



**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
PROJECT/ACTIVITY NOTIFICATION**

Date of Issue	8 July 2026
Project/Activity Code	26-SPP-MY-F1-01
Title	The 7th Asia KLEMS Conference 2026
Timing	20–21 August 2026
SPP Member(s)	Malaysia
Venue City(ies)	Kuala Lumpur
Modality	Face-to-face
Implementing Organization(s)	Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC)
Participating Country(ies)	Bangladesh, Cambodia, ROC, India, Indonesia, Japan, ROK, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Turkiye, Thailand, Vietnam
Overseas Participants	100
Local Participants	50
Closing Date	7 August 2026
Remarks	

Focus Area	Focus Area 1: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Public and Private Sectors The adoption of AI has been enhanced across industries and public sectors by automating repetitive processes and strengthening evidence-based decision-making.
Primary Key Results	Pillar 3: Malaysia's 2026 capacity empowerment agenda will be elevated through the Asia KLEMS Conference 2026, a regional conference designed to strengthen productivity capabilities and deepen strategic collaboration with the APO in advancing data-driven competitiveness across member economies.
Indicator	Malaysia has demonstrated an improved capacity to deliver targeted interventions to drive productivity growth.
Description	The 7th Asia KLEMS Conference 2026 will focus on "Enhancing Regional Productivity and Competitiveness in Asia," bringing together experts, policymakers, and researchers to discuss strategies for strengthening regional economic performance. The conference will explore key drivers of economic competitiveness within the KLEMS framework oriented toward overcoming structural gaps in capital investment, labor market dynamics, innovation, digitalization, and supply chain efficiency. Discussions will center on best practices, emerging trends, and policy recommendations to improve productivity at the regional level and foster economic resilience. By encouraging collaboration and knowledge-sharing, the conference aims to address productivity gaps, enhance regional competitiveness, and drive sustainable growth across Asian economies. To enhance its impact, Malaysia seeks to collaborate with the APO by holding this conference as an APO Multicountry Program. The collaboration will involve a formal request for participants and resource persons from the APO network, leveraging their expertise in productivity enhancement, economic development, and capacity building. This partnership will enrich discussions and align with APO Vision 2030 in fostering greater collaboration among APO members as well as enabling Malaysia to increase its competitiveness by gaining new knowledge, insights, and ideas from other APO members.
Topics	Prioritizing the integration of KLEMS methodology into national productivity strategies; Applying the KLEMS framework to overcome structural gaps in capital investment, labor market dynamics, innovation, digitalization, and supply chain efficiency; and Cross-cultural success stories.
Qualifications	Policymakers, senior government officials, representatives from public-sector organizations, academicians, PhD candidates, and NPO staff working on macro-data analysis and economics.