### Empowering Southeast Asia's Businesses: Introducing ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard Country Reports and Assessments 2024



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## **Unveiling the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard: A Milestone** for Regional Progress

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has taken a bold step towards enhancing corporate governance standards across the region with the launch of the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard Country Reports and Assessments 2024. This groundbreaking initiative marks a significant milestone in the bloc's efforts to create a conducive and transparent business environment, fostering economic growth and sustainable development.

The Scorecard is an in-depth evaluation framework that assesses the effectiveness of corporate governance practices in each of the ten ASEAN member states: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. It provides a comprehensive overview of the current state of corporate governance in the region, enabling policymakers, businesses, and investors to identify areas for improvement.

#### **Key Findings: A Landscape of Progress and Challenges**

The Scorecard's findings present a complex tapestry of strengths and areas for improvement in ASEAN's corporate governance landscape. While there are commendable advancements in certain areas, challenges persist, highlighting the need for continued efforts and collaboration.

- Positive Trends: Strong legal and regulatory frameworks in several countries have laid the groundwork for effective corporate governance practices. Boards of directors are increasingly recognizing their role in safeguarding shareholder interests and promoting transparency.
- Areas for Improvement: Disclosure and reporting practices require further enhancement to provide investors and stakeholders with comprehensive and reliable information. Audit committees, responsible for oversight of financial reporting, need strengthening in some jurisdictions.

#### The Scorecard's Significance: A Catalyst for Regional Transformation

The ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard is more than just an evaluation tool; it serves as a roadmap for progress. By identifying strengths and weaknesses, the Scorecard empowers governments,

regulators, and the private sector to take targeted actions to improve corporate governance practices.

Its benefits are far-reaching:

- Increased trust and confidence: Improved corporate governance practices foster trust among investors, stakeholders, and the public, creating a favorable investment climate.
- Enhanced transparency and accountability: Robust corporate governance mechanisms promote transparency and accountability, ensuring that companies operate ethically and responsibly.
- Reduced corruption and fraud: Effective corporate governance systems help to mitigate corruption and fraud, creating a level playing field for businesses and boosting economic growth.

#### A Call to Action: Embracing the Scorecard for Sustainable Success

The launch of the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard Country Reports and Assessments 2024 is not an endpoint but rather a starting point. It presents a shared opportunity for ASEAN member states to work together towards a more resilient and sustainable business environment.

We urge all stakeholders to embrace the Scorecard's findings and recommendations, actively implementing measures to strengthen corporate governance practices. By ng so, we can unlock the full potential of ASEAN's businesses and contribute to the region's long-term prosperity and growth.

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