

World Transport & Logistics Forum Thailand 2019

“Bridging ASEAN through Digital Connectivity”

Wednesday, 28 August 2019, 13.30-15.30 hrs. at NILE 1, 2nd Floor, BITEC, Bangkok

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Digital economy development is accelerating in Southeast Asia, but can grow even faster if key policy and regulatory barriers can be addressed by the region’s policymakers.

Logistics plays a critical role in enabling the growth of the wider digital economy. For e-commerce, high logistics costs generated by the challenging geography of many countries in the region are exacerbated by regulations that limit competition in logistics. There are also various regulatory issues that need to be addressed along the whole e-commerce supply chain. For example, at the border, an important issue is trade facilitation for cross-border e-commerce. While governments are concerned about the revenue implications of e-commerce (with the increase in the volume of goods falling under duty-free and VAT/GST-free thresholds) risk-based approaches to managing border clearance need to be maintained, recognizing that the overwhelming majority of small parcels crossing borders through e-commerce are likely to be legitimate shipments, and that inspecting all or most parcels will not only impede trade, but entail high administrative costs for customs and other agencies. With growing digital adoption across all services sectors policymakers also have a role to enable innovation in digitalized logistics services.

Program:

13.30-14.00 hrs. Registration

14.00-14.05 hrs. Welcome Speech

by **Mr. Suttisak Wilanan**

Deputy Managing Director, Reed Tradex Co., Ltd.



14.05-14.45 hrs. Special Presentation

by **Ms. Natasha Beshorner**

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14.45-15.30 hrs. Q&A

Remarks: (Program as of July 12, 2019)

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