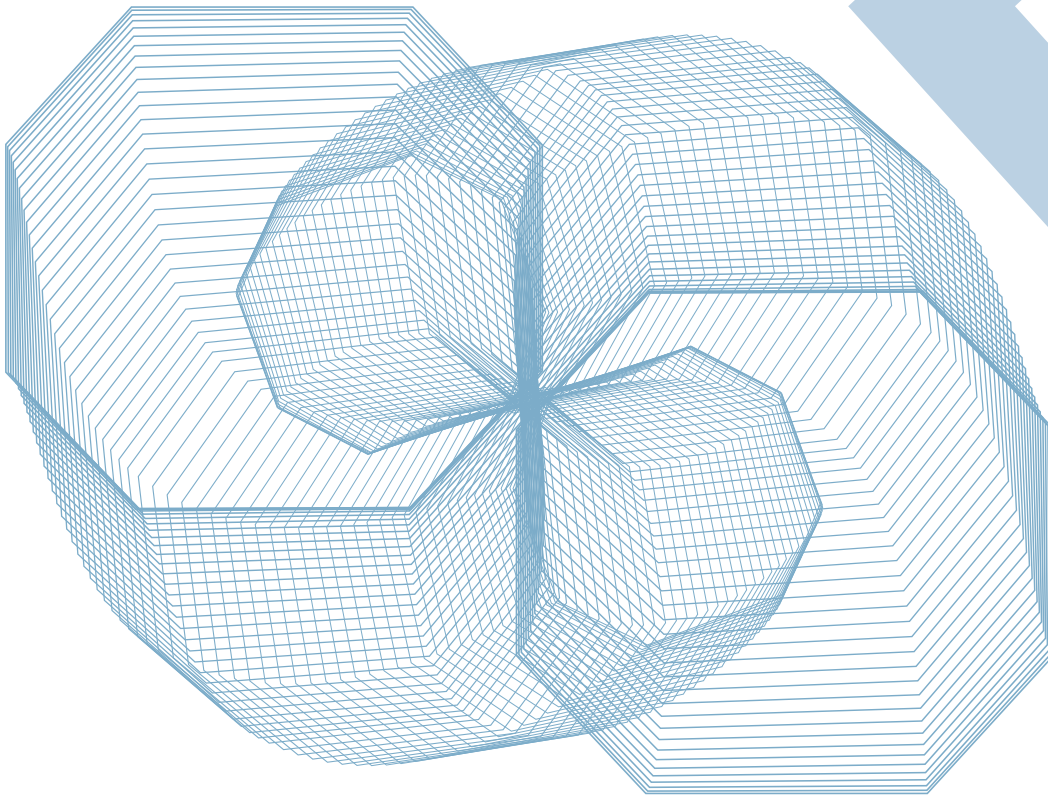


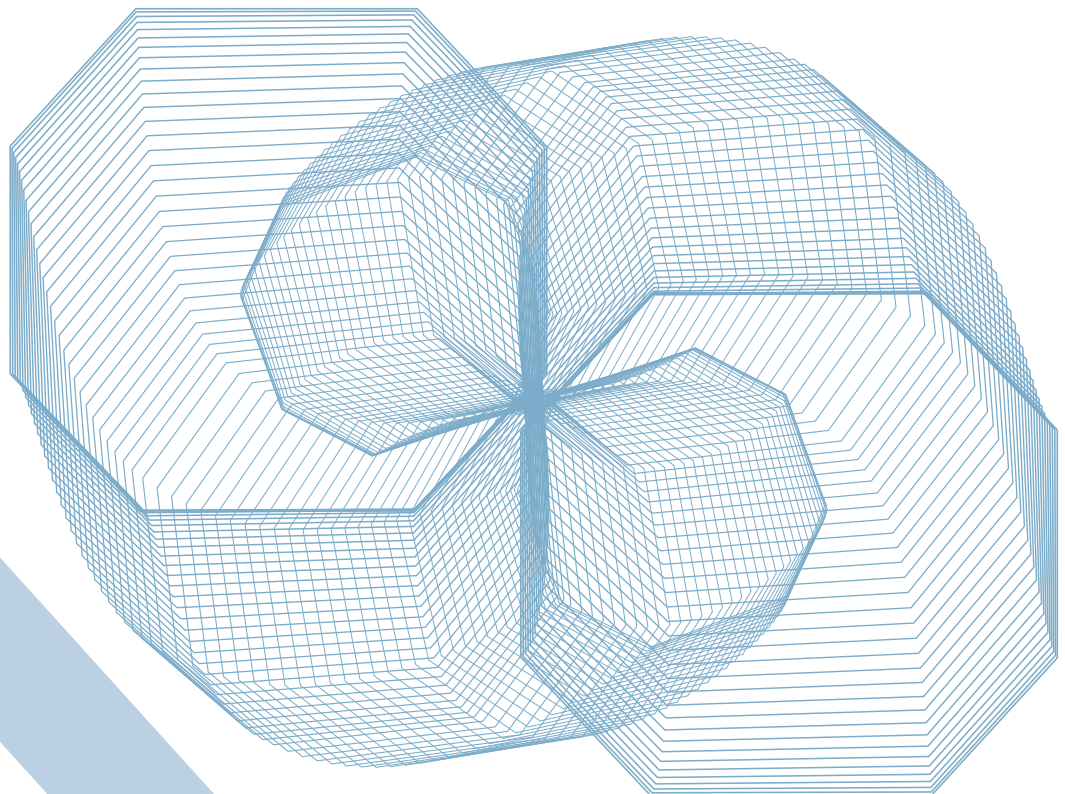
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From the outset, central banks have been major actors in fighting the recent global financial crisis. Overall, their actions have been broadly applauded. In the period to come, however, steering the economy in an environment of high uncertainty will prove particularly challenging. Indeed, Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia noted that - “the global economic and financial landscape is currently at an important turning point, as we transition to a fundamentally changed future. The challenges facing us in this environment are manifold. We therefore want to have the skills for this future, to be well equipped to effectively manage our future”<sup>1</sup>.

Indeed, to meet these challenges, SEACEN has endeavoured to remain relevant and current by equipping central bankers with the necessary skills to face the immense challenges brought about by constant changes in the global financial markets and emerging economic environment. We have responded swiftly to the needs of our member and invitee central banks by surfacing current issues and challenges in high-level seminars and conferences and have continued to hone the skills and capacity of our member and invitee central banks in the core central banking areas with the mounting of learning events. To keep up with the dynamic challenges and capability needs of its stakeholders, SEACEN is highly driven to seek learning and research solutions which are both current and relevant.

Furthermore, we will be launching “The SEACEN Financial Stability Journal” this year to provide an accessible forum for central bankers, financial institution regulators, policy makers and industry practitioners to discuss trends and management of institutional and systemic risk in the Asia-Pacific region. This will further augment SEACEN’s value proposition to be the gateway for thought leadership in central banking in the region,

1. Zeti, Ahktar Aziz, (2011), Welcome Remarks, Official Opening of Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia, 14 September.

SEACEN's unique regional position has also contributed immensely to its playing a key role as a networking gateway for collaboration in learning not only among members but also with strategic partners and non-member institutions. We are continuing our collaboration with CEMLA for the annual SEACEN-CEMLA Conference, a major springboard for central banks from the Asian and Latin American regions to promote cross-regional collaboration in central bank learning and the strengthening of networking relationships, sharing of experiences and the exchange of ideas. We have also launched a joint website which features collaborative activities between the two institutions as well as linkages to their respective member central banks/monetary authorities. SEACEN also co-chairs the ASEAN Steering Committee on Capacity Building (SCCB) together with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which serves as a clearing house to match the demand and supply sides for capacity building of ASEAN members to support ASEAN Financial Integration.

The year 2013 also started on a very positive note with the accession of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as SEACEN's 19th member central bank on 1 January 2013. We welcome the participation of RBI which will undoubtedly further enhance the scope of regional cooperation on financial and economic matters among SEACEN's stakeholders.

This Edition of the SEACEN Profile, thirteenth in the series, puts together the institutional information including SEACEN membership, organisation and governance, activities, strategic initiatives, SEACEN scholarships and also historical development of The SEACEN Centre. The Profile, first published in 2001, has served its purpose well as a comprehensive guide on institutional matters based on the feedback of the SEACEN member central banks and monetary authorities as well as strategic partners. Lastly, I hope that SEACEN's Profile for 2013 will be able to provide valuable information which has been systematically documented for easy reference.

Last but not least, I am deeply grateful for the wholehearted assistance at all levels from our member central banks – from the Board of Governors, Executive Committee, to department directors and staff. Similarly, I appreciate the continuing support from our strategic partners and I take this opportunity to thank them for their significant contributions toward the successful implementation of our programme of activities.



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