

# NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings from the President

Thank you for your kindness in sparing your time to read this letter. First, I would like to thank Dr. Pham Khanh Nam and all members of Local Organizing Committee—all of whom are also faculty members at the School of Economics, University of Ho Chi Minh City (UEH University) and leaders of the Economy and Environment Partnership for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA)—for successfully organizing our 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (AAERE) on 19-20 August 2022 in the UEH University campus B, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam. Second, my appreciation goes to Professor Su Dinh Thanh, the president of the UEH University, for his generous supports in providing the hospitality and the excellent facilities at the UEH University during the event of our Congress. Third, I sincerely appreciate the contributions of Dr. Soocheol Lee and Dr. Orapan Nabangchang Srisawalak in leading both the Scientific and Program Committees of the Congress, and Dr. Ken-ichi Akao in administrating matters related to the Association during the Congress. I appreciate Dr. Mani Nepal of the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) for encouraging SANDEE colleagues to participate in our congress. Also, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have supported and participated in our Congress.

Our Congress in Ho Chi Minh City was a successful one. Many papers presented by academics from various Asian countries and the rest of the world in the Congress were all strong quality papers initiating sharp discussions on many environmental topics relevant to Asia, particularly on the strategies to achieve carbon neutrality. Observing papers presented in our Congress, I am also convinced that our members have produced sound and relevant academic works that are useful for providing advice to policymakers to enhance the sustainable development agenda in our region. More importantly, it was a very nice for me to be able to meet many of you in-person in Ho Chi Minh after being unable to see you in-person for the last two years due to the pandemic. And of course, I also feel

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happy to be able to meet some of you through on-line facilities during the Congress.

Next year we will conduct our 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics, which will be held on 29 and 30 August 2023 at the Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. We happily support our Japanese academic friends who are working to prepare this Congress. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at this event. Please prepare your papers, encourage your younger academics to participate, and invite your academic friends throughout the world to take part. Let us use this congress as an invaluable opportunity to meet our friends and to expand our research networks throughout Asia and the world.

While preparing our Congress, we are—in a partnership with the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) and the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)—also preparing to organise the World Congress on Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE). The last WCERE in which we also jointly organised took place in Gothenburg, Sweden, on 25-29 June 2018. The upcoming WCERE is planned to be held no earlier than 2026, which is still a long way to go. It, therefore, provides opportunities for us to prepare more solid papers for the next World Congress.

Last but not the least, if any of you need more information on our Association and its activity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you in our upcoming Congress.

Sincerely yours,  
**Budy P. Resosudarmo**  
President, AAERE

# The 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics



With the theme “A Pathway towards Carbon Neutrality in Asia”, the 11<sup>th</sup> Congress of AAERE was conducted in Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, on 19-20 August 2022 and hosted by the University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City (UEH University). It was a hybrid conference, which was participated by approximately 100 academics attending in-person and approximately 100 other academics joining through the Zoom webinar facility. The venue of the conference is at the campus B of the UEH University, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam.

The congress was opened with the remarks delivered by Professor Su Dinh Thanh (President of UEH University), Professor Budy P. Resosudarmo (President of AAERE), and Dr. Pham Khanh Nam (Chair of the Conference LOC). The opening session was followed by an excellent keynote speech by Professor Paul Ekins of the University College London, entitled “**Getting to Carbon Neutrality: Challenges and Implications for Asia**”. In his presentation, Professor Ekins outlined the global target of carbon neutrality and particularly discussed why do politicians find carbon reduction too difficult.

Just after the lunch break on the first day of the Congress, AAERE General Assembly led by Dr. Pham Khanh Nam had begun. At this assembly, we approved several amendments of our statute. These amendments

were meant to strengthen our Association. On the first night of the Congress, a Gala Dinner was organized for all participants attending the Congress in-person. Combination of very nice Vietnamese dishes and cultural music performances provided a relax environment for participants to interact, get to know each other, and therefore expand their networks.

The second keynote was given by Dr. Muthukumara Mani of the World Bank on the second day of the congress. In his presentation on “**Vietnam Climate Change Challenges and Development**”, Dr. Mani described how Vietnam has so far been able to handle climate change challenges and, at the same time, manage high economic growth. These become lessons that can be adopted by other countries in the region.





The rest of the 2-days conference were filled out with approximately 40 parallel sessions presenting about 190 papers. Almost half of the papers were on climate change and energy transition issues. The rest were focused on various resource and environmental economic topics. These papers were presented by academics from 17 Asian countries and 11 non-Asian countries. Most of participants were from Japan and India. The rest were, among others, from Australia, Bangladesh, China, Germany, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. In sum, the conference was attended by more than 200 participants in which more than half of them participated in-person.

The Congress was then closed with a remark presented by Dr. Pham Khanh Nam, as the chair of the Local Organising Committee (LOC). In his speech he expressed his gratitude to all members of the LOC for their super performances in organising this Congress. An Award for Best Poster was also handed in this section by the President of AAERE. Before the Congress was finally closed, Professor Budy Resosudarmo, on behalf of the AAERE, thanked Dr. Pham Khanh Nam for his leadership in managing the Congress. He also thanked staff members of the UEH University for their hospitality during the event.

In ending the event, Professor Resosudarmo then invited Professor Ken-ichi Akao to give a brief explanation about the place where the next AAERE Congress will be held, that is, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. At the same time, Professor Akao also formally invited all members of AAERE and all Asian environmental and resource economists to participate in the upcoming Congress.

Proceeding of our 11<sup>th</sup> congress is available at: [bit.ly/AAERE2022\\_Proceeding](https://bit.ly/AAERE2022_Proceeding).

### Future Events

The 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asian Association of Environmental and Resource Economics will be held on 29 and 30 August 2023 at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan.





## Greetings from the local organized committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the AAERE

It is a privilege to have the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the AAERE at Waseda University. Waseda University locates in central Tokyo. It is one of the oldest and largest private universities in Japan. It has produced several world-widely known persons in several fields: Yuzuru Hanyu, Haruki Murakami, Masaru Ibuka (Co-founders of SONY), Kun-hee Lee (Chairman of Samsung Group), Li Dazhao and Chen Duxiu (Co-founders of the Chinese Communist Party), just to name a few.

Our venue (Waseda Campus) is on the central campus of Waseda University. It has a beautiful garden, and transportation is convenient from and to anywhere. Please visit the website of the University: <https://www.waseda.jp/top/en/>.

Important to note is that selected papers, based on their quality, in this congress will be fully reviewed and invited to be part of the new AAERE book series on Environmental and Resource Economics in Asia.

We sincerely look forward to your participation in the AAERE 12<sup>th</sup> Congress at Waseda University.