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Day 1: Wednesday, 9 September 2026

16:00–17:15 (ICT, UTC+7)

Opening Session of the Annual Board Meeting

Scheduled Time: 16:00 – 17:15 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Mr. Hideyuki Asano, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

- The session opened with welcoming remarks from Dr. Raden Arthur Ario Lelono (BRIN), delivered on behalf of Prof. Agus Haryono and Ms. Reiko Yuguchi (e-ASIA JRP Secretariat).

- Representatives from 16 of 27 Member Organizations introduced themselves and their respective institutions.

    1) NHMRC, Australia
    2) MISTI, Cambodia
    3) NSFC, China
    4) BRIN, Indonesia
    5) MEXT, Japan
    6) JST, Japan
    7) AMED, Japan
    8) MOSTI, Malaysia
    9) MOST, Myanmar
    10) DOST, Philippines
    11) A*STAR, Singapore
    12) NSTDA, Thailand
    13) NRCT, Thailand
    14) PMU-B, Thailand
    15) NIAID, USA
    16) MST, Vietnam

Day 2: Thursday, 10 September 2026

09:00 – 16:30 (ICT, UTC+7)

Remarks on Resumption of the ABM

Scheduled Time: 09:00 – 09:05 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Mr. Hideyuki Asano, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Speaker: Dr. Raden Arthur Ario Lelono, BRIN

Dr. Arthur welcomed the Board Members and delegates on behalf of Prof. Agus Haryono, emphasizing the importance of exploring opportunities for engagement and fostering an open exchange of views and feedback. He encouraged all participants to actively engage in discussions and constructively challenge one another, noting that such collaboration would help strengthen their collective impact and drive meaningful progress for East Asia and the world.

Session 1: Annual Program Review

Scheduled Time: 09:05 – 09:45 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Mr. Hideyuki Asano, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Reporting Agenda:

1. Agenda 1: 14th Annual Activity Report
2. Agenda 2: Amendment to the Program Statute and Guidelines
3. Agenda 3: Outcomes of the 15th Joint Review Meetings
4. Agenda 4: Implemented Timeline for the 15th Call for Proposals

Reporting Summary of Session 1

1. Agenda 1: 14th Annual Activity Report

Mr. Asano presented the 14th Annual Activity Report, covering the period from September 11, 2025 to August 31, 2026, including the following points:

1.1 **Program Administration**: The 14th Annual Board Meeting was held on September 10–11, 2025 at NISTI, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, with representatives from 17 of the 27 Member Organizations in attendance. This was followed by the 43rd Ad Hoc Board Meeting, conducted via email correspondence from October 1–13 , 2025.

1.2 **Member Organization and Guest Partner:** The e-ASIA JRP has been operated with current 27 Members Organization from 15 countries, and 1 guest partner organization of NSF, Sri Lanka.

1.3 **Proposal for a New Member Organization:** On August 25, 2026, MST, Viet Nam proposed NAFOSTED as an independent Member Organization, followed by the submission of the signed Letter of Intent for New Member Organization to the Secretariat on August 30, 2026.

1.4 **14th Call for Proposals:** The call was open from December 16, 2024 to March 31, 2025. A total of 4, 5, and 7 projects under the Fields of Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Alternative Energy, and Health Research, respectively, were approved for funding.

1.5 **15th Call for Proposals:** The call was open from December 17, 2025 to March 31, 2026, covering 3 Fields of Cooperation: Agriculture, Alternative Energy, and Health Research. A total of 120, 29, and 108 applications were submitted under the respective Fields of Cooperation.

1.6 **16th Call for Proposals:**

1.6.1 A questionnaire was launched in May 2026 to collect the research priorities and interests of Member Organizations. Responses regarding research interest were received from 12 Member Organizations.

1.6.2 Following online discussions held on July 10 and 24, 2026, 4 candidate Fields of Cooperation were initially identified: 1) Advanced Interdisciplinary Research Toward Innovation, 2) Agriculture, 3) Environment, and 4) Health Research. However, Advanced Interdisciplinary Research Toward Innovation was subsequently excluded as it did not meet the minimum requirement of research interest from participants in at least three countries.

1.7 **Stakeholder Interactions – 15th Call for Proposals Webinar:**

1.7.1 The webinar was held virtually on February 12, 2026 and co-organized by 11 participating Member Organizations and the e-ASIA JRP Secretariat. It provided prospective applicants with guidance on the e-ASIA JRP framework, research priorities, eligibility criteria, national requirements, and common application challenges.

1.7.2 The webinar consisted of three sessions: (1) e-ASIA JRP Framework and Program, (2) Research Priorities, and (3) Eligibility Criteria and Common Application Challenges.

1.7.3 The webinar attracted 718 registrants from 11 participating countries, including 8 registrants from 7 non-participating countries. A total of 482 participants attended, representing a 67% attendance rate. By research field, participation comprised 307 in Health Research, 118 in Agriculture, and 57 in Alternative Energy.

2. Agenda 2: Amendment to the Program Statutes

2.1 The session proceeded with the reporting of Agenda 2 regarding the proposed amendment to reflect the update of the current ASEAN membership. The proposed amendment specifically to Article 4, paragraph (2) of the Program Statute (p.2) and section 1 (introduction) of the guidelines for the participation of new Member Organizations (p.2) following Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste's official accession as a full ASEAN member on October 26, 2025.

3. Agenda 3: Outcomes of the 15th Joint Review Meetings

3.1 This was followed by the final agenda item, presenting the outcomes of the 15th Call for Proposals based on the project selections determined during the 15th Joint Review Meetings held on September 9, 2026.

3.2 Outcomes of 15th Call for Proposals for endorsement:

3.2.1 Health Research: 8 candidate proposals for endorsement

1) HR15016: Australia/Indonesia/USA
2) HR15048: China/Indonesia/Singapore
3) HR15049: Australia/Indonesia/USA
4) HR15050: Australia/Indonesia/Japan
5) HR15058: China/Australia/Singapore
6) HR15069: Japan/USA/Indonesia
7) HR15071: Australia/China/Indonesia
8) HR15094: Australia/China/Indonesia

3.2.2 Agriculture: 3 candidate proposals for endorsement

1) AG15001: Japan/Malaysia/China
2) AG15018: China/Malaysia/Indonesia

3) AG15117: China/Japan/Malaysia/Indonesia

and 2 on-hold candidate proposals for endorsement

1) AG15024: Malaysia/Japan/Indonesia/~~China~~
2) AG15110: Malaysian/Japan/~~Philippines~~/Indonesia

3.2.3 Alternative Energy: 1 candidate proposal for endorsement

1) AE15013: China/Thailand/Indonesia

4. Agenda 4: Proposed Timeline for the 15th Call for Proposals

4.1 The proposed timeline for the 15th Call was presented, extending through to the announcement of successful projects for this Call.

Discussion Agenda of Session 1

NIAID (USA)

- Raised concerns regarding the low number of proposals selected for funding and whether the program covers too many research topics. Suggested reconsidering and refining the framing of research priorities in future calls to improve proposal alignment and funding success.
- Proposed deferring the vote on the 14th Annual Activity Report for one week to allow Member Organizations additional time for review, followed by an ad hoc vote by email.

NHMRC (Australia)

- Requested that the amendments to the report also be circulated so that Member Organizations could review where the proposed changes had been incorporated.

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- Explained that differences in national review and evaluation processes among Member Organizations resulted in limited matching proposals. Consequently, only a small number of proposals met the requirements for establishing multilateral collaborative research projects.

Conclusion of Session 1

The e-ASIA Secretariat will circulate the Program Statute and Participation Guidelines, with changes highlighted for ease of reference, together with the 14th Annual Activity Report, following the meeting for review.

The session was concluded at 09:45 (ICT, UTC+7) as scheduled.

Session 2: Next Calls for Proposals

Scheduled Time: 09:45–10:30 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Ms. Reiko Yuguchi, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Reporting Agenda:

1) Agenda 1: Development and Milestones for the 16th Call for Proposals
2) Agenda 2: Outcomes of the 16th Call Development Workshop
3) Agenda 3: Proposed Timeline for the 16th and 17th Calls for Proposals

Reporting Summary of Session 2

1. Agenda 1: Development and Milestones for the 16th Call for Proposals

1.1 Ms. Yuguchi reported on the progress of developing the 16th Call for Proposals. A questionnaire survey was conducted from May 25 to June 26, 2026 to collect Member Organizations' research priorities and interests.

1.2 The first virtual meeting was held on July 10, 2026 to discuss the survey results and identify four FoC candidates, followed by a second virtual meeting on July 24, 2026 to finalize the research topics and invite Member Organizations to serve as Main Member Organizations.

1.3 Based on the confirmation received from Member Organizations, Agriculture, Environment, and Health Research were endorsed as the Fields of Cooperation for the 16th Call for Proposals.

1.4 From August 11 to 28, 2026, the draft Call Development Workshop Program Agenda and Call Guidelines were prepared. The Call Development Workshop for Agriculture and Environment was held via Zoom on September 8, 2026.

2. Agenda 2: Outcomes of the 16th Call Development Workshop

The outcomes of the CDW in the Fields of Cooperation in Agriculture and Environment were reported as follows:

2.1 Field of Cooperation in Agriculture

Main MO: JST, Japan

Rapporteur: Ms. Nahoko Ando, JST

2.1.1 Agreed Call Topics and Research Areas:

(Revision 1: Capitalization corrected)

A. <u>Call Topic 1: Climate-Smart Agriculture and Resilient Crop System</u>

- Development of climate-resilient crop varieties advanced breeding and selection approaches for climate-smart varieties
- Integrated crop management digital tools for resilience, including paddy management systems, drones, and satellite technologies
- Practical technologies that can be readily utilized by farmers
- Post-disaster agricultural rehabilitation recovery from flood, drought, salinity damage

B. <u>Call Topic 2: Sustainable Food Value Chains and Post-Harvest Innovation</u>

- Reducing post-harvest losses in crops and marine resources
- Upcycling of agricultural and fishery by-products
- Application of metabolomics and AI for quality assessment and quality indicators
- Development of sustainable and regionally adapted supply chains

C. Call Topic 3: Sustainable Aquaculture, Fisheries and Blue Food Innovation

- Development of salinity-tolerant, disease-resistant and climate-adaptive aquaculture species
- Enhanced utilization of freshwater and marine resources – *Examples: seaweed and watermeal (Wolffia spp.)*
- Application of IoT technologies for paddy-field aquaculture

2.1.2 Participating Member Organizations:

Member Organization	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**
Cambodia: MISTI	✓	✓	✓
China: NSFC	✓	✓	✓
Indonesia: BRIN	✓	✓	✓
Japan: JST	✓	✓	✓
Malaysia: ASM	✓	✓	✓
Viet Nam : MST	✓	✓	✓

2.2 Field of Cooperation in Environment

Main MO: PMU-B, Thailand

Rapporteur: Dr. Smith Leknettip, PMU-B

2.2.1 Agreed Call Topics and Research Areas:

A. Call Topic 1: Climate Adaptation, Resilience and Nature-based Solution

- Climate and Environment Monitoring, Forecasting and Decision-Support Systems
  - *Early warning systems for climate-induced and extreme events*

- *High-resolution climate modelling, Risk assessment and decision-support systems*
- *Remote sensing, AI, Geoinformatics and integrated digital technologies for climate and environmental monitoring*

- Climate-Resilient Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions for Climate Adaptation
  - *Climate-resilient infrastructure design, management and adaptation strategies*
  - *Urban, community and ecosystem resilience to climate hazards*
  - *Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction*

B. Call Topic 2: Sustainable Water, Air and Environmental Pollution Management

- Urban and Environmental Pollution Monitoring, Source Identification and Risk Assessment
  - *Urban environmental pollution monitoring under rapid urbanization*
  - *Pollutant source identification, transport pathways and source apportionment*
  - *Advanced sensing, modelling and data-driven approaches for pollution assessment*
  - *Environmental exposure and human health risk assessment*

- Advanced Pollution Control, Sustainable Treatment and Remediation Technologies
  - *Emerging contaminants detection, treatment and health impact mitigation*
  - *Advanced materials and technologies for pollution control and remediation*

- *Sustainable water treatment, reuse and environmental remediation*
- *Technology validation and integrated pollution management*

C. Call Topic 3: Circular Economy, Resource Recovery and Green Technologies

- Resource Recovery and Waste Valorization
  - *Recovery of critical materials, metals, nutrients, chemicals and valuable resources*
  - *Waste-to-resource and waste valorization technologies*
  - *Plastic circularity and plastic-to-resource systems*
  - *Agricultural and industrial waste utilization*

- Circular Production Systems, Green Technologies and Sustainable Deployment
  - *Green manufacturing and resource-efficient production*
  - *Circular production systems*
  - *Circular economy system modelling and digital circularity*
  - *Assessment, demonstration and scale-up of circular technologies*.

2.2.2 Participating Member Organizations:

Member Organization	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**
China: NSFC	✓	✓	✓
Indonesia: BRIN	✓	✓	✓
Japan: JST	✓	✓	x
Philippines: DOST-PCAARRD	✓	x	x
Philippines: DOST-PCIEERD	x	✓	✓
Thailand: NRCT	x	x	✓
Thailand: PMU-B	✓	✓	x

2.3 For the Health Research Field of Cooperation, the outcomes remain pending finalization and will be proposed for consideration at the 44th Ad Hoc Board Meeting.

3. Agenda 3: Proposed Timeline for the 16th and 17th Call for Proposals

3.1 The proposed timeline for the 16th and 17th Calls was presented, extending through to the announcement of successful projects for each Call. This timeline will take effect following the conclusion of ABM 2026.

Discussion Agenda of Session 2

Discussion Agenda 2:

Proposed Timeline for 16th Call for Proposal – Health Research

NHMRC (Australia)

- Requested clarification on the timeline for finalizing and launching the Health Call, given the pending appointment of the Main Member Organization (MMO).
- Informed the meeting that its review process may be delayed due to a system upgrade scheduled for May 2027.

NIAID (USA)

- Proposed consolidating the two Health Call topics into a single topic covering infectious diseases, immunology, antimicrobial resistance, and One Health. This approach could facilitate broader participation, greater collaboration, and increased flexibility among participating MOs.

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- Informed the meeting that the appointment of the MMO for Health Research is close to being finalized. Discussions among participating MOs are expected to

commence next week or the following week, allowing less than two weeks for input prior to the ad hoc meeting scheduled for early October.

- Acknowledged the proposal to merge the current Health Call topics and will raise the matter with the potential MMO for further discussion.

Conclusion of Session 2

Session 2 noted progress on the 16th Call for Proposals, including the completion of the Agriculture and Environment Call Development Workshops and endorsement of the respective call topics and research areas. The designation of the Health Research MMO is being finalized, with confirmation expected at the ad hoc meeting in early October.

The proposed timelines for the 16th and 17th Calls were also presented. Discussions focused on the Health Call timeline, the potential impact of NHMRC's system upgrade, and the proposal to consolidate the two Health Call topics. The Secretariat will further discuss these matters with the relevant Member Organizations.

The session concluded at 10:15 ICT (UTC+7), 15 minutes earlier than scheduled.
(Revision 4: Session ending times updated)

Session 3: Webinar on Eligibility and Outcomes of Joint Call Applications

(Revision 4: Scheduled and actual session times updated)

Scheduled Time: 11:00–11:45 (ICT, UTC+7)

Actual Time: 10:30–11:15 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Mr. Hideyuki Asano, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Reporting Agenda:

1) Agenda 1: Recap and Overview of the 15th Call for Proposals Webinar
2) Agenda 2: Eligibility Review Outcomes of the 15th Call for Proposals
3) Agenda 3: Future Direction and Arrangement for the 16th Call for Proposals

Reporting Summary of Session 3

1. Agenda 1: Recap and Overview of the 15th Call for Proposals Webinar

1.1 The 15th Call for Proposals webinar was held online on February 12, 2026, covering Health Research, Alternative Energy, and Agriculture. The webinar provided prospective applicants with practical guidance on the e-ASIA JRP framework, research priorities, national eligibility requirements, and application procedures. A total of 718 participants from 17 countries registered, including 710 from 11 participating countries and 8 from 7 non-participating countries. Of these, 482 attended the webinar, representing a 67% attendance rate, with 307 participants in Health Research, 118 in Agriculture, and 57 in Alternative Energy.

1.2 Following the webinar, 41 attendees submitted applications for the 15th Call for Proposals, of which 36 (88%) were assessed as eligible by their respective

Member Organizations: 19 in Agriculture, 12 in Health Research, and 5 in Alternative Energy.

2. Agenda 2: Eligibility Review Outcomes of the 15th Call for Proposals

2.1 Of the 257 applications received, 160 (62.3%) were assessed as eligible, while 97 (37.7%) were deemed ineligible. Health Research recorded the highest eligibility rate at 71.3%, followed by Agriculture at 56.7% and Alternative Energy at 51.7%.

2.2 The most common reasons for ineligibility were incomplete or missing submissions/documents, failure to meet collaboration requirements, failure to meet the research scope and eligibility criteria, and failure to meet budget and proposal requirements.

3. Agenda 3: Future Direction and Arrangement for the 16th Call for Proposals

3.1 Reflections from Member Organizations

3.1.1 Member Organizations generally considered the webinar useful, noting that webinar participants appeared to have better eligibility outcomes. **NIAID** suggested comparing eligibility rates between webinar participants and non-participants to assess the webinar's impact. **NHMRC** noted that many ineligible Health applications resulted from incorrect submission channels or failure to meet MO-specific requirements, and recommended clearer eligibility and submission guidance, including a summary table in the National Annex. **NSFC** suggested announcing the webinar together with the Call Guidelines and collecting applicants' questions during registration.

3.1.2 Several MOs highlighted challenges faced by early-career researchers, particularly the requirement for international collaborators. **DOST** and **BRIN** supported organizing a matchmaking event, while **NIAID** suggested reviewing existing matchmaking tools, including the National Institute of Health (NIH) Matchmaker platform. **NHMRC** also recommended harmonizing the definition of Early-Career Researchers across MOs. **JST** noted that the short preparation period may have affected eligibility, while the Secretariat reported that the overall ineligibility rate remained broadly consistent with the 14th Call and that webinar participation appeared to have a positive, though limited, effect.

(Revision 3: Abbreviations written in full– NIH)

3.1.3 Member Organizations also discussed factors affecting eligibility and proposal quality. The Secretariat noted that research scope remained a common reason for ineligibility. **MOSTI-ASM** and **DOST-PCIEERD** emphasized the importance of technology readiness, intended end-users, industry collaboration, co-funding, and clear pathways to adoption, while noting that collaboration requirements may vary according to the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) and expected outputs. The Secretariat noted that the reasons for Health Research having the highest eligibility rate had not yet been analyzed in depth. *(Revision 3: Abbreviations written in full – TRL)*

Conclusion of Session 3

The discussion highlighted the positive contribution of the 15th Call webinar to applicants' understanding of eligibility requirements, as webinar participants showed a relatively high eligibility rate. Further improvements were identified for the 16th Call and future calls, including:

- Simplifying and clarifying eligibility and submission requirements, particularly MO-specific requirements and research scope in the National Annexes.
- Strengthening support for early-career researchers through matchmaking activities and access to existing collaboration tools.
- Enhancing the webinar by announcing it alongside the Call Guidelines, collecting questions in advance, and tailoring sessions to applicants' needs.
- Clarifying the definition of Early-Career Researchers across MOs to promote consistency and transparency.
- For applied research, emphasizing technology pathways, potential impact, end-users, industry collaboration, and sustainability beyond the project.

The session was concluded at 11:15 (ICT, UTC+7), 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.
(Revision 4: Session ending times updated)

Session 4: Enhancing Application Process-Introducing the New Submission System

(Revision 4: Scheduled and actual session times updated)

Scheduled Time: 11:45–12:30 (ICT, UTC+7)

Actual Time: 11:15–12:00 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Ms. Reiko Yuguchi, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Reporting Agenda:

1) Agenda 1: Overview of Rationale, Current Challenges, and Expected benefits of Improving e-ASIA JRP's Application Process
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3) Agenda 3: Exploration of the Utilization of Proposed Digital Platform and its Key Features

Reporting Summary of Session 4

1. Agenda 1: Overview of Rationale, Current Challenges, and Expected benefits of Improving e-ASIA JRP's Application Process

The session opened with an overview of the rationale and background for developing an improved application system, including the current challenges associated with the existing application process.

1.1 Current Issues

1.1.1 The increasing number of applications has resulted in a growing administrative burden for the e-ASIA Secretariat.

1.1.2 The e-ASIA Secretariat proposed transitioning from the current email-based submission procedure to an online application system.

1.2 Expected Benefits

1.2.1 The proposed online application system is expected to:

- Improve administrative efficiency.
- Minimize human errors in the application and submission process.
- Facilitate more responsive and timely communication with applicants.

2. Agenda 2: Introduction to Proposed Improvements and Key Changes to the Application Workflow

2.1 Application Procedure

2.1.1 Applicants will submit their applications through the online system and will automatically receive an email containing a reference number upon submission. If an application is returned for revision, the same reference number can be used for resubmission. Following the closure of the call for applications, the e-ASIA Secretariat will download the submitted application data and application forms from the system.

2.1.2 The e-ASIA Secretariat will conduct an initial screening of the applications. Applications that meet the eligibility requirements will be forwarded to the respective Member Organizations for national eligibility checks, while applicants whose submissions are determined to be ineligible will receive a rejection notification from the Secretariat.

3. Agenda 3: Exploration of Utilization of Proposed Digital Platform and its Key Features

The Secretariat is exploring the use of a simplified web-based form system provided by JST as an initial step toward partially automating the e-ASIA JRP application process. While Japan has a comprehensive online system covering both application submission and evaluation, the Secretariat considers it challenging to adopt the system in its entirety. Therefore, the current approach focuses on integrating a simplified web form into the existing application process and timeline.

The proposed system includes the following three main features:

3.1 Basic Application Information

3.1.1 Applicants will enter essential application information through the web form. The submitted data can be exported to generate a consolidated list of applications, thereby reducing manual processing and shortening the time required for data compilation.

3.2 File Attachment

3.2.1 Applicants will submit the completed application form as an attachment rather than entering all application details directly into the online system, with a proposed maximum file size of 5 MB.

3.2.2 The Secretariat requested feedback from Member Organizations on whether the proposed 5 MB file-size limit would be sufficient, particularly for applications containing images or other supporting materials.

3.3 Automatic Submission Receipt

3.3.1 Upon successful submission, the system will automatically send a confirmation email containing a unique serial number, which applicants can use for future inquiries or resubmissions, and which will enable the Secretariat to link subsequent submissions with the original application.

Discussion Agenda of Session 4

NIAID (USA)

- Requested clarification on the distinction between the basic information entered through the web form and the Common Application Form, the feedback and correction process, and the use of serial numbers for corrected or resubmitted applications.

- Suggested introducing the new application system through a webinar with practical guidance and including MO-specific submission requirements in the automatic confirmation email to remind Principal Investigators (PIs) of any additional steps required by their respective MOs.

NHMRC (Australia)

- Noted that its system allows file sizes of up to 20 MB and suggested reviewing historical e-ASIA applications to assess whether the proposed 5 MB limit is sufficient. NHMRC also highlighted the need to consider data-sharing arrangements among participating MOs and asked whether the new system would be ready for the next Call and sufficiently explained in the Call Text.

AMED (Japan)

- Suggested including an inquiry or support function, potentially using AI, to enable applicants to submit questions and receive timely responses during the application process.

PMU-B (Thailand)

- Asked whether the new platform would be introduced for the 16th Call and noted the need to provide sufficient guidance to applicants if the new system is introduced.

DOST (Philippines)

- Shared its experience with its existing online submission system, under which each proposal receives a unique identification number and applicants are required to register in the portal before submission.

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- The Secretariat noted that arrangements for applicant feedback and corrections are still under consideration, while ensuring consistency between the web form and Common Application Form. Applicant inquiries will continue to be handled by email, with an AI-based or other support function to be considered in the future. The Secretariat aims to introduce the simplified online submission system for the 16th Call, scheduled to open in December. Due to the additional coordination required, a more comprehensive shared system across MOs may be considered for the 17th Call or later.

- Each submission will generate a new serial number, while the procedure for resubmissions remains under consideration. The automatic confirmation email can be customized to include MO-specific information. The Secretariat will develop and internally test a prototype, including resubmission and cancellation scenarios, and update MOs on the results and any changes to the Call process.

Conclusion of Session 4

The session concluded that the proposed simplified online submission system would serve as a feasible first step toward modernizing the e-ASIA application process and improving administrative efficiency. The system is expected to reduce manual processing and errors, facilitate application tracking through automatic reference numbers, and improve communication with applicants.

The Secretariat aims to introduce the simplified online form for the 16th Call for Proposals, subject to the completion of necessary arrangements and internal testing. Key

issues for further consideration include the file-size limit, data-sharing arrangements among MOs, resubmission and cancellation procedures, applicant inquiries, and guidance for applicants.

The Secretariat will develop and test a prototype covering various application scenarios and update all MOs on the results. The new procedures will be communicated through the Call Guidelines and, if appropriate, an explanatory webinar to ensure that applicants and MOs are adequately prepared for the transition.

This session was concluded at 12:00 (ICT, UTC+7), 30 minutes earlier than scheduled.
(Revision 4: Session ending times updated)

Session 5: Improvement of Evaluation and Selection Framework

Time Period: 13:30–14:15 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Mr. Hideyuki Asano, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: 1) e-ASIA JRP Secretariat
2) NHMRC, Australia

Reporting Agenda:

1) Agenda 1: Evaluation Criteria and Common Assessment Criteria
2) Agenda 2: Potential Improvement to the Evaluation and Selection Process
3) Agenda 3: Presentation on the Benefits of a Common Assessment Framework for e-ASIA Collaborative Research (NHMRC)

Reporting Summary of Session 5

1. Agenda 1: Evaluation Criteria and Common Assessment Criteria

1.1 The background highlighted concerns regarding the current application and evaluation processes, including a proposal from NHMRC to discuss evaluation criteria and the feasibility of developing common assessment criteria during the Call Development Workshop. The objectives are to improve the alignment of review outcomes to support Joint Review Meeting (JRM) discussions, while maintaining the quality of selection outcomes and ensuring transparency throughout the selection process.

2. Agenda 2: Potential Improvement to the Evaluation and Selection Process

3.1 The Secretariat identified three key issues for discussion:

A. Reducing critical evaluation gaps across MOs.
B. Improving the selection procedure.
C. Reviewing and aligning evaluation criteria.

3. Agenda 3: Presentation on the Benefits of a Common Assessment Framework for e-ASIA Collaborative Research

Mr. Chris Jennaway, NHMRC, presented the rationale and benefits of establishing a common assessment framework for e-ASIA collaborative research applications.

3.1 **Current challenge:** Different funding organizations use different assessment criteria, creating complexity for applicants, reviewers, and funders. This can result in differing rankings across countries and make joint funding decisions more difficult.

3.2 **Common definition of excellence:** A shared assessment framework would establish a common understanding of excellence, building on the existing e-ASIA criteria of regional relevance, mutual benefits, and effectiveness of exchange.

3.3 **Fairness and transparency:** Common criteria would promote consistent treatment of applicants, provide clear expectations, reduce perceptions of national bias, and strengthen trust in e-ASIA as a regional initiative.

3.4 **Alignment with program objectives:** Assessment criteria should align with e-ASIA objectives, including regional impact, capacity building, international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and research translation, rather than individual funders' priorities.

3.5 **Improved funding decisions:** Common criteria would improve consistency among reviewer assessments, increase alignment between national rankings, and facilitate more consistent and defensible joint funding decisions.

3.6 **Harmonization without standardization:** Common core criteria could address e-ASIA objectives, while national requirements could remain in place for eligibility, budget assessment, national compliance, and alignment with national priorities.

3.7 **Key message:** Harmonization does not require standardization. A shared framework would establish a common understanding of excellence while allowing funding organizations to retain their respective national requirements and processes.

Discussion Agenda of Session 5

NHMRC (Australia)

- Noted that differences in evaluation criteria across MOs may lead to inconsistent rankings and make joint funding decisions more challenging.
- Proposed a common core assessment framework aligned with e-ASIA objectives, which could improve fairness and transparency, align assessments with program objectives, and support better funding decisions.
- Clarified that common criteria would not require identical evaluation processes, and that national requirements could continue to be applied alongside the common criteria.

DOST (Philippines)

- Proposed making all MO evaluation criteria transparent and accessible to facilitate comparison and identify common elements.
- Suggested establishing a small technical working group within the e-ASIA community to review existing evaluation criteria, identify commonalities, and assess the feasibility of developing common criteria.

Reflection from Member Organizations

JST (Japan)

- Supported establishing a small technical working group to review and update the common evaluation criteria in line with the growing number of e-ASIA MOs, while respecting individual countries' priorities.
- Raised concerns about the inconsistent use of C ratings across MOs and noted unclear evaluation criteria may contribute to less mature applications.

NIAID (USA)

- Supported harmonizing evaluation criteria while allowing additional national-level assessments where necessary and expressed willingness to participate in the technical working group.
- Suggested reviewing the definitions of A, B, and C grades, particularly their implications for funding decisions, and ensuring that the evaluation criteria are aligned with the requirements stated in the Call Text.
- Suggested comparing additional evaluation criteria in the national annexes of different MOs to identify common elements for inclusion in the shared e-ASIA criteria, while retaining country-specific criteria where necessary.

PMU-B (Thailand)

- Supported reviewing the proposal selection criteria and suggested considering quotas for each grade in future calls to achieve a more balanced distribution across grades.

ASM (Malaysia)

- Clarified that the discussion focused on the generic aspects of the evaluation criteria rather than detailed criteria or specific scoring breakdowns.

- Noted that Malaysia uses an Innovation Readiness Level tool covering technological, researcher, and business readiness, and raised the need for common criteria to accommodate field-specific parameters, such as health and agriculture.

- Explained that the high number of C ratings in the current round resulted from a detailed evaluation process covering the proposal, budget, and subsequent research stages, with a strict assessment applied due to limited funding and relatively high funding amounts per project.

NSFC (China)

- Supported developing common evaluation criteria to guide peer reviewers, while noting that differences in applicants' backgrounds across countries may affect evaluation outcomes.

- Suggested incorporating clearer metrics or more detailed guidance into the common criteria and expressed willingness to participate in the technical working group.

AMED (Japan)

- Suggested further discussion of the evaluation criteria by section and expressed willingness to participate in the technical working group.

BRIN (Indonesia)

- Supported realigning the evaluation criteria and raised the need to consider the weighting assigned to each criterion, noting that different weighting schemes among MOs could lead to different evaluation outcomes.

- Explained that, under its current practice, a C rating is generally assigned when all three peer reviewers do not recommend a project, while a B rating is assigned when two reviewers recommend the project and one does not.

DOST (Philippines)

- Explained that proposals first undergo a management review covering eligibility and socio-economic aspects, followed by a technical evaluation. Proposals that do not pass either stage receive a C rating, while those passing the full evaluation process receive an A rating and are endorsed for further e-ASIA evaluation.

- Further explained that proposals are ranked using numerical scores after the management and technical evaluations. When the number of proposals exceeds available funding, a ranking-based cutoff is applied to determine the proposals endorsed to e-ASIA.

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- Clarified that common evaluation criteria could apply across all Fields of Cooperation, while additional criteria could be introduced based on the characteristics of specific fields.

- Noted that further discussion on the scope and application of common criteria would be undertaken through the proposed technical working group.

- Noted that JST, DOST, NHMRC, NIAID, NSFC, and ASM expressed interest in participating in the technical working group.
  (Revision 2: JST participation reflected)

Conclusion of Session 5

The session highlighted differences in evaluation and selection practices across MOs, including the use and interpretation of A, B, and C ratings, evaluation stages, scoring, weighting, and ranking procedures. MOs generally supported greater alignment and

transparency of evaluation criteria while recognizing the need to retain country- and field-specific requirements where necessary.

The session supported establishing a small technical working group to review existing evaluation criteria, identify common elements, clarify grading definitions and guidance, and assess the feasibility of developing harmonized e-ASIA evaluation criteria. The working group will also consider differences in scoring, weighting, ranking, and national requirements to promote greater consistency and transparency in the evaluation and selection process.

The session was concluded at 14:15 (ICT, UTC+7), as scheduled.

Session 6: Strengthening Engagement with Member Organizations and Other Business

Scheduled Time: 14:15–15:00 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Mr. Reiko Yuguchi, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: 1) e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

2) JST, Japan

Reporting Agenda:

1) Agenda 1: Review of current participation status of member organizations
2) Agenda 2: Strategies to strengthen and re-engage member organizations
3) Agenda 3: Any Other Business (AOB)

Reporting Summary of Session 6

1. Agenda 1: Review of Current Participation Status of Member Organizations

Ms. Reiko Yuguchi mentioned that the importance of engagement of the MOs to enhance the impact of multilateral, regional cooperation was pointed out during the ABM 2025. The purpose of the agenda was to exchange views on the MO engagement considering the program objectives.

2. Agenda 2: Strategies to Strengthen and Re-engage Member Organizations

Decreased engagement can be driven by several factors, including changes in STI-related policy priorities, government restructuring, and a perceived lack of benefits or failure to meet expectations from program participation. To move forward, suggested topics for

discussion include re-establishing communication and identifying key considerations when inviting new organizations.

3. Agenda 3: Any Other Business

3.1 Potential Collaboration with the Asia Science Mission (ASM)

3.1.1 JST proposed exploring whether additional evidence-informed inputs could enrich the existing member-driven topic selection process without changing its current decision-making structure. JST introduced the Asia Science Mission (ASM), a mission-oriented, multi-country initiative focused on resilience and sustainability and supported by the International Science Council, as a potential collaborator.

3.1.2 The proposal focused on ASM's potential role as a knowledge and synthesis partner, particularly in connecting evidence and learning across projects. Potential areas of support include horizon scanning, cross-project synthesis and comparative learning, identification of common challenges and knowledge gaps across countries, and preparation of short evidence-informed materials to support discussions among member organizations.

3.1.3 JST also invited interested member organizations to explore a small, voluntary pilot with ASM.

Discussion Agenda of Session 6

Discussion Agenda 2

NIAID (USA)

- Raised the need to better understand the reasons for declining or reduced participation among some MOs, particularly whether this was related to specific concerns or communication gaps.

- Suggested having an opportunity for active and less-active MOs to communicate with each other so that active MOs can explain the benefits of engaging in the program.

- Expressed NIAID's willingness to work with the Secretariat in developing practical approaches to strengthen MO engagement.

NHMRC (Australia)

- Questioned whether the Secretariat should prioritize strengthening engagement among existing MOs rather than focusing on recruiting new members.

- Suggested highlighting funded research projects and their impacts, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region and low- and middle-income countries, to demonstrate the value of e-ASIA as a multilateral funding mechanism and the benefits of collaboration among funders from multiple countries.

- Raised a broader strategic question on whether e-ASIA should expand its outreach to research funders in other regions such as Europe or continue focusing primarily on the Asia-Pacific region, while involving major international funders such as NIAID.

AMED (Japan)

- Suggested a two-step approach: first, identify potential new organizations and determine whether their funding agencies are already e-ASIA members; and second, engage with these funding agencies to strengthen relationships and build the funding agency community.

BRIN (Indonesia)

- Highlighted the importance of demonstrating the benefits of e-ASIA JRP membership.
- Proposed organizing a pre-event or side event at the Global Research Council Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Seoul, South Korea in November 2026 to showcase best practices, engage less-active members, and introduce Timor-Leste as a prospective member.

e-ASIA Secretariat

- Noted that low engagement among MOs stems from various circumstances, including communication difficulties and organizational restructuring.
- Explained that e-ASIA had previously conducted a pilot impact assessment and summarized the findings in a report the previous year. However, the assessment received limited responses from MOs, which was one of the reasons for initiating the current discussion.
- In response to NHMRC's suggestion to highlight the impact of the funded research, emphasized the importance of conducting a self-evaluation to assess the impacts and outcomes achieved by e-ASIA to date.

Discussion Agenda 3

DOST (Philippines)

- Expressed full support for the proposed initiative by JST, while noting the need for further details on how the approach would work and how the tool proposed by JST would be operationalized.

JST (Japan)

- Noted that further details would be shared with DOST if it is interested in participating in the proposed activities.

- Explained that the process would be co-designed, with JST providing an initial format that would then be further developed jointly with interested MOs.

NHMRC (Australia)

- Expressed interest in learning more about the proposed approach and participating in further discussions, particularly regarding how it would work in practice and what would be expected from interested MOs.

NSFC (China)

- Expressed interest in participating and asked whether MOs would be involved only during the scoping stage or also in subsequent stages of the call.

Conclusion of Session 6

The ABM discussed the need to strengthen engagement among existing member organizations by improving communication, demonstrating the benefits and impacts of e-ASIA participation, and promoting collaboration among MOs. Several practical approaches were proposed, including sharing best practices, establishing peer support mechanisms among MOs, and further articulating the value of e-ASIA as a multilateral funding mechanism.

The ABM also discussed JST's proposal to explore the Asia Science Mission as a potential knowledge and synthesis partner to provide evidence-informed inputs to the existing member-driven topic selection process. Several MOs expressed interest in the proposal, with further details and operational arrangements to be developed through a co-design process.

The session was concluded at 15:00 (ICT, UTC+7), as scheduled.

Session 7: Voting Session

Scheduled Time: 15:15–16:00 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Prof. Agus Haryono, BRIN

Voting Agenda:

1) Agenda 1: Approval of the 14th Annual Activity Report
2) Agenda 2: Approval of the proposal amendments to the Program Statutes and Participation Guidelines
3) Agenda 3: Approval of the New Membership Request – NAFOSTED
4) Agenda 4.1: Approval of the Selected Projects under the 15th Call for Proposals – Health Research
5) Agenda 4.2: Approval of the Selected Projects under the 15th Call for Proposals – Agriculture
6) Agenda 4.3: Approval of the Selected Projects under the 15th Call for Proposals – Alternative Energy
7) Agenda 5.1: Approval of the Outcomes of the 16th Call for Proposals Development – Agriculture
8) Agenda 5.2: Approval of the Outcomes of the 16th Call for Proposals Development - Environment
9) Agenda 5.2: Approval of the Outcomes of the 16th Call for Proposals Development – Health Research
10) Agenda 6.1: Approval of the Proposed Timelines – 15th Call for Proposals
11) Agenda 6.2: Approval of the Proposed Timelines – 16th Call for Proposals
12) Agenda 6.3: Approval of the Proposed Timelines – 17th Call for Proposals
13) Agenda 7: Approval of the Arrangements for the 16th Call for Proposals Webinar
14) Agenda 8: Approval of the Concept of Online Application Submission System Utilization
15) Agenda 9: Approval of the Proposed Development of Evaluation and Proposal Selection Framework

16) Agenda 10.1: Approval of the Member Organization Engagement Plan

17) Agenda 10.2: Approval of the Potential Collaboration with the Asia Science Mission for Sustainability as Proposed by JST

Reporting Summary of Voting Session

1. Voting Outcomes

The Board Members and Delegates unanimously voted to the following agenda items:

1) Agenda 1: Approval of the 14th Annual Activity Report

   B. Approved with conditions (no additional ad hoc meeting)

2) Agenda 2: Approval of the Proposal Amendments to the Program Statutes and Participation Guidelines

   B. Approved with conditions (no additional ad hoc meeting)

3) Agenda 3: Approval of the New Membership Request – NAFOSTED

   A. Approved without conditions

4) Agenda 4.1: Approval of the Selected Proposals under the 15th Call for Proposals – Health Research

   A. Approved without conditions

5) Agenda 4.2a: Approval of the Selected Proposals under the 15th Call for Proposals – Agriculture

   A. Approved without conditions

6) Agenda 4.2b: Approval of the On-hold Proposals under the 15th Call for Proposals – Agriculture

   C. Continue to discuss in the details and approve at the ad hoc meeting

7) Agenda 4.3: Approval of the Selected Proposals under the 15th Call for Proposals – Alternative Energy

   A. Approved without conditions

8) Agenda 5.1: Approval of the Outcomes of the 16th Call for Proposals Development – Agriculture

   A. Approved without conditions

9) Agenda 5.2: Approval of the Outcomes of the 16th Call for Proposals Development – Environment

   A. Approved without conditions

10) Agenda 5.2: Approval of the Outcomes of the 16th Call for Proposals Development – Health Research

    C. Continue to discuss in the details and approve at the ad hoc meeting

11) Agenda 6.1: Approval of the Proposed Timelines – 15th Call for Proposals

    B. Approved with conditions (no additional ad hoc meeting)

12) Agenda 6.2: Approval of the Proposed Timelines – 16th Call for Proposals

    B. Approved with conditions (no additional ad hoc meeting)

13) Agenda 6.3: Approval of the Proposed Timelines – 17th Call for Proposals

    B. Approved with conditions (no additional ad hoc meeting)

14) Agenda 7: Approval of the Arrangements for the 16th Call Webinar

    A. Approved without conditions

15) Agenda 8: Approval of the Concept of Online Application Submission System Utilization

    B. Approved with conditions (no additional ad hoc meeting)

16) Agenda 9: Approval of the Proposed Development of Evaluation and Proposal Selection Framework

    C. Continue to discuss in the details and approve at the ad hoc meeting

17) Agenda 10.1: Approval of the Member Organization Engagement Plan

C. Continue to discuss in the details and approve at the ad hoc meeting

18) Agenda 10.2: Approval of the Potential Collaboration with the Asia Science Mission for Sustainability as Proposed by JST

C. Continue to discuss in the details and approve at the ad hoc meeting

2. Amendments Based on Voting Session

2.1 The Secretariat will revise the six agenda items that received a B vote during the voting session. The final amendments will be circulated to all MOs by email in due course.

3. 44th Ad Hoc Board Meeting (via email)

3.1 The meeting will address the agenda items that received a C vote during the voting session, as well as the candidate proposals that remain on hold. The process is scheduled to take place from October 1 to 12, with MO approval confirmations to be completed by October 9 and the official announcement scheduled for October 12.

4. Selected and On-hold Proposals of the 15th Call for Proposals

4.1 Health Research: 8 selected proposals

1) HR15016: Australia/Indonesia/USA
Dissecting splenic B cell immunity to accelerate next-generation tools for malaria control

2) HR15048: China/Indonesia/Singapore
Synthetic biology-driven in vivo genetic editing of neutrophils for infection and cancer therapy

3) HR15049: Australia/Indonesia/USA

Balancing sexually transmitted infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship: A multinational evaluation of doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxyPEP)

4) HR15050: Australia/Indonesia/Japan
Cross-National Genomics to Combat Multidrug-Resistant Non-Tuberculous Mycobacteria

5) HR15058: China/Australia/Singapore
A Dual-Perturbation Interaction-Mapping Platform for Predictive Therapeutic Targeting in Streptococcus pneumoniae

6) HR15069: Japan/USA/Indonesia
Identification of Surface-exposed Epitopes of Treponema pallidum Outer Membrane Proteins to Advance Syphilis Vaccine Development

7) HR15071: Australia/China/Indonesia
Developing rapid and point-of-care testing of bacterial infection in sepsis

8) HR15094: Australia/China/Indonesia
Preventing the next Asia–Pacific chikungunya outbreak: understanding and countering the emerging ECSA-2 threat

4.2 Agriculture: 3 selected proposals

1) AG15001: Japan/Malaysia/China
Climate-Smart Early Warning, Management, and Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) to Safeguard Aquaculture Food Security

2) AG15018: China/Malaysia/Indonesia
Disaster Mechanisms, Intelligent Risk Assessment, and Climate-Resilient Systems for Rice Production in the e-Asia Region

3) AG15117: China/Japan/Malaysia/Indonesia

Multi-Omics Dissection of Postharvest Quality Deterioration and AI-Driven Non-Destructive Sensing for Sea-Exported Durian

4.3 Alternative Energy: 1 selected proposal

1) AE15013: China/Thailand/Indonesia
Advanced Thermochemical Conversion of Biomass for Sustainable Aviation Fuel

4.4 On-hold Candidate Proposals: Two following proposals in the Agriculture Field of Cooperation are currently pending confirmation of project feasibility by the Lead PIs and confirmation of endorsement from MOSTI-ASM, expected by the end of September.

1) AG15024: Malaysia/Japan/Indonesia/~~China~~
Development of an AI-enabled Postharvest Quality Management System for Tropical Fruits

2) AG15110: Malaysia/Japan/~~Philippines~~/Indonesia
Genomic Diversity Profiling and Genome-Assisted Selection for Adaptive and Climate-Resilient Mud Crab (Scylla spp.) Farming in Mangrove-Associated Aquaculture Systems of the Indo-Pacific

The session was concluded at 16:00 (ICT, UTC+7), as scheduled.

Session 8: Closing Session

Scheduled Time: 16:00–16:30 (ICT, UTC+7)

Session Moderator: Ms. Reiko Yuguchi, e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Rapporteur: e-ASIA Secretariat

1. Next Hosting for ABM 2026

1.1 Ms. Reiko Yuguchi from the Secretariat announced that the next Annual Board Meeting (ABM 2027) will be co-organized by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) and the Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED). The meeting is scheduled to take place from August 31 to September 2, 2027, at the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan) in Tokyo.

1.2 Mr. Osamu Kobayashi, Mr. Shiro Takegami, and Mr. Shinsuke Okada delivered brief welcome remarks and expressed their anticipation of welcoming the e-ASIA member organizations to Japan for ABM 2027.

2. Closing Remark

2.1 On behalf of BRIN, Prof. Agus Haryono expressed appreciation to the e-ASIA Secretariat and all delegates for their participation in the Annual Board Meeting. He noted that the planned in-person meeting in Jakarta had to be cancelled due to a volcanic eruption and related flight disruptions. He emphasized that holding the meeting virtually demonstrated the continued commitment of e-ASIA member organizations to maintaining collaboration in science, technology, and innovation, as well as to strengthening research and innovation as drivers of impactful change and promoting more collaborative and inclusive research among e-ASIA members.

The session was concluded at 16:30 (ICT, UTC+7), as scheduled.

Annex I: Participant List in the15th ABM 2026

1.	Mr. Chris Jennaway	NHMRC, Australia
2.	Ms. Kirilly Agnew	NHMRC, Australia
3.	Ms. Jane Lofts	NHMRC, Australia
4.	Dr. Lauren Leah Montana Luijerink	NHMRC, Australia
5.	Ms. Jutta Johanna Thwaites	NHMRC, Australia
6.	Dr. Angkeara Bong	MISTI, Cambodia
7.	Dr. Chinda Chhe	MISTI, Cambodia
8.	Ms. ZHANG Yiwei	NSFC, China
9.	Prof. Agus Haryono	BRIN, Indonesia
10.	Dr. Raden Arthur Ario Lelono	BRIN, Indonesia
11.	Mr. Jimmy Akhmadi	BRIN, Indonesia
12.	Ms. Nurul Faiza	BRIN, Indonesia
13.	Ms. Sarmini	BRIN, Indonesia
14.	Mr. Shinsuke Okada	MEXT, Japan
15.	Ms. Yuka Watabe	MEXT, Japan
16.	Mr. Osamu Kobayashi	JST, Japan
17.	Ms. Junko Shiraishi	JST, Japan
18.	Ms. Nahoko Ando	JST, Japan
19.	Mr. Yusuke Komori	JST, Japan
20.	Mr. Shinji Otsuka	JST, Japan
21.	Ms. Satoko Takei	JST, Japan
22.	Mr. Shiro Takegami	AMED, Japan
23.	Dr. Masao Takeshita	AMED, Japan
24.	Mr. Takashi Hotta	AMED, Japan
25.	Dr. Balamurugan a/l Nallamuthu	MOSTI, Malaysia
26.	Mr. Muhammad Kamal Bin Zulkifle	MOSTI, Malaysia
27.	Mr. Syed Mohd Faisal bin Syed Muktar	MOSTI, Malaysia
28.	Mr. Loh Chia Hur	ASM, Malaysia
29.	Ms. Kausaalya Nagaraja	ASM, Malaysia

30. Prof. Mohamed Shariff Bin Mohamed Din	ASM, Malaysia
31. Dr. Leah Javier Buendia	DOST, The Philippines
32. Ms. Andrea M. Velasquez-Agapito	DOST, The Philippines
33. Dr. Juanito T. Batalon	DOST-PCAARRD, The Philippines
34. Ms. Melissa Cabanes Bulao	DOST-PCHRD, The Philippines
35. Ms. Ninaliza H. Escorial	DOST-PCIEERD, The Philippines
36. Ms. Grace Felipe Estillore	DOST-PCIEERD, The Philippines
37. Ms. Patricia Nicole Calica	DOST-PCIEERD, The Philippines
38. Ms. Diana Adnan	A*STAR, Singapore
39. Ms. Kwansiri Chonyuth	NRCT, Thailand
40. Ms. Chontida Tangnara	NRCT, Thailand
41. Ms. Supapich Nunart	NRCT, Thailand
42. Ms. Panwad Ritthisan	NRCT, Thailand
43. Ms. Nutchaya Cherdchu	NRCT, Thailand
44. Ms. Sasikarn Kongsompong	NRCT, Thailand
45. Ms. Manita Salee	NRCT, Thailand
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51. Mr. Phurithat Supriyathikul	NSTDA, Thailand
52. Mr. Kittirit Teeranate	NSTDA, Thailand
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58. Ms. Le Thi Viet Lam	MST, Vietnam
59. Ms. La Thi My Anh	MST, Vietnam
60. Ms. Reiko Yuguchi	e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

61. Mr. Hideyuki Asano	e-ASIA JRP Secretariat
62. Ms. Kullanan Sukwanchai	e-ASIA JRP Secretariat

Annex II: Group Photo





