



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)

Day 2: August 13, 2025

Murphy Room, Level 3
Conrad Manila, Philippines

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

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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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NEAT Philippines Country Coordinator and President
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

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**