

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## **Highlights and Publications**



# AMRO Closely Monitors COVID-19 Developments and Fluctuations in Oil Prices

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt economies, critically impacting global trade, travel and tourism. Due to the rapidly-evolving situation, AMRO recently revised its forecast . Check out our latest growth projections <u>here</u>.

AMRO continues to engage our peers and stakeholders through teleconferencing, participating in interviews, and publishing our research on our digital channels. Staying abreast of latest global developments, AMRO economists published a series of working papers, analytical notes, and blogs on the COVID-19, oil prices, and the semiconductor industry in Korea.

### **Publications**



# Oil Market Update: What Put Oil Prices on a Slippery Slope

Oil prices fell into the negative territory in April. This piece picks apart the demand and supply factors that caused oil prices to nosedive and tumble below zero.

### Read more

### The ERPD Matrix "Scorecard": Quantifying the Macro-Financial Performance of the ASEAN+3 Economies

The ERPD Matrix Scorecard is applicable to both surveillance and CMIM qualification purposes by comprehensively quantifying a member's macro-financial performance.

Read the working paper





# Assessing the Impact of Oil Prices on the Malaysian Economy

This study analyzes the impact of oil prices on Malaysia's real economic activity, inflation, fiscal sector, and financial variables, such as stock prices and the currency market.

Read the working paper

### Where Are We in the COVID Cycle?

An important question for economic activity is how the COVID-19 health crisis will evolve. The "Covid Cycle" identifies the infection and recovery stages of the ASEAN+3 and other economies, and serves as a forward-looking input for analyses and policymaking.

#### Read more

ASEAN+3 and Selected Economies: Stage of the Covid Cycle as of April 22, 2020 (Chappe in number of persons per 1 million population)





# US Dollar Funding Stress in the ASEAN+3 Region

This piece investigates the ASEAN+3 region's susceptibility to US dollar funding stress, and documents the measures put in place by regional economies to counter said risks.

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### **Blogs**

# Revival of Korea's Semiconductor Exports is In Sight

The COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to telecommuting, boosting e-commerce, videoand tele-conferencing activities. This presents an upside risk to the semiconductor industry, particularly in Korea, the leader in global semiconductor sales.



Read the blog

#### Interviews



Podcast with Toronto Centre: The Impact of COVID-19 on Asia's **Economic Outlook and Financial Stability** 

AMRO Chief Economist Dr. Hoe Ee Khor shared how the COVID-19 differs from other crises Asia has experienced, and what governments can best respond to the challenges of the pandemic.

#### Listen to the podcast

### Philippines to Grow at 0.2 Percent

Dr. Khor discussed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Philippine economy and shared AMRO's latest growth projections for the region with ABS-CBN News Channel.

Watch the interview and read AMRO's latest projections



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