing Organisation after the AEP application is approved. The latest schedule is available here: <https://go.gov.sg/aepwebinar> and is accessible by public. Each webinar is expected to be between 1 to 2 hours long. For non-AEP participants, you may also wish to find out more about AEP's opportunities at <https://go.gov.sg/aepprog>.

Q6. How do I know if my AEP participants have signed up and/or attended the webinar(s)?

A6. You may write in to your grant officer or AEP_enquiries@nyc.gov.sg with a list of your AEP participants for verification if needed.

Q7. Can I do a bulk registration for all my students (e.g. more than 20)?

A8. Yes, please get in touch with your grant officer or AEP_enquiries@nyc.gov.sg for instructions.