



Thailand and Malaysia in the ASEAN Integration Process

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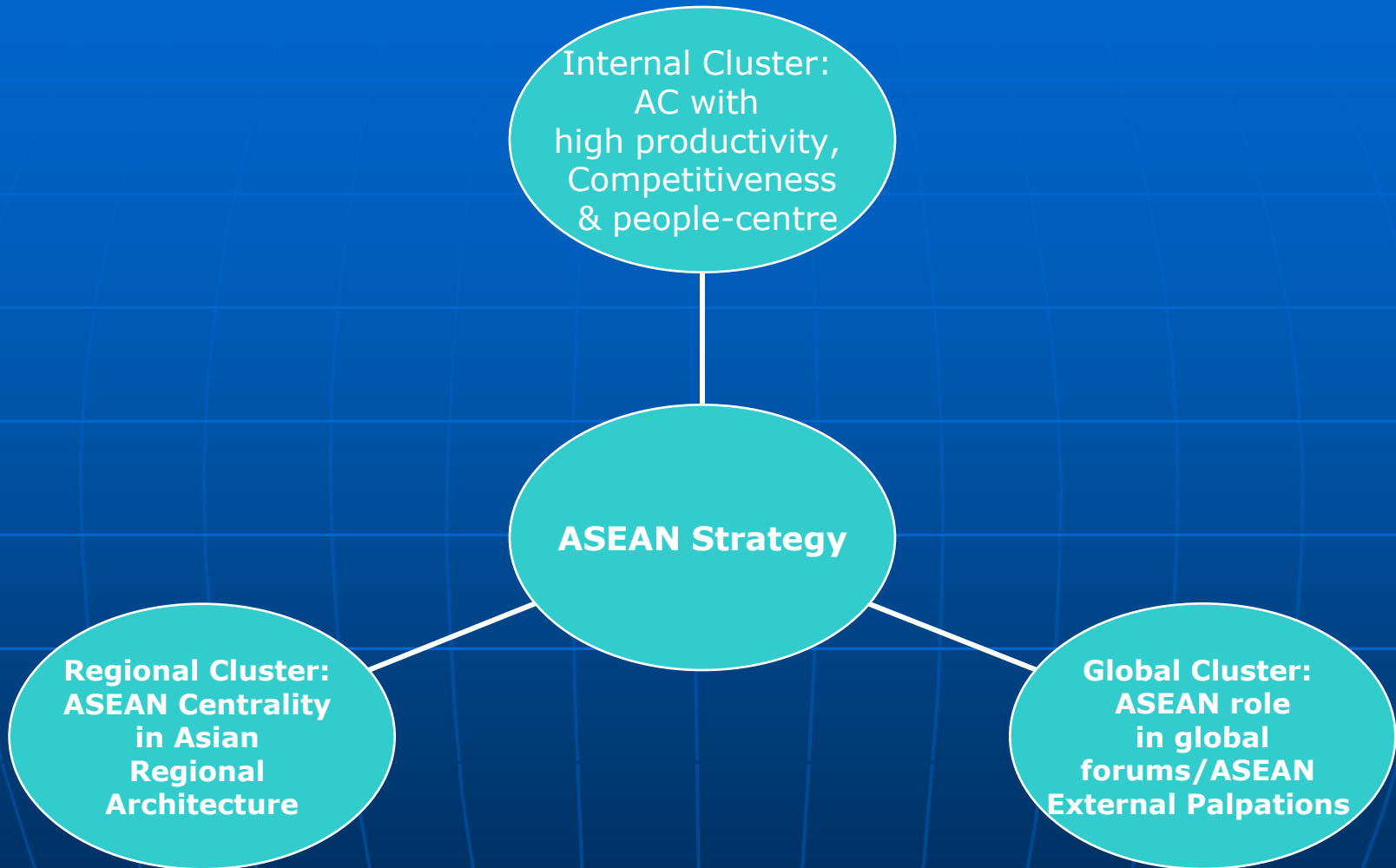
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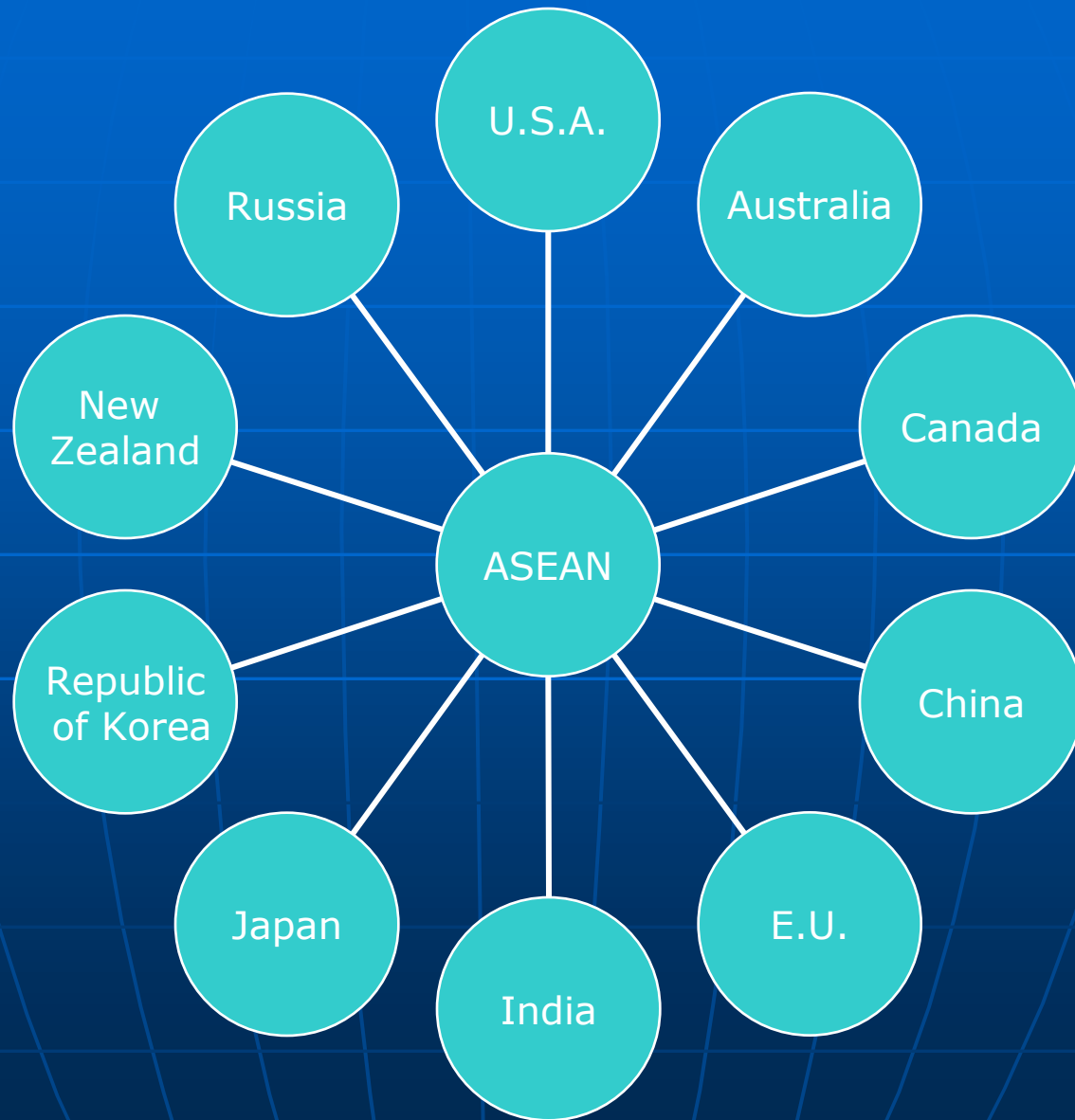
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ASEAN Community (AC)

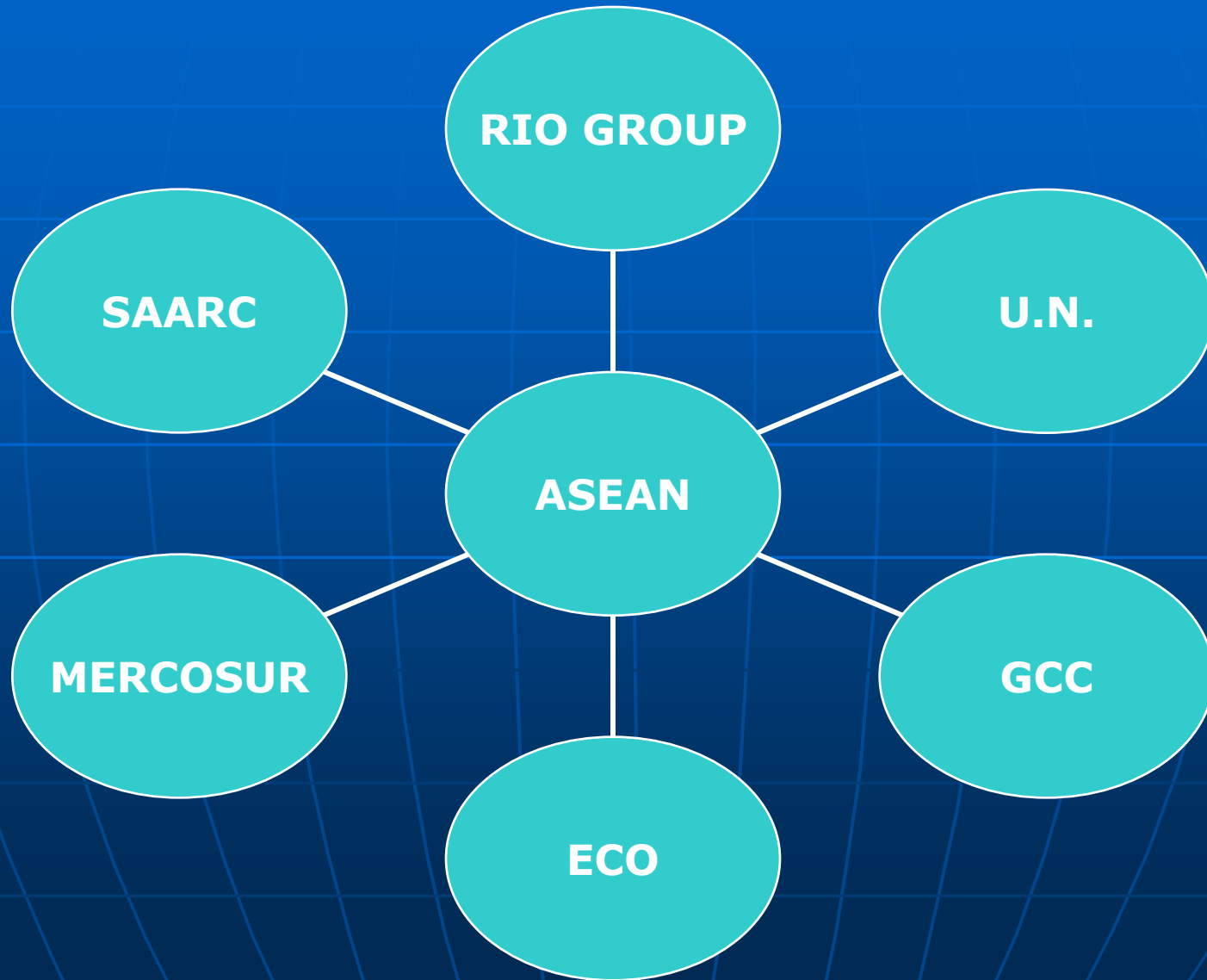




ASEAN Dialogue Partners



ASEAN Relations with International Organization & Groupings



Enhancement of ASEAN Global Role

**Joint operations/
activities international :
Peace keeping
combating piracy, etc**

**Coordination in
International/
multilateral fora
(UN,WTO,IMF,WB,etc)**

**Collaboration between
ASEAN and
International
Organization:
UN,FAO,IAEA,etc**

**Global Cluster:
Increase ASEAN
Global Role**

**Research & Study
Global Trends &ASEAN
response**

**Enhancement of ASEAN
Role in Third countries**

**Support Possible ASEAN
Joint Positions in
International Issues**

ASEAN Political and Security Community

- 3 Major principles/objectives
 - A rules-based community of shared values & norms
 - * Community values
 - * Non-Interference
 - A cohesive, peaceful and resilient region with shared responsibility for comprehensive security
 - A dynamic and out ward looking region in an increasingly integrated and interdependent world
- ARF, Law, Defense, Transnational crimes

ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

- 4 Dimensions
 - Single Market & Production Base
 - * Freer flows of goods, services, investment, skilled labors
 - * Freer flow of capitals
 - Enhancement of Competitiveness
 - Equality in Economic Development
 - Integration with global economy
- Other areas of economic cooperation : Tourism, ICT, Transport, energy, ect

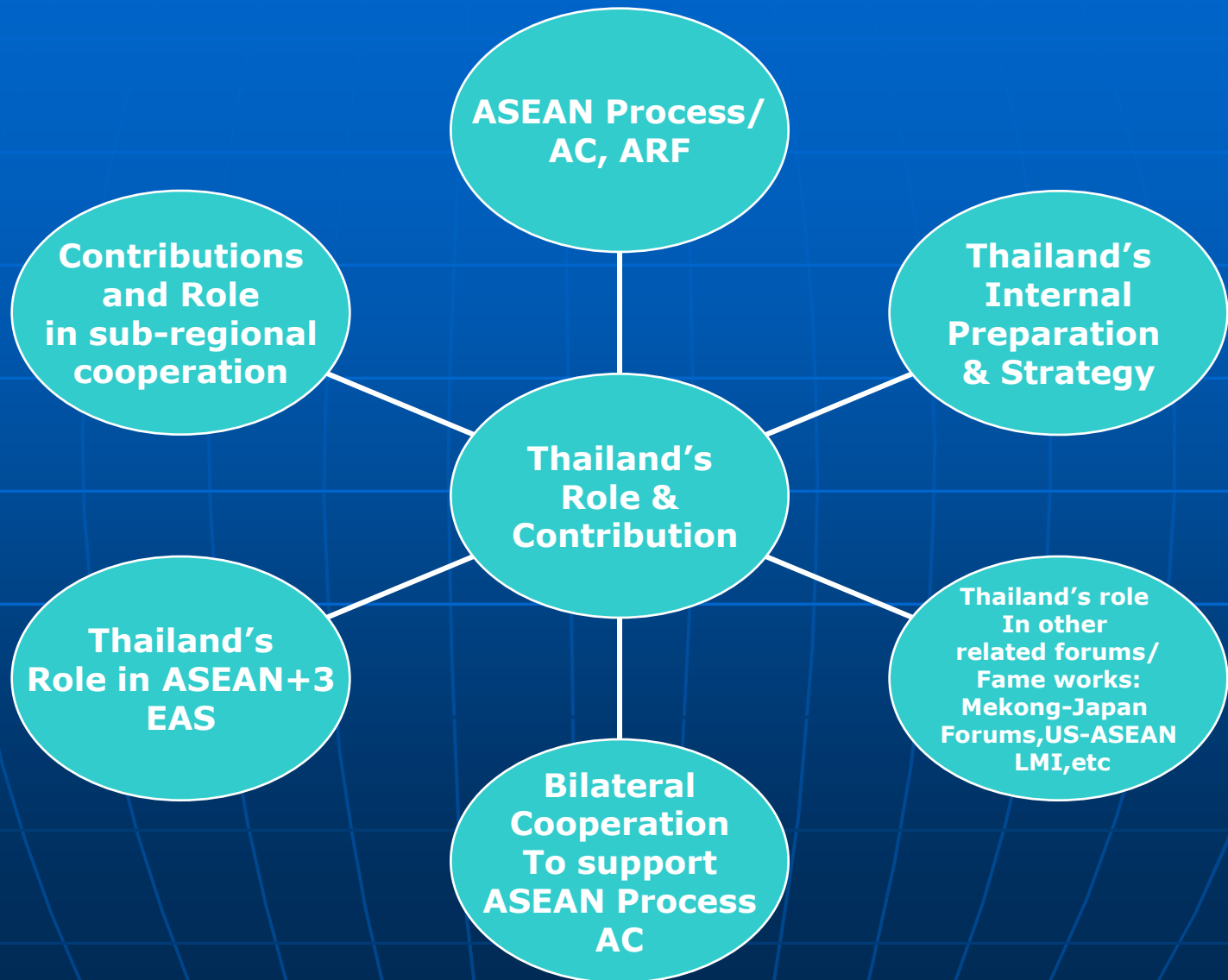
Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity

- There Aspects
 - Infrastructure
 - Rules and Regulations
 - People
- Beyond ASEAN Connectivity
 - Thailand's Proposal : ASEAN+3 Connectivity Partnership

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Communities

- One Caring Society
- 6 Major Areas
 - Human Development
 - Social Welfare and Protection
 - Social Justice and Rights
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Building on ASEAN Identity
 - Narrowing the Development Gap
- Social Network in ASEAN

Thailand's Role and Contributions



Thailand and ASEAN Community

- Thailand : ASEAN, AFTA, ARF
- Continues to play a key role
- ASEAN is a cornerstone of Foreign Policy

Thailand's Preparation & Strategy

- Raising ASEAN Awareness
 - Mobile Team
 - Seminar for Teachers
 - ASEAN Young Ambassador Camp
 - TV/Radio Programme
 - Seminars/Workshops more than 200/per year
- ASEAN Countries Language 1 English
- Coordination among agencies concerned
- School/ASEAN Curriculum
- Universities/Educational Institutions
- Private sector/SMEs

Thailand and the three Communities

- Political and Security
 - Democracy, Good Governance, Rules of Law, Human Rights
 - Civil Society Cooperation
 - Non – Traditional Security : Drug Trafficking, Human Trafficking, Natural Disaster Management, etc.
 - Transparency in Defense & Military Affairs, Arms Modernization, Exchange of Information
 - More cooperation in certain areas : Peace Keeping, Natural Disaster Management, Maritime Security & Combating Piracy

Thailand and the three Communities

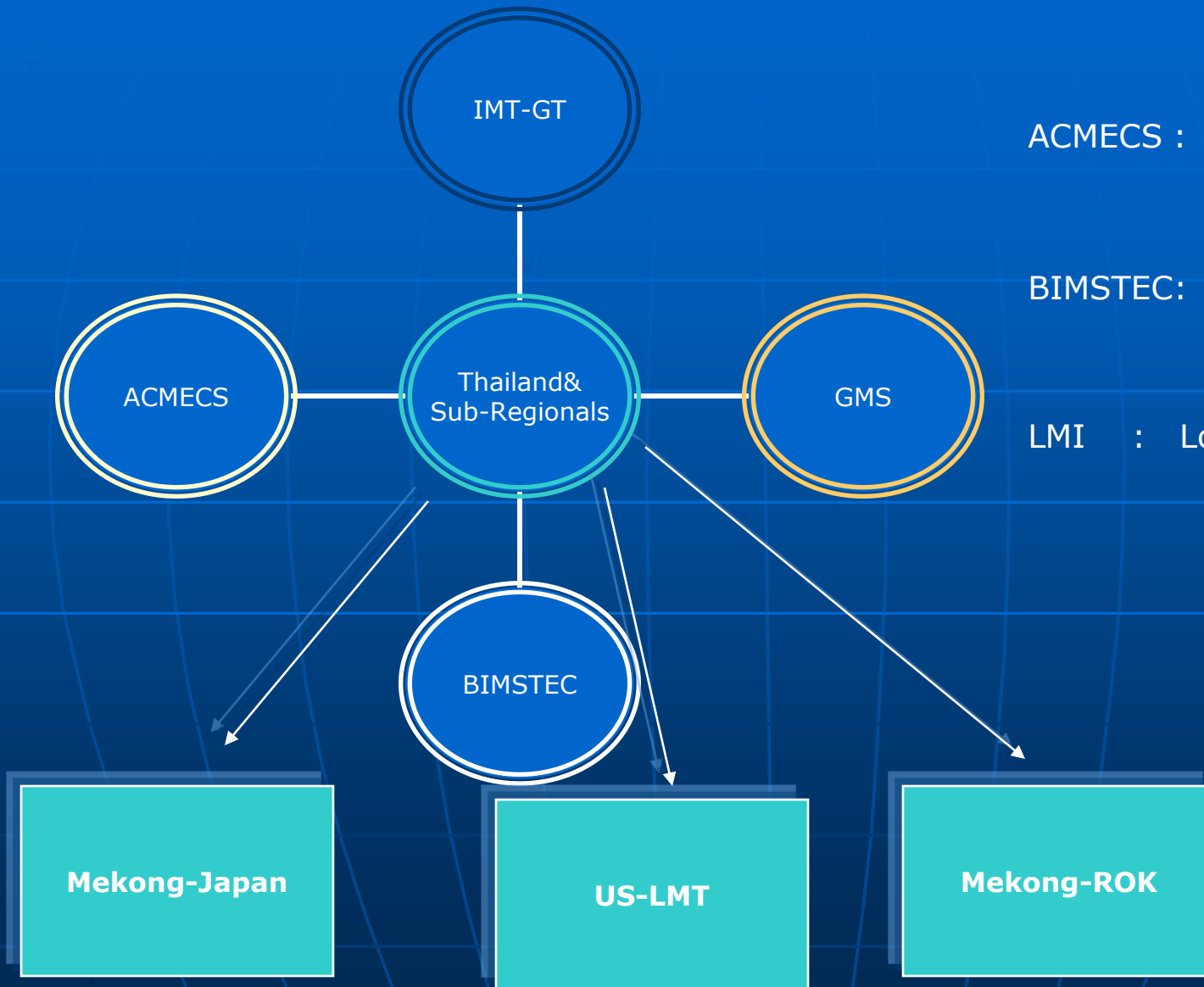
- AEC
 - ASEAN Connectivity/Support Other ASEAN Counties
 - Contributions to IAI
 - ASEAN Investments & Business Networks
 - Bridging Development GAP
 - Internal Infrastructure Developments
 - Economic Zone/Areas

Thailand and the three Communities

Social Cultural Community

- Human Development : Scholarships & Training Programme
- Social Welfares and Protection : sharing experiences, cooperation activity
- Social Justice and Rights
- Environmental Sustainability
- Education : AUN, collaborations
- Sports
- Cultural Co operations
- etc

Thailand and Sub – Regional Co operations



ACMECS : Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy

BIMSTEC: Bangladesh-India-Myanmar-Sri Lanka-Thailand Economic

LMI : Lower Mekong Initiatives

ASEAN Basic Facts and Figures

	Pop (Million)	GDP (b.USD)	GDP Per capita (USD)	Trade Volume (b.USD)
ASEAN	600	1856	3111	1542
China	1341	5878	4382	3073
India	1191	1632	1371	421
EU	499	16,242	32,537	9094
Japan	128	5459	42,783	1119
NAFTA	453	17,138	37,858	3603
MERCO SUR	273	2812	10,312	520

- MERCOSUR : Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela
- World Economic Outlook Database, September 2011

GDP (nominal) 2011: million USD

1. USA	15,060,000	46. Philippines	216,100
2. China	6,989,000	57. Vietnam	121,600
3. Japan	5,855,000	76. Myanmar	50,200
4. Germany	3,629,000	113. Brunei	15,600
16. Indonesia	834,300	121. Cambodia	13,200
31. Thailand	339,400	136. Laos	7,900
36. Singapore	266,500	180. Timor-Leste	700
37. Malaysia	247,600		

Per Capita Income (US \$)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011*</u>
<u>2012*</u>					
■ Singapore	36,655	36,738	37,790	41,120	
■ Brunei		32,443	37,414	21,390	-
■ Malaysia	6,905	8,099	6,902	8,373	9,204
■ Thailand	3,643	3,993	3,835	4,608	5,257.9
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■ Indonesia	1,859	2,172	2,272	2,946	
■ Philippines	1,685	1,925	1,836	2,140	
■ Vietnam	843	1,070	1,130	1,224	
■ Lao PDR	718	910	966	1,177	
■ Cambodia	632	742	744	795	
■ Myanmar	-	-	-	700	
■ Timor-Leste	375	461	544	624	
■ China	2,615	3,414	3,749	4,428	

Sources :
World Bank

WTO Trade Ranking 2010

- Singapore 13th
- Thailand 22nd
- Malaysia 24th

Ease of Doing Business 2011-2012 (World Bank)

	2011	2012
■ Singapore	1 st	1 st
■ Thailand	19 th	17 th
■ Malaysia	21 st	18 th
■ Viet Nam	78 th	98 th
■ China	79 th	91 th
■ Brunei	112 th	83 th
■ Indonesia	121 st	129 th
■ Cambodia	147 th	138 th
■ Philippines	148 th	136 th
■ Laos	171 st	165 th

Global Top 20 Destination Cities (2012) : MasterCard Survey

1.	London	16.9 m
2.	Paris	16.0 m
3.	Bangkok	12.2 m
4.	Singapore	11.8 m
5.	Istanbul	11.6 m
6.	Hong Kong	11.1 m
7.	Madrid	9.7 m
10.	Kuala Lumpur	8.1 m

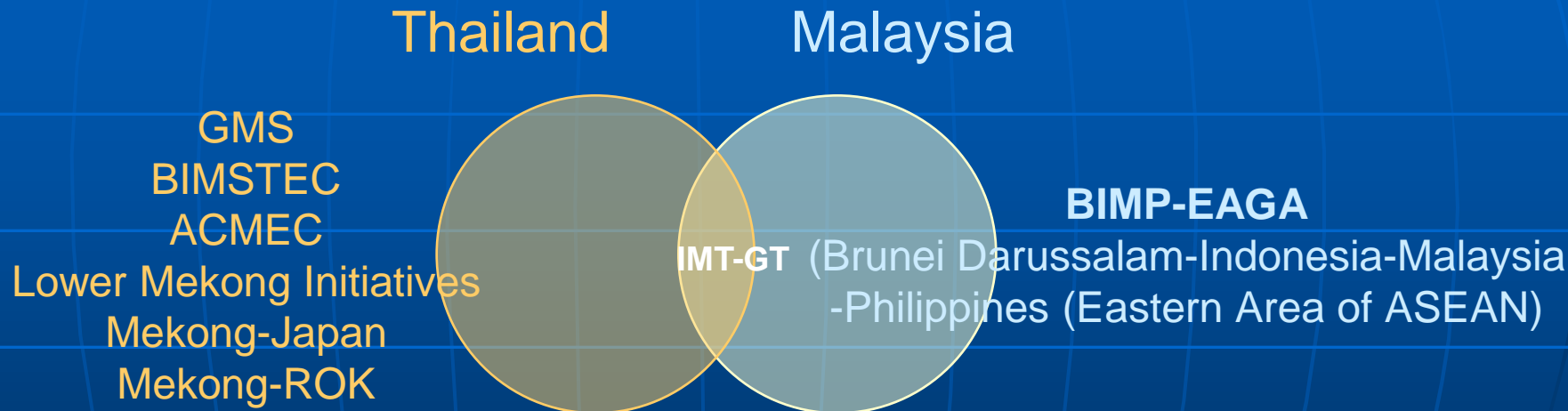
Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in ASEAN & ASEAN Community (AC)

1. General Aspects of Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in ASEAN & AC
2. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC)
3. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in Enhancing ASEAN Role
4. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in AEC
5. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)

1. General Aspects of Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in ASEAN

- ASEAN Process, Development and External Relations
- Development & Cooperation Policy : Possible Tripartite Cooperation
- Sub-Regional Cooperation : IMT-GT
- IAI : Initiatives for ASEAN Integration

Thailand and Malaysia in Sub-Regionals



2. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC)

2.1 Military-to-Military Cooperation

- Thailand-Malaysia Joint-Exercise/Training : a model for other ASEAN countries
- Defense Technology/Defence Industry/Putrajaya Forum
- International Security/Defense Strategy/Global & Regional Security & Defence Outlook

2.2 Maritime Security

- Maritime Security Strategy
- Straits of Malacca/South China Sea
- Maritime resource management

2.3 Non-Traditional Security

- Counter-Terrorism : SEARCCT
(Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism, under MFA-MY)
- Anti-Drug Trafficking : Bilateral Meeting
- Combatting Human Trafficking : Draft MoU

2.4 Others

- Democracy & Good Governance & Rule of Law
- Peacekeeping
- Anti-Piracy
- Exchange of Experiences in various areas

- ### 3. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in Enhancing ASEAN Role
- Moderation, Global Movement of the Moderates, Interfaith Dialogue
 - Research & Study Global Trend & ASEAN response
 - ASEAN role in ASEAN+3, ARF, EAS
 - ASEAN and International Organization (UN, World Bank, IMF, WTO, OIC, NAM, etc.)

4. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in AEC

4.1 Guidelines : 8 directions

- Competition VS Complementarity & Cooperation / combined hub/ combined destinations
- Cooperation at ASEAN Level in some areas may move relatively slow : speed up bilateral cooperation
- Towards collective ASEAN Competitiveness
- Acceleration of reduction of NTBs
- How to integrate more in financial and service sectors

- Connectivity
- Dual Approach : Top down & Bottom up
- Economic and Social Development Philosophy & Strategy : Happiness Index & Economic Growth

4.2 Possible Areas of Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in Economic Areas

- A. Combined hubs : Education, ICT, etc.**
- B. Combined Destinations : Tourism**
- C. Connectivity : JDS, rail road connections, etc.**
- D. Halal Industry**

E. Some potential sectors/themes

- Franchise : Moving Towards ASEAN Franchise Association, ASEAN Retail-Chains & Franchise Federation, Thailand's Franchise & License Association
- Branding : Branding Association of Malaysia
- Creative Economy / Multimedia/Digital Entertainment Content
- Kitchen of the World
- Gift Premium & Decorative Items
- Logistics
- Malaysia Books of Record : Towards ASEAN Book of Records?
- Skills development standard/MRA of certification & qualification/ competent-based skills development
- Standard and Conformity Assessment
- SME Cooperation : CIMB ASEAN SME Forum

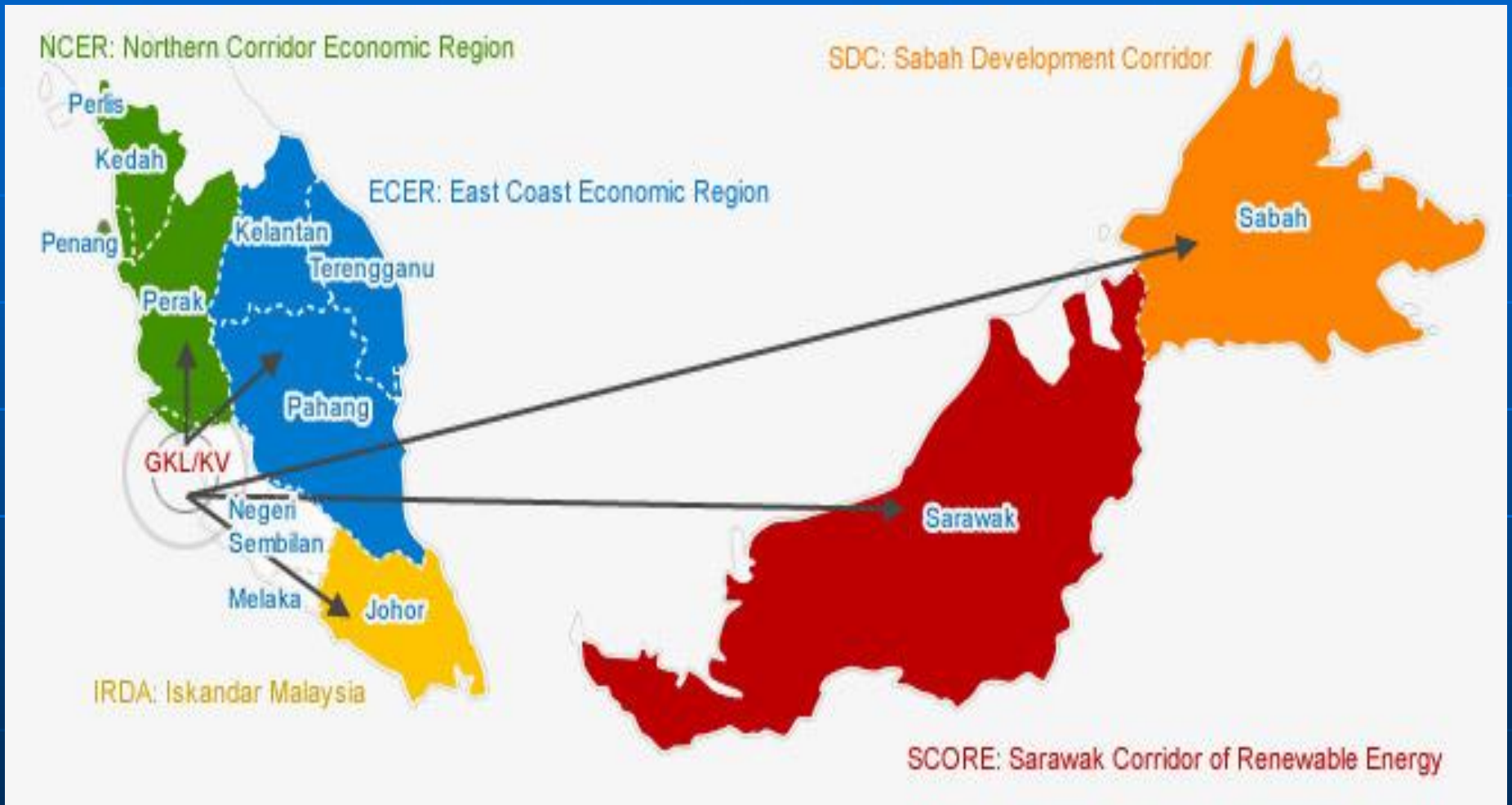
4.3 JDS (Joint Development Strategy)

- Border Check-point development
- Bridge construction
- Feasibility Study on Satul – Perlis Tunnel
- Special Economic Zone & Township development :
Sadao-Bukit Kayu Hitam, Tak Bai, Ko-Lok, Wangprachan etc
- Border crossing
- New Framework on Inter-State and Transit Transport of Goods and Passengers
- Southern Thailand Development Plan and NCER & ECER of Malaysia/ Iskandar

4.4 Coordination

- JDS
- IMT-GT
- Economic Corridors
- Province-State economic cooperation
- Lima-Dasar

Malaysia's 5 Economic Corridors (with links from Greater KL and Klang Valley)



Malaysia's Economic Areas

Corridors of Development in Malaysia

1. Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER)
(focus on modern agriculture/manufacturing & design/tourism/logistics/education & health)
2. East Coast Economic Region (ECER)
(focus on tourism/oil & gas/manufacturing/agriculture/education)
3. Iskandar Malaysia (to be a hub of service sector)
(creative industry/education/healthcare/financial services/tourism and logistics industries/electrical & electronics services)
4. Sabah Development Corridor (SDC)
(focus on Agro-based industry/tourism/logistics/manufacturing)
5. Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy
(focus on resource based industry/energy/tourism)

5. Thailand-Malaysia Cooperation in Socio-Cultural Community

■ Education/Youth

- MIT : Malaysia-Indonesia-Thailand
- School-to-School Network
- University-to-University
- Thailand-Malaysia University Student Forum
- Thai/Malaysian/Southeast Asia Study
- Thai/Bahasa languages
- Youth Exchange/Student Exchange/Possible Thailand-Malaysia AFS
- Office of Private Education : Towards ASEAN Forums
- Towards ASEAN Islamic University?

- People-to-People/Rotary/Civilian Organization/etc.
 - Cultural Cooperation
 - Think Tanks : ASEAN-ISIS, NEAT, CSEP, East Asia Forum, Thailand-Malaysia Think Tanks and Scholar Network
 - Media/Press : Thailand-Malaysia Media Forum
 - Exchange of View on Caring Society : Towards ASEAN Caring Society and ASEAN Social Safety Net
 - Food Security
 - Energy Security
 - Sports : Towards the ASEAN Sport Center
 - Human Resource Development (HRD) / Skills Training /Network of HRD/Skills Training
 - กอริ – ASEAN Qori Association
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