The U.S.-ASEAN Connect Digital Economy Series promotes effective policy and regulatory practices for developing a thriving digital economy in ASEAN. Through dedicated funding, the Digital Economy Series connects key ASEAN government decision makers, private sector practitioners, think tanks, academics, and leading U.S. and regional companies to share best practices and expertise in harnessing the digital economy, discuss opportunities to accelerate the digital transformation of ASEAN, and facilitate an open and innovative digital environment that spurs growth, investment, and collaboration among local and American companies, including small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and women-owned businesses.

Ongoing and Past Initiatives:

**ASEAN Digital Integration Index and E-Payments Readiness Index (Ongoing, 2021):** U.S.-ASEAN Connect is partnering with USAID and the ASEAN Secretariat to prepare key analytical reports that will support ASEAN’s continued digital integration and the development of an open and robust digital economy.

**Copyright Protection in the Digital Environment (Virtual, March 2021):** U.S.-ASEAN Connect, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and U.S. businesses partnered on a webinar for ASEAN officials and the private sector outlining best practices for protecting intellectual property rights online.

**Cybersecurity and Data Governance in Burma (Naypyidaw, February 2020):** U.S.-ASEAN Connect and U.S. Embassy Rangoon organized a one-day workshop on cyber security and data governance, bringing together U.S. business and ASEAN policymakers to discuss key digital economy issues.

**Policy Frameworks for the Future of 5G (Bangkok, May 2019):** U.S.-ASEAN Connect partnered with the Republic of Korea in organizing a workshop to explore the economic potential of 5G, policies for the transition to 5G networks, and related cybersecurity challenges.

**Cybersecurity Speaker Series (Jakarta and Brunei, November 2017):** U.S.-ASEAN Connect recruited a U.S. Cybersecurity Scholar to discuss the intersection of cybersecurity and digital innovation with government representatives, local entrepreneurs, and university students.

**Thailand 4.0 (Bangkok, September 2017):** Thai officials joined private sector representatives at a Digital Economy Series workshop to discuss digital policy best practices and strategies to maximize the potential of digital economy growth.

**ASEAN Digital Regulation Workshop (Singapore, June 2017):** U.S.-ASEAN Connect and USAID cohosted a one-day workshop on regulation for a thriving digital economy with the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on E-Commerce (ACCEC).

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