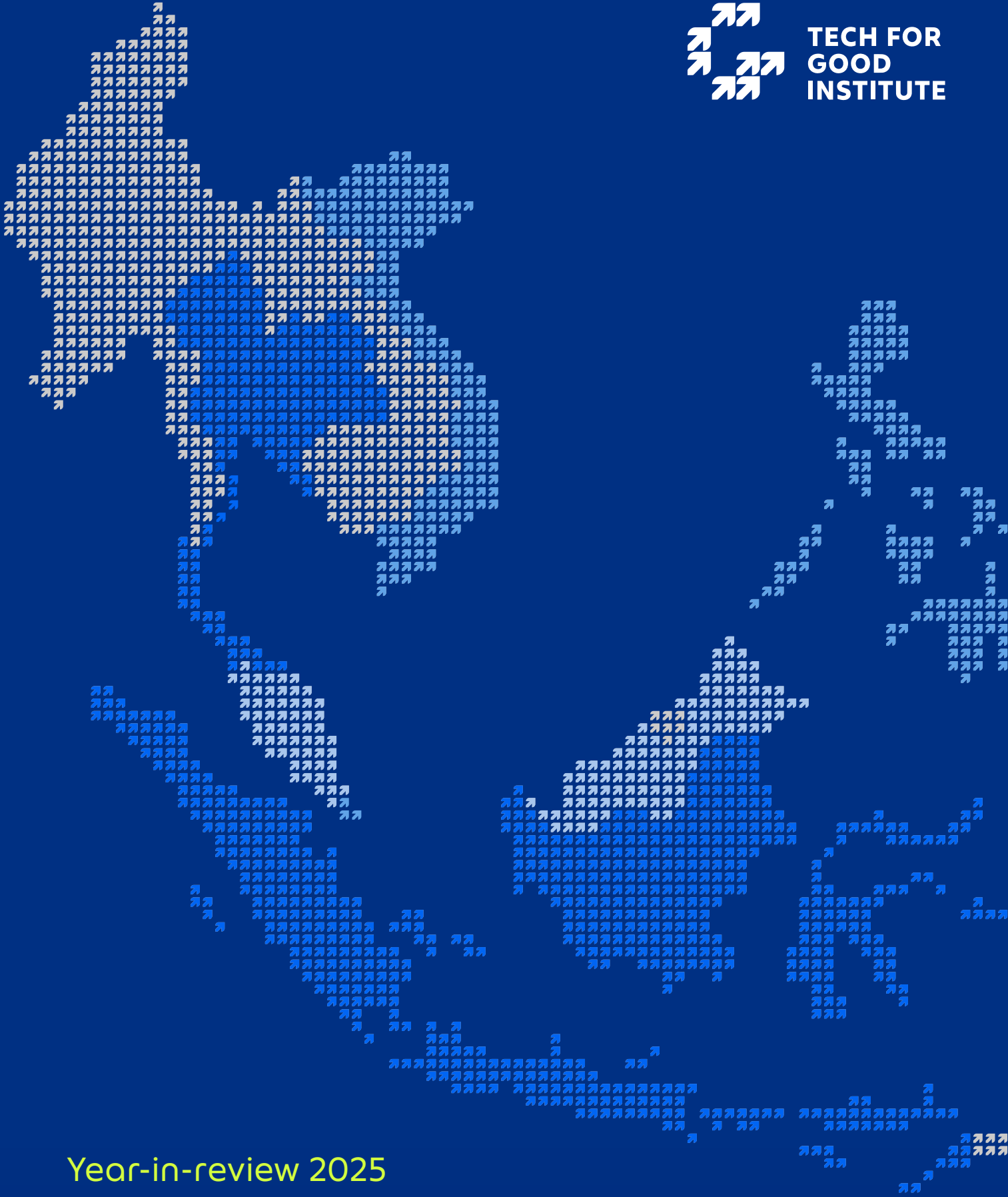




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Year-in-review 2025

# A Responsive Digital Future for Southeast Asia



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# About the Tech for Good Institute

The Tech for Good Institute (TFGI) is a non-profit organisation seed-funded by Grab with a mission to raise understanding of issues and inform policy so that the promise of technology and the digital economy can be leveraged to advance inclusive, equitable and sustainable growth across Southeast Asia (SEA).

TFGI aims to serve as a platform for research, conversations, and collaborations focused in our region but connected to the rest of the world. Our work focuses on topics at the intersection of technology, society and the economy, intrinsically linked to development in SEA. We seek to understand and inform policy with rigour, balance and perspective, through research, effective outreach, and evidence-based recommendations.

# Foreword

The year 2025 witnessed two powerful forces converging: massive shifts in global power and the rapid, widespread growth of AI technology. This convergence brought significant uncertainty, yet also great promise. As Albert Einstein famously said, “In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity”. In this new landscape, it is crucial for Southeast Asia (SEA) to have a strong, clear voice on the global stage, ensuring the region helps shape the future of technology rather than simply reacting to it.

The Tech for Good Institute (TFGI) exists to help build that voice. Our mission is to ground it firmly in local realities, connect the region, and inject it into global discussions, ensuring SEA’s perspectives consistently guide how technology is used for the public good.

Throughout 2025, we focused on the most urgent issues shaping the digital economy and society, particularly as the region advanced in governance. We convened policymakers to examine the effectiveness of national digital strategies while fostering regional digital cooperation and interoperability, particularly as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Digital Economy Framework Agreement (DEFA) approached its substantial conclusion.

Our work also addressed critical risks, from strengthening regional efforts to combat the growing threat of online fraud and scams, to exploring how digital platforms are transforming government services and reshaping jobs — highlighting the urgent need for worker reskilling.

Our approach is consistent: SEA’s strength lies in its rich diversity, and understanding local context is crucial in times of uncertainty. Through deep, country-level engagement and collaboration with policymakers, we have gathered authentic local priorities. These insights — from research on technology governance to debates on digital sovereignty — are more than evidence; they serve as an essential guide for navigating change and uncertainty.

In 2025, we intentionally deepened our regional engagement — shaping, informing, convening policy discussions, co-designing projects with community partners, and developing frameworks capable of working across borders. Local voices came together to form a stronger regional conversation, collectively building resilience and advancing SEA’s perspective on today’s critical digital challenges.

Looking ahead to 2026, our work continues. The coming year will focus on transforming this strong regional voice into meaningful collective action and lasting impact, both within SEA and beyond.

We are deeply grateful to our funders, board members, advisors, network partners, sponsors and friends. Your invaluable collaboration and support have enabled us to reflect the region’s diversity and showcase its immense potential. Thank you, and let us continue working together to build a more equitable digital future in 2026.



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**Arifah Sharifuddin**

Institute Director  
Tech for Good Institute



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Citra'.

**Citra Nasruddin**

Programme Director  
Tech for Good Institute

# 2025 at A Glance



## Outreach

**55** events spoken at

**53** events organised

**20** partners  
academic, government, think tank

**>1000** participants

**>10%** of which are youths



## Research

**7** research outputs

**>3K** downloads

**>360K** backlinks and citations



## Digital Community

**12** country deep dives

**56.5%** year on year increase of website visitors

**17** country and regional syndications

**56.8%** year on year increase of LinkedIn followers with approximately 50% from across the region



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MyDIGITAL Corporation greatly values TFGI's active participation in Malaysia's key 2025 initiatives, including the ASEAN AI Malaysia Summit and the ASEAN AI Safety Network Workshops. TFGI brings an important Southeast Asian perspective, combining deep local insights with regional expertise to enrich policy and industry dialogues. Their contributions help us translate complex challenges into practical, actionable strategies that drive measurable impact — both nationally and across ASEAN.

### Adrian Marcellus

Chief Executive Officer  
MyDIGITAL Corporation

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Working with think tanks such as TFGI is vital in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape. TFGI's efforts to foster knowledge sharing and informed dialogue on critical issues — whether on the impact of technology on jobs or on ensuring meaningful participation in the digital society — are invaluable. These dialogues play an essential role in supporting policymakers and stakeholders as they shape inclusive, forward-looking, and sustainable digital ecosystems across the region.

### ASec Celine Dee

Assistant Secretary at the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)  
Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Philippines





# 2025 Highlights

# 1.1 Research

Our research is at the core of our mission to deepen understanding of key issues and inform policy across SEA, encouraging innovation in technology while cultivating a confident digital society. We achieve this by strengthening regional collaborations, maximising the impact our research delivers, facilitating knowledge exchange and immersing ourselves in discourse on issues surrounding technology, society and the economy, both globally and within SEA.

## Raising Understanding and Increasing Impact

This year, our flagship initiative, [The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia-6](#), convened key policymakers and academics for critical discussions on technology policy. The valuable insights gathered from these engagements will directly shape the third edition of the report, set for release in early 2026.

## The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia-6



### Country Articles



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### Workshops with key partners in each SEA-6 Country

Convened **374 attendees**, including **23 key policy makers** and academics

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### Event highlight articles

Over **450 report downloads**

Our research output expanded considerably. The new reports produced in 2025 include research on pressing SEA issues such as digitally enabled scams and fraud, the future of work and digital sustainability.

The growing influence of our work is evident at both academic and policy levels.



**Major Research**

**100%**  
increase from 2024

- 1 A Framework for Confident Digital Society
- 2 The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia-6
- 3 Advancing Digital Sustainability in Southeast Asia
- 4 Building Resilience Against Digitally-enabled Scams and Fraud in Southeast Asia: A Whole-of-Society Approach
- 5 Building Resilience against Digitally-Enabled Scams in ASEAN
- 6 Digital Platforms Benefit for Policy Implementation: Transforming Public Service Delivery

Our knowledge products generated

**11 Citations**

from peer-reviewed journals and publications of our network partners

**28 Research-related events**

Such as roundtables and workshops, supporting our Knowledge Products

**27 Knowledge Products**

Including articles, op-eds and commentaries

We have also received multiple invitations to provide policy input. Most notable is our policy paper, [Building Digital Trust and Resilience for an Inclusive Digital Economy](#), which was our contribution to the ASEAN Think Tank Summit (ATTS) 2025, where we led its Digital Working Group. The policy paper was formed as part of ATTS' submission for consideration to ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

In addition, we were invited by the Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia to the consultations on the ASEAN Cybersecurity Cooperation Strategy, highlighting our role as a trusted voice in critical regional policy discussions.



TFGI as lead of the Digital Working Group at the **2nd ASEAN Think Tanks Summit (ATTS)**.

## Research Rooted in Local Realities

In keeping our research grounded to local realities, we gathered local insights and data directly from stakeholders on the ground. Our research reports are built upon in-country and regional discussions, ensuring our research insights are tied to stakeholder concerns and local realities.

In particular, our research report, [Building Resilience Against Digitally-Enabled Scams and Fraud in Southeast Asia: A Whole-of-Society Approach](#), was timely written for SEA, as the establishment of the ASEAN Working Group on Anti-Online Scams (WG-AS) in 2024 underscores the rising threat of digital scams in the region. The report included country-specific insights, produced in collaboration with Bamboo Builders and with the support of Google.org. The report was launched at the Global Anti-Scam Summit Singapore 2025, organised by the Global Anti-Scam Alliance (GASA).

We continue to ensure our research initiatives, such as [The Future of Work: Advancing New Models of Work in Southeast Asia](#), are informed by local, country-specific realities. In the Philippines, we partnered with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to co-host a closed-door roundtable exploring the implications of emerging technologies on inclusive growth and digital governance. Similarly, in Indonesia, we partnered with the Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs (KOMDIGI) to co-host a closed-door roundtable discussing how the country can strengthen workforce resilience amidst technological disruption.

TFGI has also initiated an exciting exploratory study on the role of technology in promoting philanthropy, in partnership with Ant International. The study examines how digital platforms and interoperable payment systems can help catalyse the digital giving space in SEA and unlock the region's generosity dividend.

Our [Advancing Digital Sustainability in Southeast Asia](#) research report also incorporated the insights of 28 regional impact investors and 80 survey respondents across the region, providing a stronger foundation for our recommendations on how technology can advance digital sustainability.



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Digital technologies have significant potential to scale solutions and advance environmental and social impact in SEA. TFGI’s research examines how digital innovation can drive progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through impact investment and data analytics. The Centre for Impact Investing and Practices is pleased to have supported this effort to align purpose, innovation, and growth toward a more sustainable digital future with measurable impact.

**Dawn Chan**

Chief Executive Officer

Centre for Impact Investing and Practices (CIIP)

## Extending Research for Capacity Building

TFGI's work extends beyond research to empower local and regional organisations through targeted capacity-building initiatives.

Our **brownbag sessions**, launched this year, aim to foster knowledge-sharing, discussion, and collaboration in understanding the digital economy. By providing a platform to explore research, gather feedback and engage diverse perspectives, we cultivate a collaborative ecosystem where stakeholders can co-create solutions for a rapidly evolving digital landscape.



**brownbag sessions**  
to spotlight  
local research

 <b>Indonesia</b> AI Governance in Indonesia: Navigating Promises and Risks	 <b>Malaysia</b> Tech Diplomacy as a Form of Statecraft?
 <b>Philippines</b> Digitalisation of Tourism Industry: Transforming Workforce Development	 <b>Singapore</b> Motivations and Barriers to Workforce Skilling
 <b>Thailand</b> The Diffusion of Digital Competition Regulations: Spotlight on Southeast Asia	 <b>Vietnam</b> Building Digital Resilience: Lessons from Vietnam

**244 brownbag participants**

Our partnership with Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) on the **APAC Sustainability Seed Fund** aimed to increase digital maturity and capacities among local non-profits and community-based organisations through personalised mentoring sessions and thematic workshops. These interventions — which focused on areas such as data governance, cybersecurity, the application of AI and emerging technologies, and digital marketing — equipped grantees with both conceptual frameworks and practical tools to strengthen their organisational resilience. In 2025, we held a total of three to four individual mentoring sessions with 12 grantee organisations and organised four cohort thematic workshops on Cybersecurity, Data Governance, AI and Digital Marketing.

In addition, TFGI participated in a total of 23 scene-setter and research events, lending our expertise to engagements hosted by government bodies, think tanks, and academic institutions. We were also invited to deliver a lecture on **“Advancing Digital Integration in Southeast Asia”** during the ASEAN Law and Policy Academy 2025 programme, organised by the National University of Singapore (NUS) Centre for International Law. The programme was attended by policymakers, regulators, trade negotiators and academics from across the region.

Lastly, TFGI was invited by the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) to speak at the MTI Academy's Digital Trade Course, which aimed to deepen the understanding of MTI officers and officials from selected government agencies on e-commerce issues. TFGI's knowledge product was also cited as one of the key reading materials for MTI's Digital Trade Course.

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TFGI has been instrumental in developing an evidence-based, actionable framework that has guided our approach in educating tens of thousands of Singaporeans to feel confident online. The roundtable discussions with experts across Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam have strengthened regional capability and collaboration.

**Gabriel Tan**

Founder  
Bamboo Builders



# 1.2 Outreach

## SEA’s Knowledge Partner of Choice, Partnerships for Impact

We have deepened our commitment to SEA’s digital future by championing the region’s voice at global and local stage on technology policy and the digital economy, driving our shared goal of a more inclusive and resilient digital future for SEA.

In 2025, we flew the TFGI flag in the region, speaking at 55 events, with a reach of about 7700 participants. We have contributed significantly to the discourse on issues around the digital economy and society at regional and international platforms organised by MyDIGITAL Corporation and Malaysia Centre4IR (MYCentre4IR), Ministry of Communication and Digital Affairs, Indonesia (KomDigi), Cyber Security Agency of Singapore (CSA), Ministry of Human Resources (KESUMA), Korea Information Society Development Institute (KISDI), The ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN Business Advisory Council of Malaysia, Global Forum on Cyber Expertise (GFCE) SEA Hub, the Australia for ASEAN Futures (Aus4ASEAN Futures) programme and Global Development Network.

We have taken on numerous roles, including moderator, panellist, scene-setter, and expert. Partners have valued our voice and the local perspectives we bring, seeking our knowledge and collaborative approach, which has fostered impactful partnerships and meaningful conversations.



**2nd ASEAN Think-tank Summit**  
Organised by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) on behalf of the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS) and supported by the ASEAN Secretariat.

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As ASEAN member states face a sharp rise in digital threats — from scams to complex cybersecurity risks — the work of the Digital Working Group is critically important. We offer our heartfelt thanks to TFGI for their leadership in putting together the policy paper: Building Digital Trust and Resilience for an Inclusive Digital Economy. This partnership is invaluable and we are proud to collaborate with TFGI to drive a resilient and inclusive digital ASEAN, supporting the goals of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

**Yeo Lay Hwee**  
Senior Research Fellow  
Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA)

AI for Good in ASEAN: Real-World  
Stories Driving Regional Impact  
ASEAN AI Malaysia Summit 2025



Non-Discriminatory Treatment  
of Digital Products

ASEAN Digital Economy Framework  
Agreement (DEFA) Business Roundtable by the  
ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN BAC)

Tech Accelerating Impact  
for Social Good

ATxSummit by Infocomm Media  
Development Authority (IMDA)



AI x Scams: Approaches,  
Solutions and Challenges  
Global Anti-Scam Summit Asia 2025

## Bridging Regional Issues, Convening Local Realities

Our strategy is anchored in forging alliances with partners in the SEA-6 region, creating a foundation for shared knowledge, capability building, co-creation and impactful collaboration. Our engagement modalities — ranging from closed-door roundtables to broad-reaching webinars, public seminars, and workshops — facilitate important dialogue and knowledge exchange among key stakeholders in the private, public and civil society sectors.

In 2025, with the strong support of these partners, we successfully organised a total of 33 events, reaching more than 1300 participants across SEA-6. We look forward to building on this momentum and continuing to achieve shared goals through our partners' invaluable collaboration.



### Indonesia



Public Seminar  
Strengthening Public Delivery for a More Inclusive Society in Indonesia

People, Policy and Platforms. Strengthening Public Delivery for a More Inclusive Society in Indonesia  
**Ministry of Communication and Digital (Komdigi)**



Indonesia's Digital Leap: Improving Data Governance and Reinforcing Online Trust  
**Center for Indonesian Policy Studies (CIPS)**



### Malaysia



Public Seminar  
The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia-6

The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia-6  
**Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)**



Public Seminar  
What good looks like in Malaysia's digital economy in 2026

What Good looks like for Malaysia's Digital Economy in 2026  
**Institute Of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS)**



### Philippines



Digitalisation of Tourism Industry: Transforming Workforce Development  
**Center for Tourism at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM)**



Public Seminar  
The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia: Spotlight on the Philippines

The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia: Spotlight on the Philippines  
**The Department of Information and Communications (DICT)**



## Singapore



Fit-for-Purpose Governance in the Innovation Age: Spotlight on Singapore  
**Singapore Management University, Centre for Digital Law (SMU CDL)**



Charting Singapore's Digital Progress  
**Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth (MCCY) and the National Youth Council Singapore (NYC)**



## Thailand



The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia-6  
**Office of the National Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation Policy Council (NXPO)**



New Models of Work and Digital Platforms for Policy Implementation  
**Thailand Development Research Institute Foundation (TDRIF)**



## Vietnam



The Evolution of Tech Governance in Southeast Asia with a spotlight on Vietnam  
**Hanoi Association for Communication and Public Relation**



Building Resilience Against Scams and Fraud in Southeast Asia: Spotlight on Vietnam  
**Institute of Human Geography and Sustainable Development (IHS), Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS)**

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Thank you, TFGI, for your partnership in advancing the conversation towards a secure, innovative, and equitable digital Southeast Asia. The Evolution of Tech Governance event's success and the richness of its insights were greatly enriched by TFGI's partnership, fostering a deeper exchange of ideas. Together, we look forward to achieving even greater impact in 2026.

**Ir. Wan Murdani Wan Mohamad**  
Vice President  
Digital Adoption  
Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)



## Strengthening the Voices of SEA Youths

TFGI is committed to strengthening SEA's voice both within the region and on the global stage.

In 2025, we actively nurtured the next generation of thought leaders by convening six youth-focused discussions across SEA-6, providing vital platforms for 85 young leaders to contribute ideas and recommendations to ongoing policy dialogues.

At these discussions, youths shared their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges of the digital economy, offering bold insights and practical solutions to help shape their countries' digital futures. Key themes included:

- Addressing the digital divide across geographical areas within their countries
- Bridging the gap between education and workforce needs
- Moving from Skills Frameworks to Skill Stacks
- Strengthening digital resilience in the face of growing online risks
- Calling for inclusive and humane digital policies
- Protecting mental health in an increasingly fast-paced world

Through these sessions, TFGI helped amplify Southeast Asian voices, ensuring that local perspectives — especially from the region's youth — inform both national policy and broader regional and global discussions on digital development.

TFGI has also played a significant role in amplifying SEA's voice on the global stage. We broadened regional discourse and highlighted the diversity of thought leadership, contributing meaningfully to timely conversations on **Artificial Intelligence, Digital Trade, Digital Inclusion and Regional Governance**.

By actively engaging with stakeholders across the public, private, and investment sectors, TFGI has successfully driven action on key regional priorities, solidifying our role as a pivotal source of insight.

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A massive thank you to TFGI for organising such a dynamic and truly necessary discussion! It was more than just a conversation — it was a strategic huddle with my fellow youths. My biggest takeaway was the diversity of insights shared by my peers, which reminded me how differently each of us experiences the digital economy. It's inspiring to see so many youths actively engaged in shaping our tomorrow. Thank you for connecting us!

**Hamizah Myra**

Senior Executive (Strategic Planning and Policy Department)  
Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)

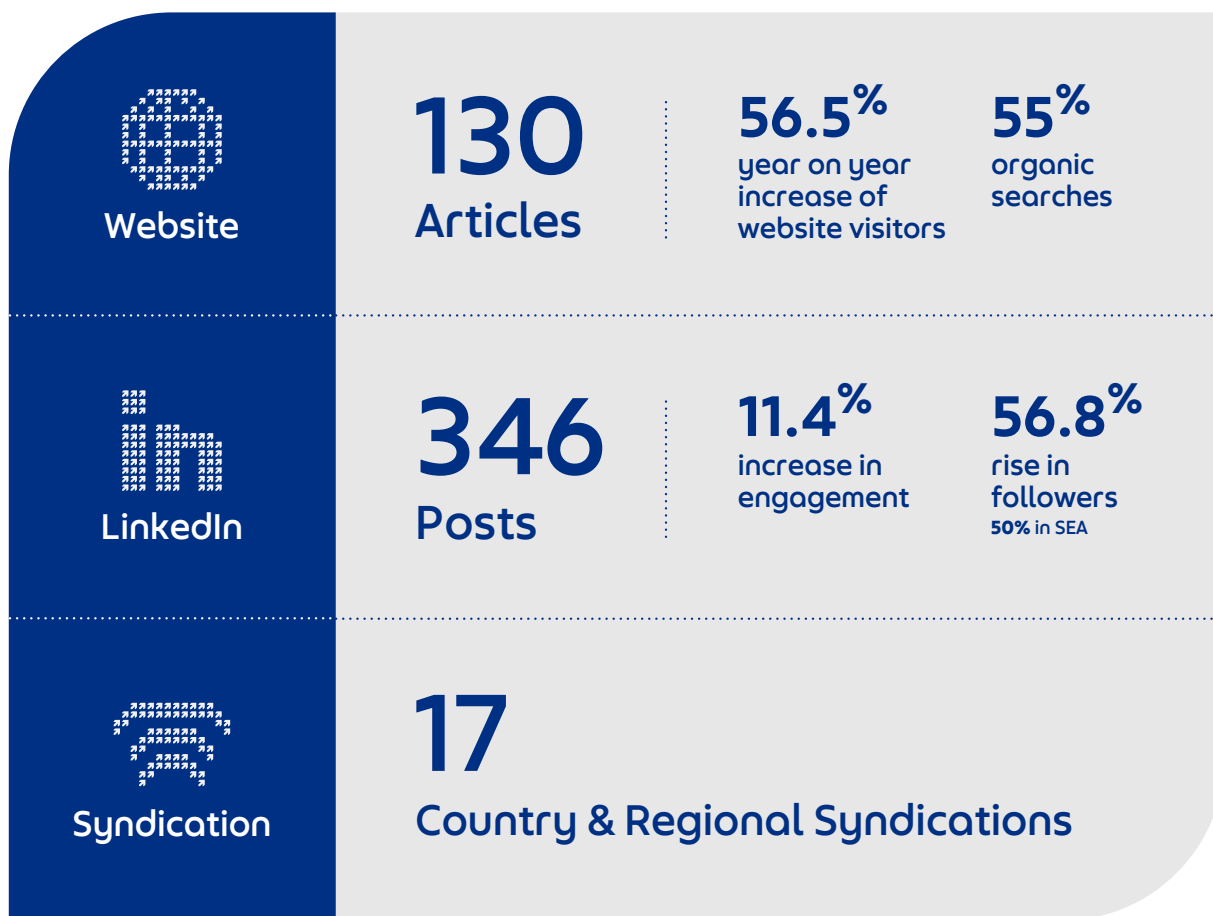


# 1.3 Digital Community

## Expanding Our Reach

In 2025, TFGI strengthened its role as a trusted voice in SEA’s digital landscape, expanding both the scale and depth of our engagement.

Our growing digital presence reflects the increasing relevance of our work and the trust placed in us as a hub for insights on SEA’s digital transformation.



# Building the Digital Community

TFGI is committed to connecting contributors who shape SEA's digital discourse, fostering a community that reflects the region's diversity and expertise. In addition to producing in-house analyses and reports, we collaborated with over 30 country and domain experts to provide 50 country and regional insights. This multi-stakeholder approach ensures that our content presents a variety of perspectives from across the digital ecosystem, from policymakers and academics to industry leaders and civil society.

## Civil

### COUNTRY SPOTLIGHTS

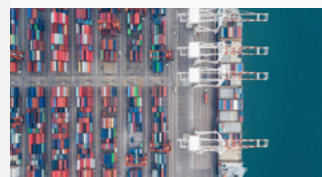
**Unpacking Sovereign AI: Opportunities in the Face of a "Fraught Pursuit"**



Sara Loo  
ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute

### PERSPECTIVES

**Southeast Asia in the Crosshairs: Navigating Trump's Protectionist Trade Policies**

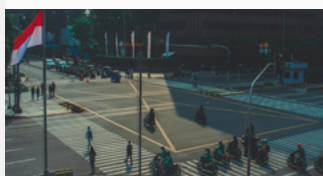


Deborah Elms  
Hinrich Foundation

## Academic

### COUNTRY SPOTLIGHTS

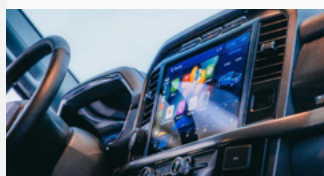
**Indonesia's AI Crossroads: Will Hype Deliver Real Transformation?**



Florida Andriana  
Think Policy Indonesia

### COUNTRY SPOTLIGHTS

**From Smart Mobility to Trusted Mobility: Building Trusted AI for Singapore's Future**



Poon King Wang and  
Dinithi Jayasekara  
Singapore University of  
Technology and Design (SUTD)

## Public

### PERSPECTIVES

**The Importance of Humanising AI in Business: Transforming the Modern Workforce**



Fabian Bigar  
Ministry of Digital, Malaysia

### PERSPECTIVES

**Enabling a Digital Future that Works for Every Filipino**

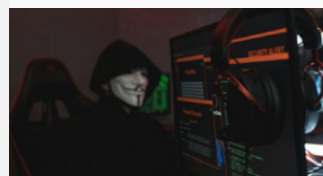


ASec Celine Dee  
Philippine Department of  
Information and Communications  
Technology (DICT)

## Private

### PERSPECTIVES

**From Passive Awareness to Active Resilience against Scams**



Abhishek Roy  
Google

### PERSPECTIVES

**Digitalisation and AI: Catalysts for Quality Tourism in Southeast Asia**

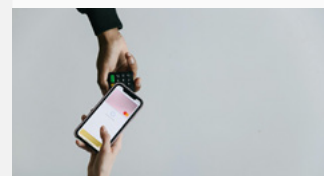


Mohammad Matin Mohdari  
Expedia Group

## ASEAN

### COUNTRY SPOTLIGHTS

**Balancing Innovation and Oversight in ASEAN Competition Regimes for the Digital Economy**



Dr. Wan Khatina Nawawi  
EconWorks Advisory

Regional and local platforms have increasingly engaged with TFGI's work, reflecting a growing appetite for discussion on technology governance, the role of technology in advancing sustainable development and SEA's potential in emerging technologies.



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With the pace and complexity of digital policy in SEA, it is no small feat that TFGI has stayed active, visible, and deeply relevant. As a follower of their editorial work online and a contributory writer myself, it is clear that TFGI is a leading voice looked up to by regional and global entities.

TFGI's ability to convene thoughtful dialogue and translate ideas into practical insight is invaluable in shaping future conversations on issues converging in SEA.













**Dr Wan Khatina**

Managing Partner  
EconWorks Advisory



# Growing Local Voices Through Our Regional Platform

In 2025, we amplified local voices and brought attention to SEA's key digital priorities — including AI governance, data and digital regulations, competition and broader regional aspirations.

 <p><b>Digital Transformation: Building Future-Ready Government and Policy</b></p>  <p>Chairul Saleh <i>Ministry for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia</i></p>	 <p><b>Finding the Regulatory Balance Amidst Malaysia's E-Commerce Growth</b></p>  <p>Hafidzi Razali <i>Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MICCI)</i></p>	 <p><b>How Digital Platforms Are Reshaping Service Delivery In The Philippines</b></p>  <p>Monchito Ibrahim <i>Lead Convenor of the Alliance of Tech Innovators for the Nation (ATIN)</i></p>
 <p><b>Fighting online harms for a safer digital space in Singapore</b></p>  <p>Carol Soon <i>Deputy Head and Associate Professor (Practice) National University of Singapore</i></p>	 <p><b>Fit-for-Purpose Digital Platform Regulations: Navigating Thailand's Economic Future</b></p>  <p>Jirawat Poomsrikaew <i>Thai Digital Platform Trade Association</i></p>	 <p><b>Improving the Regulatory Framework for Tech Governance: The Key to Achieving High Growth in Vietnam</b></p>  <p>Dr. Nguyen Minh Thao <i>Formerly Vietnam's Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)</i></p>

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TFGI has played a vital role in fostering nuanced conversations about SEA's digital economy. By creating a platform where local perspectives meet regional insights, the Institute has been instrumental in deepening understanding and drawing lessons that inform emerging policy areas across the region.

**Jirawat Poomsrikaew**  
Incoming Secretary-General  
Thai Digital Platform Trade Association





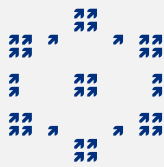
Progress  
Together

## Looking ahead to 2026

In 2026, TFGI continues to contribute towards shaping SEA's Digital Economy and Digital Society by conducting research, producing knowledge products, providing space and platforms to encourage dialogues and building public understanding in these areas.

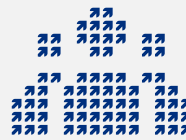
Our goal is to ensure a thriving, responsible digital ecosystem that harnesses technology to drive equitable, inclusive and sustainable growth across the region.

To achieve this, our 2026 agenda is dedicated to testing and proving this approach through targeted research, collaborative policy development and robust implementation.



### Digital Economy

Leveraging technology, business models, regulations and governance



### Digital Society

Fostering a confident, equitable and inclusive digital society that leverages technology responsibly

**Sustainable & Inclusive Growth**  
for Southeast Asia

## New and Continued Partnerships

Given profound demographic and economic shifts in the region and beyond, timely data and regional insights will be crucial to guide inclusive growth. To amplify our impact and strengthen research and data capabilities, we are thrilled to announce a new partnership with the [Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth \(the Center\)](#), while our partnership with [Grab](#) is further strengthened.

This partnership allows us to combine our regional expertise with the Center's global reach, empowering policymakers and businesses with the evidence needed for impactful interventions. It will enhance our ability to generate evidence-based insights, supporting policymakers, businesses and civil society in designing more inclusive digital policies and interventions.



Building on our foundational support from Grab, this collaboration deepens our capacity to execute our core mission. With the expansion of our resources and reach, TFGI will continue to produce the high-quality, data-driven insights needed to help all stakeholders navigate Asia's digital transformation responsibly.

This partnership, together with all of TFGI partners and stakeholders will enable all of us to play our respective roles in building a more connected, inclusive and resilient digital future for the region and beyond!

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TFGI was established with a clear purpose: to produce data-driven insights that inform how technology can be harnessed for transformational social impact. This partnership allows us to broaden the scope and scale of our programmes, empowering policymakers and businesses with the evidence and tools necessary to create impactful interventions. By combining our regional expertise with Mastercard's global reach, we can better support inclusive digital transformation that benefits all segments of society.

**Ilaria Chan**

Chairperson  
Tech for Good Institute

## Partner with Us for Impact



Realising a future where technology drives inclusive and sustainable growth in Southeast Asia requires collective action. If you believe in this vision, here is how you can get involved:

### Stay Connected

Follow us on LinkedIn and subscribe to our mailing list to receive the latest updates on our research and events.

### Engage & Collaborate

We warmly welcome you to our events to connect with peers and explore new partnerships.

### Contribute

Have a perspective to share? We invite you to contribute your expertise through TFGI's 'Write for Us' initiative.

### Help Us Improve

We value your feedback to help us adapt and refine our mission.

Together, we can inspire positive change and ensure technology benefits everyone across the region. Thank you for joining us on this journey — let's drive meaningful impact through Tech for Good in 2026.

# Acknowledgements

Thank you to all our partners who have made our work possible in 2025.

Grab, for core and in-kind support that allow TFGI to function as a non-profit entity, as well as for operational funding across research, events and community-building activities.



## Our Project Partnerships



## Our Network Partners for their collaboration:



### Indonesia



### Malaysia



### Philippines



### Singapore



### Thailand



### Vietnam





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