



The **SEACEN** Centre

Terms of Reference of Visiting Research Economist (VRE) in 2023

Participants: Researchers from SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities, academia and experts in relevant fields of central banking areas/studies.

Honorarium/Payment: An honorarium of USD7,500 will be provided. Twenty per cent of the honorarium is payable upon submission of a complete preliminary draft, while the rest will be disbursed fully upon the timely submission of the final report, deemed publishable by The SEACEN Centre. The deadline for the submission of the final report is 19 January 2024.

Selection Process: Selection of the research proposal(s) will be undertaken by The SEACEN Centre Research Advisory Council based on (in no particular order):

- the research proposal's individual merit;
- the research proposal's feasibility considering available data and resources in SEACEN member economies;
- the research proposal's applicability to SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities; and
- the research proposal's benefit to SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities.

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 maximum duration of the project is eight (8) months.
- The VRE will conduct one virtual research seminar (in the second half of June 2023) and one in-person research workshop with the Project Team Members (in the second half of November 2023): the seminar will discuss the proposal and

the workshop will discuss the research findings of the study. The workshop will be held in Kuala Lumpur. The SEACEN Centre will provide and assist in the administrative arrangements in conducting the seminar and workshop.

- 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.

Airfare: One (1) round-trip business-class airfare for the research workshop will be provided. The SEACEN Centre will not reimburse any other expenses associated with travel, such as visa fees, travel insurance, travel agent fees, passport issuance and/or renewal, inoculations, etc.

Hotel Stay: Lanai Kijang, Kuala Lumpur or the equivalent monetary amount of Lanai Kijang accommodation if a hotel is chosen. The SEACEN Centre will help with the selection of the hotel and make the necessary arrangements.

Local Transportation: The SEACEN Centre will provide airport transfer upon arrival and departure as well as daily transportation from/to the 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.

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

Requests for further information or any questions concerning the VRE position can be directed to Ole Rummel, Director, Macroeconomic and Monetary Policy Management, The SEACEN Centre, at orummel@seacen.org and cc to yassier@seacen.org.