

[Workshop] Mekong Research & Dialogue: December 6, 2024

**How can “data and technology” enhance the governance of the Mekong River Basin?
Insights from the MRC project and beyond**

Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO)

IDE-JETRO aims to build a research network to facilitate further dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders with a view to sustainable and inclusive development in the Mekong region. This workshop will focus on the ongoing technical project initiated by the Mekong River Commission (MRC) to utilize a smartphone application to encourage all stakeholders to access climate and water real-time data. We will discuss how such a digital transformation (DX) solution can enhance the governance of the Mekong River Basin while referring to other practices in the region and beyond.

Date: 10:15-12:00 AM (Japan), December 6, 2024

Venue: Zoom online

Invited Speaker: Mr. Santi Baran, Chief Strategy and Partnership Officer, MRC
“Future of Mekong River Commission Data & Technology”

Discussant: Mr. Souknilanh Keola, Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO / ERIA

Moderator: Dr. Kenji Otsuka, Senior Research Fellow, IDE-JETRO

Mr. Santi Baran is the Chief Strategy and Partnership Officer of the Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat. He oversees the organization’s strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), communications, stakeholder engagement, and partnership development. Working for the MRC over the past 14 years, he has led the formulation of the MRC Strategic Plans since 2010.

MRC: Mekong River Commission <https://www.mrcmekong.org/>

IDE-JETRO: Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization

<https://www.ide.go.jp/English.html>

ERIA: Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia <https://www.eria.org/>

The expected participants are academics, students, civil society, business, and government professionals interested in sustainable development issues in the Mekong region.

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