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## AIT Belt and Road Webinar Series #4:

# HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY - THE FLAGSHIP PROJECT TO BOOST REGIONAL CONNECTION

**8 April 2022 | 15.00-17.00 hrs**

Bangkok Time ICT (Indochina time) UCT/GMT +7 hours

## Background and Rationale

China launched the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in 2013 to improve connectivity and cooperation on a transcontinental scale. High-speed railway is one of the signature projects within the Belt and Road initiatives. In the last couple of years, a number of bilateral and multilateral infrastructure construction projects have sprung up with the support of the Belt and Road framework, injecting new driving forces into the economic and social development of the region. For instance, the China-Thailand High-speed Rail started in 2016, which is one of the vital projects in the transportation construction of the Belt and Road region. The high-speed rail line will cross Thailand and connect Vientiane in Laos and Kunming in China. It is also planned to reach Malaysia and Singapore in the future, which is of great significance to regional connection and multilateral development.

Taking the whole world in view, high-speed railway is accelerating the expansion of its construction network and gradually becoming one of the mainstream transportation options. It has irreplaceable advantages with respect to the economic feasibility, efficiency and safety, energy conservation, and environmental friendliness, etc.

In this webinar, we are delighted and honored to have experts who are deeply engaged in high-speed railway projects and research. They will share with us their knowledge, stories, and opinions on the benefits and influence that high-speed railway projects can bring to the region.

## PROGRAM

**15:00 – 15:05**

### Welcome Remarks

**Dr. Eden Woon**

President of Asian Institute of Technology

**15:05 – 15:10**

### Remarks:

**Mr. Chongming Liu**

Deputy General Manager, China State Construction Engineering (Thailand) Ltd. Co.

**15:10 – 15:50**

### Keynote speaker:

**Dr. Dongyi Hua**

CEO, ASIA ERA One Co., LTD.

**15:50 – 16:30**

### Keynote speaker:

**Dr. Surachet Pravinvongvuth**

Member of Parliament at National Assembly of Thailand, Adjunct faculty member Asian Institute of Technology

**16:30 – 16:45**

### Q&A

**16:45 – 16:50**

### Closing Remarks

**Dr. Wenchao Xue**

Director, AIT Belt & Road Research Center



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