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## **Webinar on Data Privacy Laws in ASEAN**

**30 November to 3 December 2020, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) BNT/MYT/SGT/PHST**

### **BACKGROUND**

The ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers (TELMIN), in the *Framework of Personal Data Protection*, expressed the need “to foster closer understanding, information sharing, exchange of good practices, joint activities and cooperation in ASEAN in the area of personal data protection”

In the *Framework of Personal Data Protection*, the ASEAN TELMIN recognized that “A harmonized legal and regulatory digital data environment within ASEAN plays a vital role in generating business confidence and stimulating economic growth” (*Strategic Priority 4: Legal, Regulatory and Policy, para 27*). The TELMIN also recognized that the “ASEAN Data Protection Forum can facilitate the sharing of knowledge and operational know-how by policy makers and regulators, which will help ASEAN Member States that do not have a personal data protection authority in setting up their respective authorities” (*Initiative under Strategic Priority 4: ASEAN Data Protection and Privacy Forum, para 33*).

In response to these, the National Privacy Commission, Republic of the Philippines and the Asian and Pacific Training Center for ICT for Development (APCICT) under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific designed a seminar to help ASEAN Member States enhance their respective data privacy regimes, and help AMS without data privacy law develop their respective legislations.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The aims of this webinar are:

- enhance the understanding of participants on existing Data Privacy regimes, particularly data privacy laws of ASEAN Member States;
- knowledge sharing among AMS that have data privacy laws and those who do not have said legislation; and
- facilitate cooperation in developing a harmonized legal environment in ASEAN by identifying key elements of digital privacy laws.

## MODALITY

The Seminar/Workshop will be divided into the following 4 sessions:

**Session 1 - Data Privacy in the Information Age.** This session will look into the history of Data Privacy legislations. Two cases that demonstrate the importance of data privacy will also be discussed: Surveillance Capitalism (an economic system centered around the commodification of personal data with the core purpose of profit-making) and Privacy and the Pandemic.

**Session 2 – The Evolution of International Privacy Principles.** This session will focus on the international frameworks that influenced (and continue to influence) national data privacy legislations. These are: The OECD Guidelines on the Protection of Privacy and Trans-border Flows of Personal Data (1980, 2013); APEC Privacy Framework (2015), ASEAN Framework on Personal Data Protection (2016) and ASEAN Framework On Digital Data Governance; and the EU General Data Protection Regulation (2018). Privacy laws of key Asia Pacific jurisdictions will also be discussed.

**Session 3 – Data Privacy Laws in ASEAN.** In this session, participants from Singapore, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, and Thailand will discuss their respective data privacy laws and share their experiences in their implementation.

**Session 4 – Prospects.** A discussion on data privacy protection in Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam. In this session, future activities will be discussed.

Originally conceived as a face-to-face seminar, it is now designed as an online seminar (webinar) to be conducted over 4 days (with a 3hr session per day) from 30 November to 3 December 2020, from 9:00 am -12:00 pm BNT/MYT/SGT/PHST.

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## Programme of Activities

Date/Time*	Description
<b>30 November</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>
09:00-10:00	Welcome Remarks, Chair ADPP Forum Opening Remarks, Director, UN APCICT Self-introduction of participants Group Photo
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break
10:30-12:00	Data Privacy in the Information Age
<b>1 December</b>	<b>Sessions 2 and 3</b>
09:00-10:30	The Evolution of International Privacy Principles: OECD, APEC, ASEAN and GDPR
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:00	Data Privacy Laws in selected Asia-Pacific Countries
<b>2 December</b>	<b>Session 4</b>
9:00-9:30	Personal Data Protection Act (2010), Malaysia
09:30-10:00	Personal Data Protection Act (2012), Singapore
10:00-10:15	Coffee Break
10:15-10:45	Data Privacy Act (2012), Philippines
10:45-11:15	Personal Data Protection Act (2019), Thailand
11:15-12:00	Comparative Analysis of ASEAN Data Privacy Laws
<b>3 December</b>	<b>Closing</b>
9:00-9:30	Summary of Days 1-3
09:30-10:30	Next Steps in Legislating Privacy in ASEAN Member States
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:15	Webinar Assessment
11:15-12:00	Closing Data Privacy Commissioner and Chair, NPC UN APCICT

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