

“Household debts in the SEACEN economies”

Visiting Research Economist (VRE)

The VRE will take the role of a project leader and provide guidance to Project Team Members (PTMs) from SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities in implementing the research project on **“Household debts in the SEACEN economies”**.

Prospective candidates are expected to conduct one workshop and one seminar and complete an integrative report based on the findings of the PTMs. The workshop and seminar will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The duration of the project is eight (8) months. For the Terms and Reference and application form, please see the attachments below.

Prospective candidates should submit their application together with a cover letter, curriculum vita, application form and a two to three page research proposal detailing the project’s coverage and methodology. Applicants from SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities should submit their applications through their respective member central banks/monetary authorities.

All applications should be sent to the following e-mail address: hr@seacen.org by [15 April 2017]. Please indicate “VRE: Household debts ” in the subject header.

Terms of Reference of VRE

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- Participants:** Researchers from member central banks/monetary authorities, academia and experts in relevant fields of central banking areas/studies.
- Honorarium/Payment:** A competitive honorarium of USD15,000 will be provided. The VRE is expected to conduct on workshop and one seminar. Ten percent of the honorarium is payable after each event, while the rest will be disbursed fully upon the timely submission of the final integrative draft report, deemed publishable by The SEACEN Centre by 15 December 2017.
- Visits to the Centre:** A maximum of two (2) visits, with a maximum total duration of 60 days.
- Airfare:** Round-trip business-class airfare.
- Hotel Stay:** Lanai Kijang, Kuala Lumpur or another location if Lanai Kijang is unavailable. The SEACEN Centre will select the hotel and make the necessary arrangements.
- Local Transportation:** The SEACEN Centre will provide daily transportation from/to hotel to/from The SEACEN Centre. If accommodation is at Lanai Kijang, the VRE is advised to take the free shuttle service provided by Lanai Kijang.
- Responsibilities/Deliverables of VRE:**
- The VRE will implement a collaborative research project as assigned by The SEACEN Centre and complete the project within the stipulated period.
 - The VRE acts as Project Leader for the project in designing the research proposal (including the methodology, coverage, etc.), and guides and assists the Project Team members (researchers from member central banks/monetary authorities).
 - The VRE will conduct one (1) research workshop and one (1) research seminar with the Project Team Members: the workshop will discuss the proposal and the seminar will discuss the research findings of the study. The SEACEN Centre will provide and assist in the administrative arrangements in conducting the workshop and seminar.

- The VRE will develop an integrative report based on the research papers provided by Project Team Members and draw useful policy recommendations for SEACEN members.
- At the discretion of The SEACEN Centre, the VRE may be invited to present findings and facilitate discussions relating to the project.

The nominated VRE should have the following qualifications and experience:

- A relevant postgraduate degree and strong analytical skills;
- Resourcefulness and an ability to work independently;
- Experience in conducting research as well as field experience, preferably in the relevant field(s) related to the project;
- Proficiency in written and spoken English; and
- Exhibit strong leadership quality