

**PANEL DISCUSSION  
AND Q&A  
SESSION IV,  
FORUM DAY 2**

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Following the main topic of session IV, the students showed their concerns regarding the challenges ASEAN countries may cope with in order to achieve the common vision of Asia – “Moving towards to a secure community”.

The first question was addressed by a student of Vietnam as she wondered whether agriculture sector in developing countries could be affected by the requirement of national economy for modernization and industrialization. She also posed a question on how to balance the development level of different sectors in order to build a secure community in which food security will be counted. To answer this question, Dr. Tran Dinh Thien suggested that skilled human resource and modern agriculture using advanced technologies will be key solutions. He added that Vietnam recently has a strategy with Japan in agriculture using clean and advanced technologies.

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Other questions from an Indonesian student were about the speaker’s perspective regarding “secure community” - how to identify the parameter of “secure”, and what sector should be put in the top priority. Dr. Tran Duc Minh referred “secure community” as a community where the development is kept sustainable. He also shared his point of view that the young leaders will play a very important role to build and develop a “secure community”. According to Dr. Tran Duc Minh, it is necessary to focus on ASEAN economic community because it is the core and the main pillar which can help to solve problems arising from large global financial crisis.



Approaching another aspect of a “secure community”, the students observed that the topic of environmental disaster management has drawn big concerns from many governments and they questioned on how the younger generation should react and prepare for unpredictable environmental disaster in the future. Addressing those questions, Dr. Tran Dinh Thien advised that the humankind created tools to handle with natural disaster and the main responsibility of the youth is to seize these tools and capability to face unexpected disaster. One of the main advantages of these tools is the global integration connectivity.

