



ERIA's Commitment to Inclusive and Resilient Ageing Societies

Opening Remarks at The 23rd ASEAN Japan High-Level Officials Meeting for Caring Society

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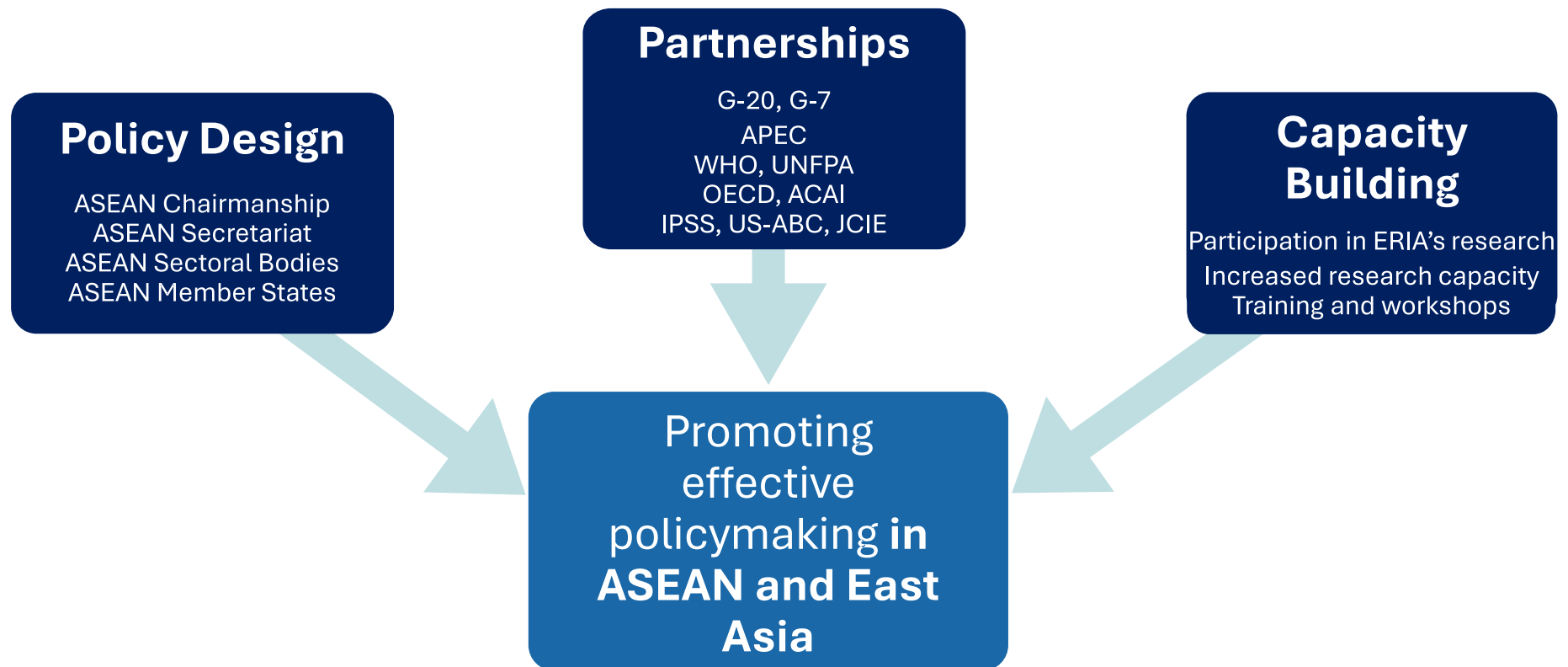


Overview

The formal establishment of ERIA was agreed upon by **all the leaders from 16 Member States at the 3rd East Asia Summit**. 21 November 2007, Singapore

- ERIA is recognized as an **International Organization** based in Jakarta
- **Mandate:** to conduct research activities and make policy recommendations for further economic integration in ASEAN and the East Asian region
- ERIA works with **ASEAN Secretariat and EAS member states**, international organizations, universities, think tanks, and the private sector
- **Member States:** ASEAN Member States, Japan, China, South Korea, India, Australia, and New Zealand
- **ERIA Staff: 200+**

As a leading policy think-tank and international organization, ERIA delivers evidence-based research to support policymakers in making informed decisions



Key Research Areas

Economy & Trade

Trade & Investment

Supply chain

Energy

Decarbonisation

Energy Transition

Digital

Digital Innovation

Start up

Agriculture

Food Security

Environment

Measures Against
Marine Plastic Debris

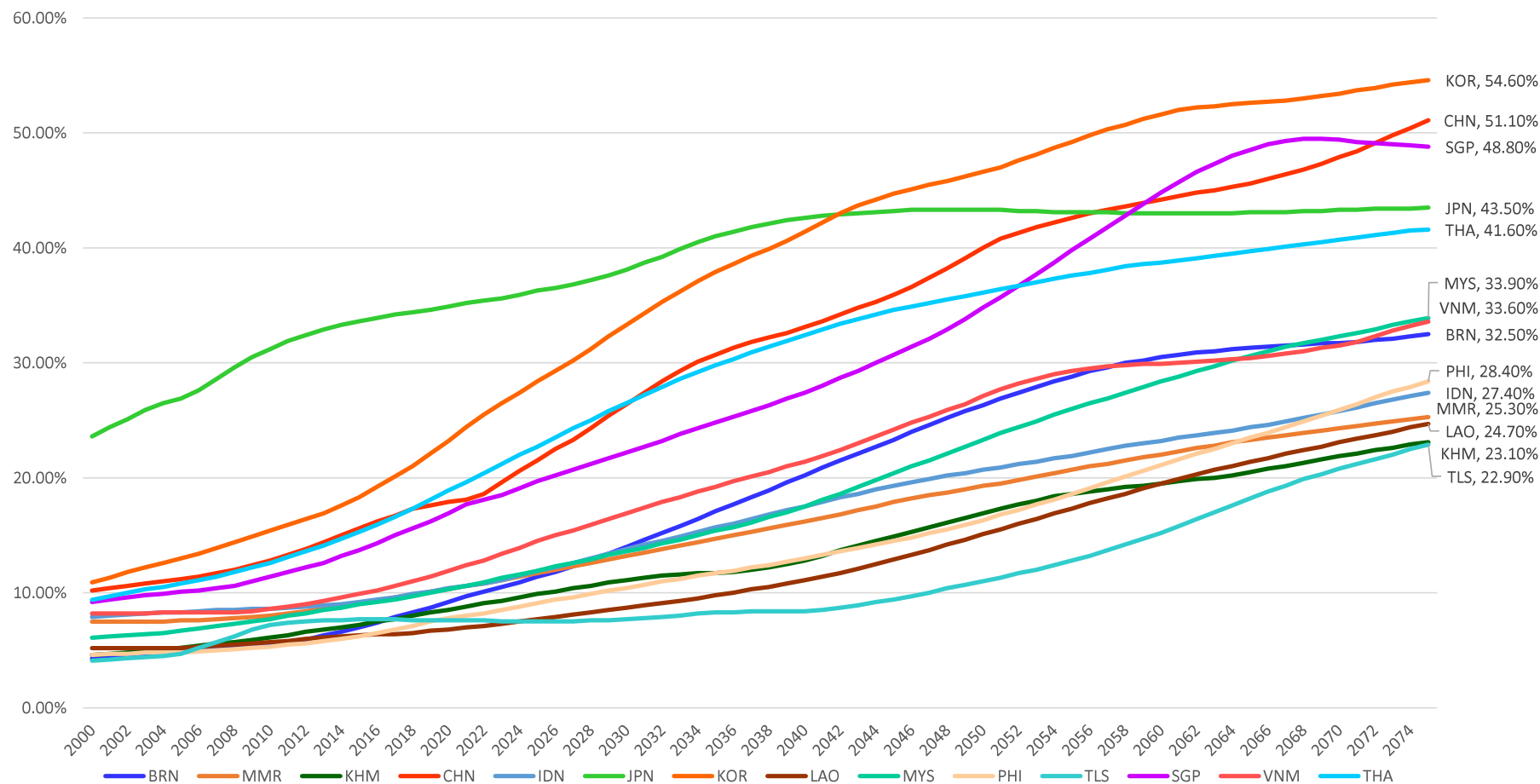
Health

Universal Health Coverage

Social Welfare

Ageing in Southeast Asia

Proportion of People Aged 60+



Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2024).

World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision, custom data acquired via website. <https://population.un.org/wpp/>

Promoting Active Ageing in Southeast Asia

- ERIA and OECD examined how population ageing affects ASEAN Member States, using national data from ASEAN and OECD countries.
- **Promoting Active Ageing**—where older adults engage confidently in work and community life—is increasingly crucial in ageing ASEAN societies.
- This report outlines **key challenges** and **policy responses**, and shows how active ageing **can benefit the economy** when effectively implemented.



Sustainable Financing for Integrated Care for Older Populations

FiSCO: Financial Sustainability of Integrated Care for Older Persons in Southeast Asia compared to East Asia

- **Assess the Situation** in SEA vs. East Asia
- **Develop Scenarios, Simulate and Forecast** the financial burden.
- Provide **Policy Recommendations**.
- Promote **Awareness**.
- **Capacity Building**.
- Establish **Collaborative Network & Platform**.

Rationale:

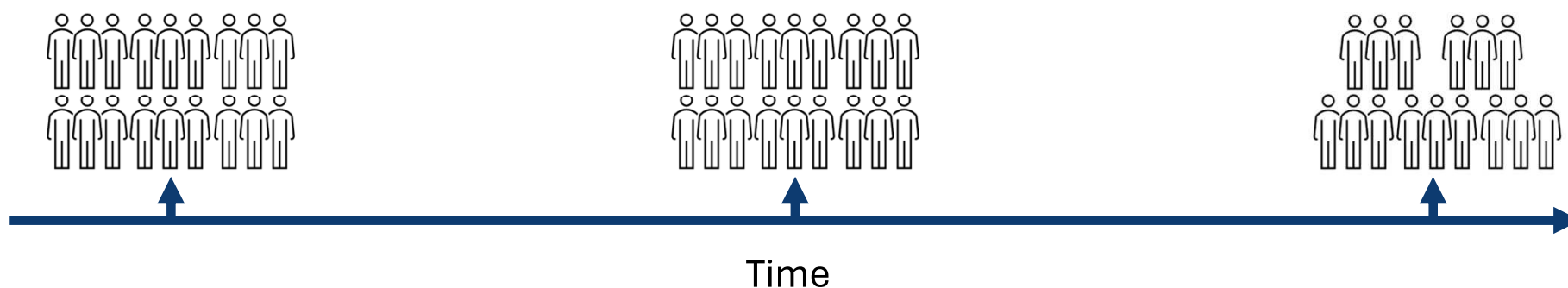
- Rapid Ageing in SEA; People live longer but not always healthier.
- Demand for care to older persons, particularly older women and caregivers, is rising due to declining fertility, shifting caregiving norms, smaller families, and changing living arrangements.
- Urgent need to strengthen financial security, risk protection, and financing systems to keep pace with rapid ageing.

Expected outcomes:

- Improved awareness.
- Enhanced access to care & health outcomes.
- Improved quality of care.
- Greater financial protection for older persons & families.
- Improved policies & governance; strengthened health financing systems.



Longitudinal Studies on Ageing and Health



- Coverage: the Philippines & Viet Nam
- Wave 1: 2018; Wave 2: 2023; Wave 3: under preparation.
- The first multiple-actor longitudinal study on ageing and health in both countries.
- Provide comprehensive information on **health, economic status**, and overall **well-beings** of over **6,000** people aged 60+



Additional Key Initiatives

COLLABORATION WITH ASEAN

- There are several initiatives promoting healthy ageing through ASEAN and ASEAN plus three, e.g.,
 - Research on Access to Care: SOMSWD Workshop
 - Healthy Ageing Prize for Active Ageing and Innovation (HAPI)

BILATERAL COLLABORATION WITH ASEAN MEMBER STATES

- There are several initiatives promoting healthy ageing through bilateral collaboration, e.g.,
 - Research on Low Fertility Rate in Vietnam



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