

THE VOICE OF OUR DELEGATES



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© During the onsite seminar with exploreASEAN, I could observe how business was run in two different emerging markets: Indonesia and Vietnam. Nowadays the two countries are offering cheap labour force and are therefore a hub for manufacturing processes. We experienced that in many company visits in the fish and garment industry where we met thousands of workers in various production lines. Both countries are growing fast and salaries are rising from year to year. The main problem that both countries are facing now, is how to add more value in their working processes in order to be international competitive. Onsite visits at the ETH centre in Singapore, Institut Teknologi Bandung in Bandung and the Puspiptek National Research Centre in Jakarta, Indonesia confirmed that education, in particular vocational training, is a current issue to improve the skills of the labour force.

It was impressive to see similarities and differences in both emerging economies. I am extremely thankful that I could discover Vietnam and Indonesia together with exploreASEAN.

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© During the one-site seminar in India we had the possibility to visit some innovative and advanced Swiss enterprises in India. To get an in-depth insight into their daily business has shown us their working processes and working culture, which was an amazing experience for all of our delegation members. India is full of opportunities and one of the fastest growing economies in the world. The company visits will help us in the future to integrate some Indian working processes in our everyday working life. In addition, we could collect not only Indian business experiences but we had also the opportunity to get to learn and love the Indian culture. This country is enriched with charming and friendly people, creeds and cultures, faiths and tongues, races and social systems. Thanks to the project Focus India 2017 I could get to know the wonderful and varied country and see the difference between their and our European life. It was a great and unique experience to me. Namaste India!



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