



# NETWORK OF EAST ASIAN THINK TANKS (NEAT) 42nd Country Coordinators Meeting

13 August 2025 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Manila, Philippines



## LOGISTICAL NOTE

August 12-13, 2025 | Conrad Manila, Pasay City, Philippines and via Zoom

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), as the NEAT Philippines Secretariat, is honored to host the **42nd Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT) Country Coordinators' Meeting (CCM)**. This annual meeting brings together delegates from ASEAN Plus Three (APT) countries to present Working Group outputs, discuss pressing regional issues, and finalize the NEAT Memorandum for 2025.

### 1. PROGRAM

**Day 1: August 12, 2025**

**Taft Ballroom, Level 3**

**Conrad Manila, Philippines**

#### Arrival of the Participants

**6:00 PM – 6:05 PM**

**Welcome Dinner**

**Ms. Christine Salazar**

Host, Officer-in-Charge

Research Services Department

Philippine Institute for Development Studies

**6:05 PM – 6:15 PM**

**Welcome Remarks**

**Philip Arnold P. Tuaño, Ph.D.**

NEAT Philippines Country Coordinator and President

Philippine Institute for Development Studies

**6:15 PM – 6:25 PM**

**Keynote Speech**

**Deputy Assistant Secretary Dominic Xavier M. Imperial**

Department of Foreign Affairs

Philippines

**6:25 PM – 7:05 PM**

**NEAT Testimonials**

**1. Josef T. Yap, Ph.D.**

(Philippine Hosting in 2010)



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- 2. **Celia M. Reyes, Ph.D.**  
(Philippine Hosting in 2021)
- 3. **Aniceto C. Orbeta, Jr., Ph.D.**  
(Philippine Hosting in 2021 and 2025)

**7:05 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Toast by Philip Arnold P. Tuaño, Ph.D.**  
**Buffet Dinner**  
**Performance by Ms. Rizza Anne R. Madelo**

**8:30 PM – 8:40 PM**

**Closing Remarks**

**Marife M. Ballesteros, Ph.D.**  
Vice President  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

**8:40 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Networking**

**9:00 PM**

**Shuttle Meet-up at Level 3 Lobby**  
**to Heritage Manila (Pasay City), Dusit Thani (Makati City), and**  
**the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (Quezon City)**

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## Day 2: August 13, 2025

**Murphy Room, Level 3**  
**Conrad Manila, Philippines**

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**9:00 AM**

**Registration and AM Snacks**

**10:00 AM – 10:05 AM**

**Introduction and Introduction of the Participants**

**Ms. Jean Clarisse T. Carlos**  
Host, Project Development Officer  
Philippine APEC Study Center Network  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

**10:10 AM – 10:15 AM**

**Welcome Remarks**

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10:15 AM – 10:20 AM

**Photo Opportunity**

10:20 AM – 10:30 AM

**Review of the Minutes of the 41st CCM**

**Ms. Jean Clarisse T. Carlos**

Host, Project Development Officer  
Philippine APEC Study Center Network  
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10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

**Working Group on Leveraging RCEP for Supply Chains  
Connectivity in East Asia**

**NEAT China**

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

**Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction for a Sustainable  
Society**

**NEAT Japan**

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

**Discussant**

**Ms. Denise Cheska C. Enriquez**

Chief, Regional Relations and Arrangements Division  
Department of Trade and Industry  
Philippines

11:15 AM – 12:00 NN

**Panel Discussion and Q&A**

**Francis Mark A. Quimba, Ph.D.**

Moderator  
NEAT Contact Person and Senior Research Fellow  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

12:00 NN – 1:00 PM

***Lunch Break***

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Drafting of the 2025 NEAT Memorandum**

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2:00 PM – 2:10 PM

## Other Matters

- 2026 NEAT Hosting
- Website

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2:10 PM – 2:20 PM

## Closing Remarks

### **Francis Mark A. Quimba, Ph.D.**

NEAT Contact Person and Senior Research Fellow  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

2:20 PM – 3:00 PM

## *Break*

3:00 PM – onwards

**Study Tour at Intramuros & Closing Dinner at Barbara's  
Shuttle Meet-up at Level 3 Lobby**