BPK RI Undertaking the 1st International Hackathon of SAIs

By carrying out the tagline of "Hack for Accountability", the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK RI) participated in the 1st International Hackathon of SAIs in Prague, Czech Republic on March 3-5, 2020. The Hackathon, which was held at the Supreme Audit Office of Czech Republic, was a competition for IT experts, graduate students, and program managers of auditors amongst EUROSAI member countries which the aim is to develop the prototype of the audit program called iT dance (Interactive Data Analytic Center).

This application will assist auditors in identifying transactions that contain suspicious data, classifying, analyzing data, as well as reducing administrative burden.

The 1st International Hackathon of SAIs was attended by a total of 68 participants from 23 European countries. Despite of BPK RI being an observer from Asian countries, in this event BPK RI also played a role as a guest participant by presenting the idea and solution to the challenge is to build the application or prototype of the audit program called iT dance (Interactive Data Analytic Center).

This application will assist auditors in identifying transactions that contain potential fraud by using the red flag. The data set used as a sample in the application is the data on government expenditure as well as bank transaction and money transfer. In following this event, the hackathon participants were divided into 11 teams.

The challenge is to build the application on program within two days straight and presenting the idea and solution to the jury. At the end of event, the panel of Jury decided and announced the winner of the hackathon. As the result, joint team from Sweden and Germany with their application called RO4SAI was nominated as the 1st Place, the joint team from Sweden - Estonia - Croatia with their application called WE12 was nominated as the 2nd Place, while the team from Czech Republic with their application called AuditsToGather was nominated as the 3rd Place.

Even though it is clearly that BPK RI was not a member of EUROSAI, the iTdance application developed by the team is selected as one of the favourite applications published on the hackathon website and can be accessed via https://hackathon.eurosai2020.cz/.

The design of Jewel draws inspiration from Singapore’s reputation as a “city in a garden”. Viewed from outside, Jewel looks like a giant gem. Its dome-shaped façade is made of steel and special glass materials that have the dual ability of transmits light and reducing heat gain, which enables the growth of plants inside and provides sustainable cooling at the same time.

Upon entering Jewel, the first thing that greets you is its iconic 40-metre-high Rain Vortex, the world’s tallest indoor waterfall, inspired by frequent rains in the tropical city-state. The Rain Vortex is transformed into a light and sound show at night. Each session has a different theme.

The Forest Valley is an indoor garden spanning five stores. It is one of Asia’s largest indoor green spaces, with approximately 22,000 square meters in the heart of Jewel. The garden houses around 3,000 trees and 60,000 shrubs of 120 species that live in high-altitude tropical forests from around the world.

In October 2019, six months after its soft opening, Jewel had already welcomed 50 million visitors, exceeding its initial target for the whole of the first year. The next time you visit Singapore, or transit through Singapore for at least five hours, do check out Jewel.
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The State Audit Office of Viet Nam (SAV) organized a workshop on "PPP projects and the role of SAV" on March 3, 2020. The workshop aimed at assessing the implementation of Moscow Declaration, SAI Indonesia on its participation at the 1st ASEANSAI Joint Seminar on Laying the Foundation for Future Cooperation, and also SAI Vietnam on SAV to Declaration, SAI Indonesia on its participation at the 1st INTOSAI Regions (INTOSAIR) Coordination Platform Meeting in Moscow, Russia.

The SAV has received a total contribution from SAI Thailand on the implementation of Moscow Declaration by ensuring capacity development and knowledge sharing among SAI in this regard.

In September 2019, SAV Thailand along with all INTOSAI members joined the 20th XXIII International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions Congress (INOSAI) held in Moscow, Russia.

From a fruitful discussion, INTOSAI members mutually agreed and endorsed a significant document titled "Moscow Declaration" which all committed to; (1) Providing an independent external oversight on the management of PPP projects, regulating the PPP projects, and harmonizing the PPP projects under the SAV's mandate; (2) the cooperation between the SAV with the Government Inspector and relevant agencies in monitoring PPP projects should be enhanced.

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