

Navigating the Future of Global Value Chains

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Global Value Chains participation in East Asia

- (1) In ASEAN, the proportion of backward participation outweighs that of forward participation
- (2) A glimpse of changes, (i) expansion in production networks in East Asian which was driving trade integration in the 1990s to mid-2000s has reached the saturation point (ii) China factor which was a large contributor to East Asian integration through trade has somewhat gradually changed its facet moving away from trade-oriented growth into the more maturing economy driven by services and consumption



Three driving factors behind the changes

- (1) The growth of the EMEs
- (2) The rapid advancements in technology
- (3) Increasing geopolitical tensions



Three key movements that we will see in the coming years

- (1) The regional consolidation of goods-producing supply chains
- (2) The increased importance of services in the economy.
- (3) Country's competitiveness will be based on on the ability of the country's workforce to adapt to new technologies.



Three implications for policymakers

- (1) The need to markedly upgrade digital infrastructure in the region
- (2) The liberalization of the service sector
- (3) The reskilling and upskilling of our workforce