

## ***“Responding to the Dynamic Changes in the World of Work in Asia”***

**July 28, 2023 (9:30 AM – 12:00 noon Taiwan Standard Time)**

The panel on “Responding to the Dynamic Changes in the World of Work in Asia” is organized by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung’s Regional Economic Programme Asia (SOPAS). It was held last July 28, 2023 as part of the South East Asia-South Asia-Taiwan (SEASAT) Camp 2023, an annual flagship event organized by the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation (TAEF) since its establishment. The panel in particular, and the SEASAT Camp 2023 in general, is aimed at young people, think tanks, academe, government policy makers.

The panel was composed of the following experts:

- **Dr. Riccardo Corrado**, Assistant Professor and the Chairperson for the ICT Program at the American University of Phnom Penh.
- **Dr. Upalat Korwatanasakul**, an international development economist interested in economic, environmental, and social development topics in Asia and the Pacific, such as climate change, digital economy, global value chains, informal economy, labour market, and sustainable development.
- **Mr. Adler Yang**, Founding Director of the Awakening Cooperative Lab, a think-and-do tank aiming to re-search/design for, and actualise regenerative and harmonious societies with compassion and critical complex systems awareness.

It was moderated by **Ms. Cristita Marie Perez**, the Senior Programme Manager for the Regional Economic Programme Asia (SOPAS). It was a hybrid panel that was participated by 45 participants online and 39 on-site participants.

The panel covered the current state of work and employment trends for young people in Asia and identified the key challenges faced by young people regarding work and employment. This included issues like automation, gig economy, skills gap, and unemployment. The essential skills needed for future work in Asia was also discussed. Panelists also identified the skills that will be in high demand and how the education system can adapt to ensure young people are adequately prepared. The role of technology in education and upskilling was also explored, and the initiatives or programs that are currently addressing the skills gap are discussed.

Panelists also discussed the emerging work trends and industries that are likely to shape the future job market in Asia. They shared their perspectives on sectors such as technology, renewable energy, healthcare, etc., and how young people can position themselves for opportunities in these areas. They also briefly touched the potential impact of artificial intelligence, automation, and other technologies on job availability and the nature of work in the future. Finally, the role of government policies and support systems in facilitating the transition to the future of work is also discussed and suggestions for potential policy measures or support mechanisms that could be implemented to address the challenges and opportunities for young people in Asia were also tackled.

The SEASAT Camp 2023 was also successfully concluded. The camp was held from July 26-28, 2023 at the Institute of Diplomatic and International Affairs, Taipei, Taiwan. The was participated by 40 youth participants from Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and the US.

The entire panel recording can be viewed at the KAS Japan Youtube channel:  
<https://youtu.be/2ytO33Sluhc>