

Let's Travel Through ASEAN HISTORY



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WITH GIANT HANDS
VIET NAM

BOROBUDUR TEMPLE
INDONESIA

BAYON TEMPLE
CAMBODIA

MERLION STATUE
SINGAPORE

SHWEDAGON -
PAGODA
MYANMAR

PETRONAS
TWIN TOWERS
MALAYSIA

PATUXAI MONUMENT
LAO PDR

GIANT GUARDIAN
AT TEMPLE OF
THE EMERALD
BUDDHA
THAILAND

RIZAL MONUMENT
PHILIPPINES

OMAR ALI SAIFUDDIEN MOSQUE
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

RIZAL

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Foreword

Led by its Community Affairs Directorate, one of the mandates of the Jakarta-based ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) is essentially to promote and facilitate outreach, public communication, and stakeholders' engagement and to bring ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) closer to more than 660 million people in Southeast Asia.

In this regard, through its collaboration with Mr. Leo Tigor (Publication Designer) and Ms. Sheila R. Putri (Illustrator and Comic Artist) and their respective teams (Rendra M. Ridwan, Yulian Ardhi, Daron Stoker & Inclover), ASEC is extremely proud to see the realisation of this comic-strip initiative - **“Let’s Travel through ASEAN History”**. As the name implies, this book-project narrates ASEAN’s historical milestones in the form of cartoon-drawings and recounts the core evolutions in ASEAN’s 55-year journey of regional cooperation and integration, starting from the signing of Bangkok Declaration in 1967. This book also carries information on admission of ASEAN Member States, key outcomes and decisions of various ASEAN Summits, and strategic relations with partners. It further covers how ASEAN decides to embrace the ASEAN Community building process through three (3) fronts of political-security, economic and socio-cultural respectively.

Through this book project, ASEC envisages a greater public understanding of ASEAN, particularly among the community of young people, including school children. Youth, as future leaders, must be provided with a more in-depth awareness of the regional grouping to underscore its relevance to its people. Recognising the tendency for young people to view multilateral diplomacy topics like ASEAN as “dry” and “political”, ASEC humbly believes a “light and easy-to-read” learning avenue, such as creative arts or comic-drawing publication, can further supplement ongoing outreach activities.

Even as this book is being prepared, new chapters in ASEAN's community-building story are unfolding, whether they relate to a political issue or an economic matter or a social development. More than 50 years after its formation, ASEAN is still a work-in-progress and there will always be debates regarding its effectiveness. However, one fact remains clear i.e. ASEAN does matter. It matters to Southeast Asia, and it matters to our neighbours and partners. At the minimum, as what ex-Secretary General of ASEAN Dr Surin Pitsuwan famously said in 2010, ***“If ASEAN succeeds in its vision and mission, at least the world will have one less region to worry about. That is the contribution of ASEAN –the region can take care of itself.”***

Now, buckle up and let's start our journey of ASEAN history!

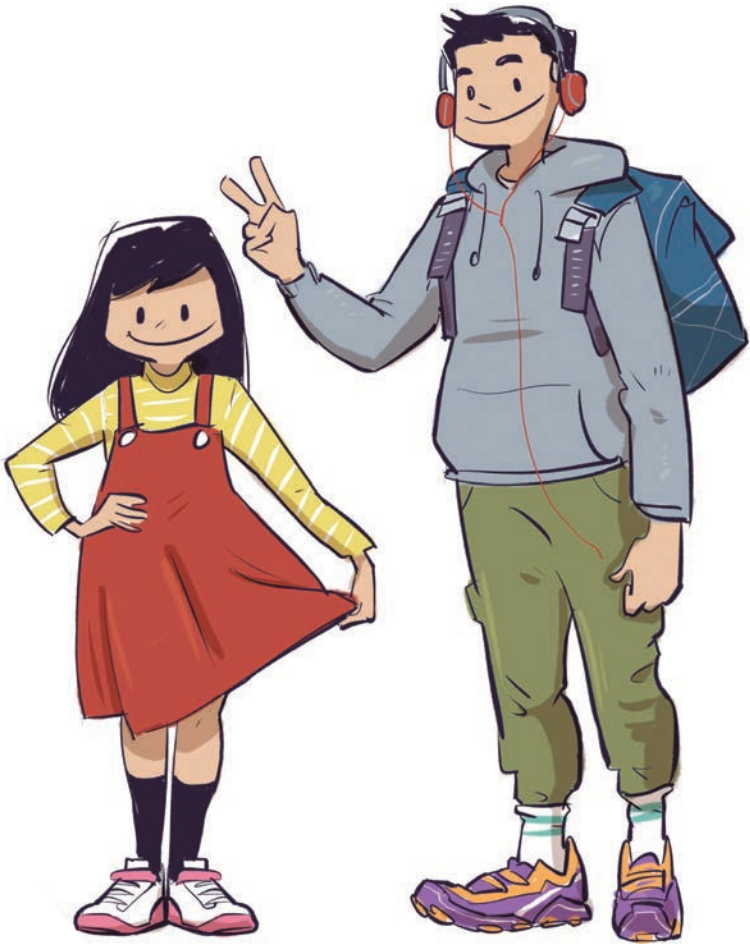
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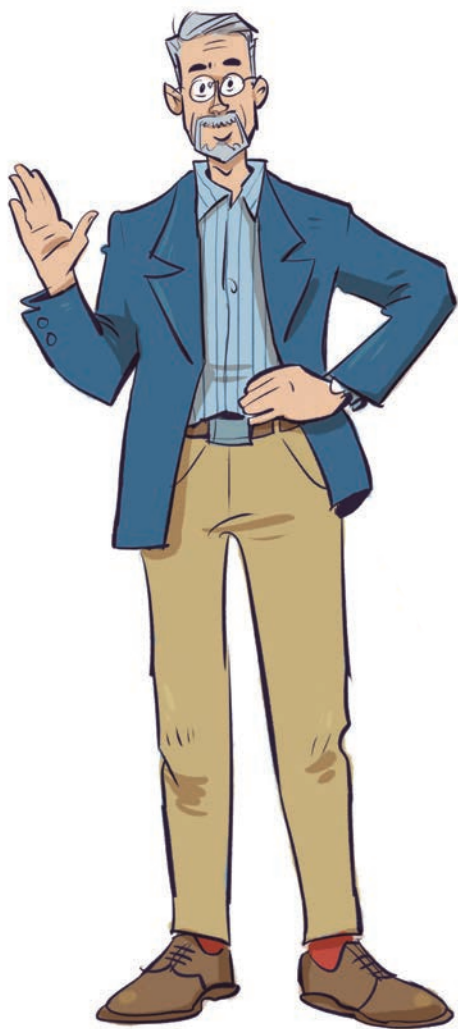
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RAYA

RAKEN



ROBERT



DATO LIM JOCK HOI

ONE DAY...IN JAKARTA





THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO SIGNED THE ASEAN DECLARATION WERE:



SUBSEQUENTLY, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, CAMBODIA, LAO PDR, MYANMAR AND VIET NAM ALSO JOINED THE GROUPING, SO NOW, ASEAN HAS 10 MEMBER STATES.



BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



CAMBODIA



INDONESIA



LAO PDR



MALAYSIA



MYANMAR



PHILIPPINES



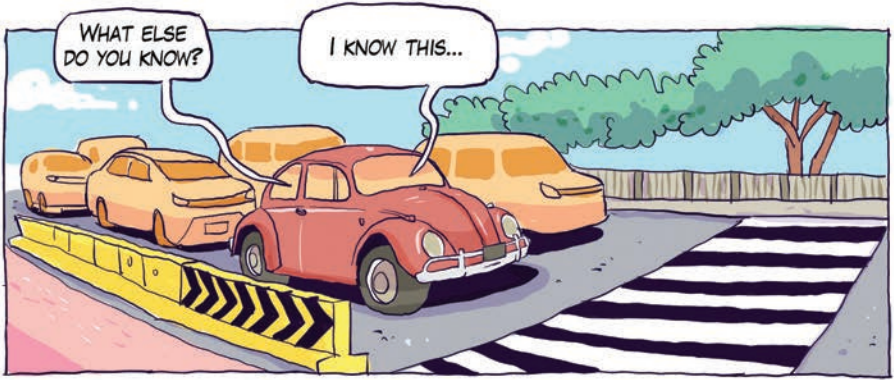
SINGAPORE



THAILAND



VIET NAM



THE FIVE ASEAN LEADERS MET IN BALI, INDONESIA ON 23-24 FEBRUARY 1976 FOR THE FIRST ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING. THEY WERE (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): MALAYSIA'S PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN; SINGAPORE'S PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW, INDONESIA'S PRESIDENT SOEHARTO; PHILIPPINES' PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS AND THAILAND'S PRIME MINISTER KUKRIT PRAMOJ.





AT THAT FIRST ASEAN SUMMIT,
THE LEADERS AGREED TO DEVELOP
FRUITFUL RELATIONS AND MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES.



MEETING OF
ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
(ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING)

BALI, 23-24 FEBRUARY 1976



THE SUMMIT HAD THREE MAJOR RESULTS,

1. THE DECLARATION OF ASEAN CONCORD PROMOTED PEACE, PROGRESS, PROSPERITY, AND THE WELFARE OF THE ASEAN PEOPLE.

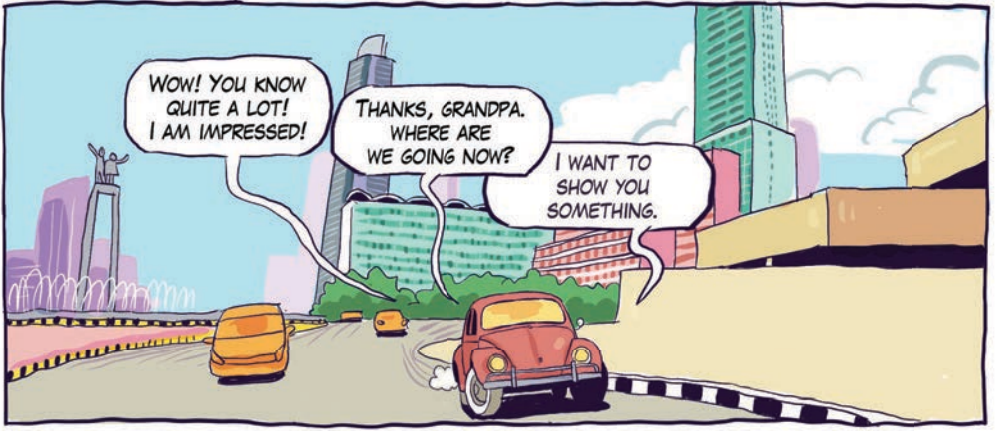
2. TREATY OF AMITY AND COOPERATION PROMOTED MUTUAL RESPECT AND AN AGREEMENT NOT TO INTERFERE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.



3. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA.



MR. HR DHARSONO FROM INDONESIA WAS NOMINATED AS THE FIRST SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN SECRETARIAT. IN 1992, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN SECRETARIAT WAS RE-DESIGNATED AS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN, ACCORDED WITH MINISTERIAL STATUS.



IT WAS LOCATED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF INDONESIA COMPOUND ON JALAN TAMAN PEJAMBON, JAKARTA.

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT MOVED TO KEBAYORAN BARU
AND WAS INAUGURATED BY THE FORMER
PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA, SOEHARTO ON 9 MAY 1981.



THE SECRETARIAT'S MAIN JOB IS TO ENHANCE COOPERATION
BETWEEN ITS MEMBERS SO THAT THE PROJECTS AND
ACTIVITIES THEY AGREE ON CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVE.





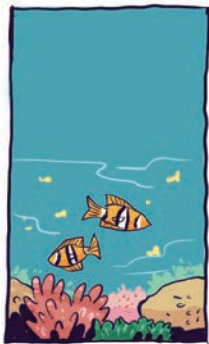
ASEAN WAS FORMED TO SPEED UP ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THROUGH THAT, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ANOTHER KEY OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROMOTE REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY BASED ON RULE-OF-LAW AND PRINCIPLES OF UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.







THE DECLARATION PROMOTED PEACEFUL DISPUTE RESOLUTION;
 PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT;
 COORDINATION OF SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND COMBATING PIRACY,
 ARMED ROBBERY AND ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING AT SEA.



IN 1993, ASEAN ESTABLISHED THE ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM (ARF).

NOW, ARF HAS 27 MEMBER COUNTRIES, BUT IN THE BEGINNING THERE WERE ONLY 10.

WHAT IS ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM?

ARF IS THE FIRST ASIA-PACIFIC MULTILATERAL FORUM TO DISCUSS PEACE AND SECURITY ISSUES AND DEVELOP COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THESE THINGS IN THE REGION.



IN JULY 1994, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ADOPTED THE ASEAN FLAG AS A SYMBOL OF ASEAN COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY DURING THE 27TH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BANGKOK.



THE BLUE REPRESENTS PEACE AND STABILITY.

RED DEPICTS COURAGE AND DYNAMISM.



WHITE SHOWS PURITY AND YELLOW SYMBOLIZES PROSPERITY.

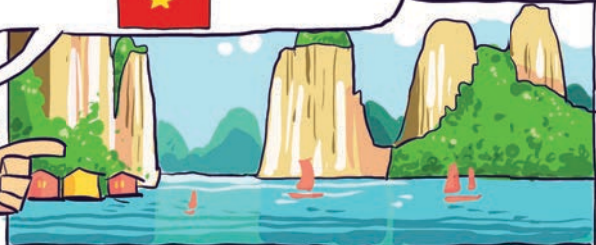
THE STALKS OF PADDY IN THE CENTRE OF THE EMBLEM REPRESENT THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES BOUND TOGETHER IN FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY.

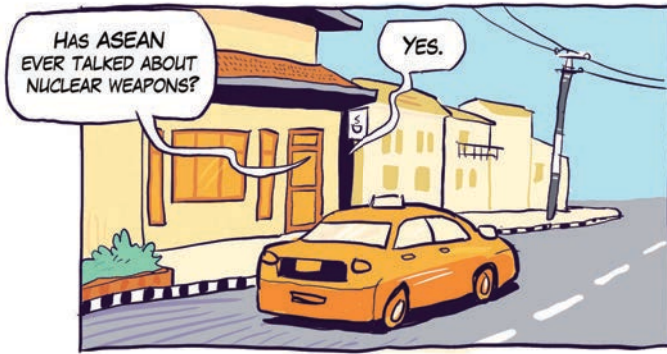
THE CIRCLE REPRESENTS THE UNITY OF ASEAN.

GRANDPA, CAN YOU PLEASE CONTINUE THE STORY OF THE OTHER MEMBERS? IF I AM NOT MISTAKEN, IN 1995, VIET NAM WAS ADMITTED AS THE SEVENTH MEMBER OF ASEAN.



Yes, ON 28 JULY 1995.





ASEAN LEADERS SIGNED THE SEANWFZ TREATY WHICH STANDS FOR THE SOUTH EAST ASIA NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE. THE IDEA IS TO AVOID MAKING OR GETTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

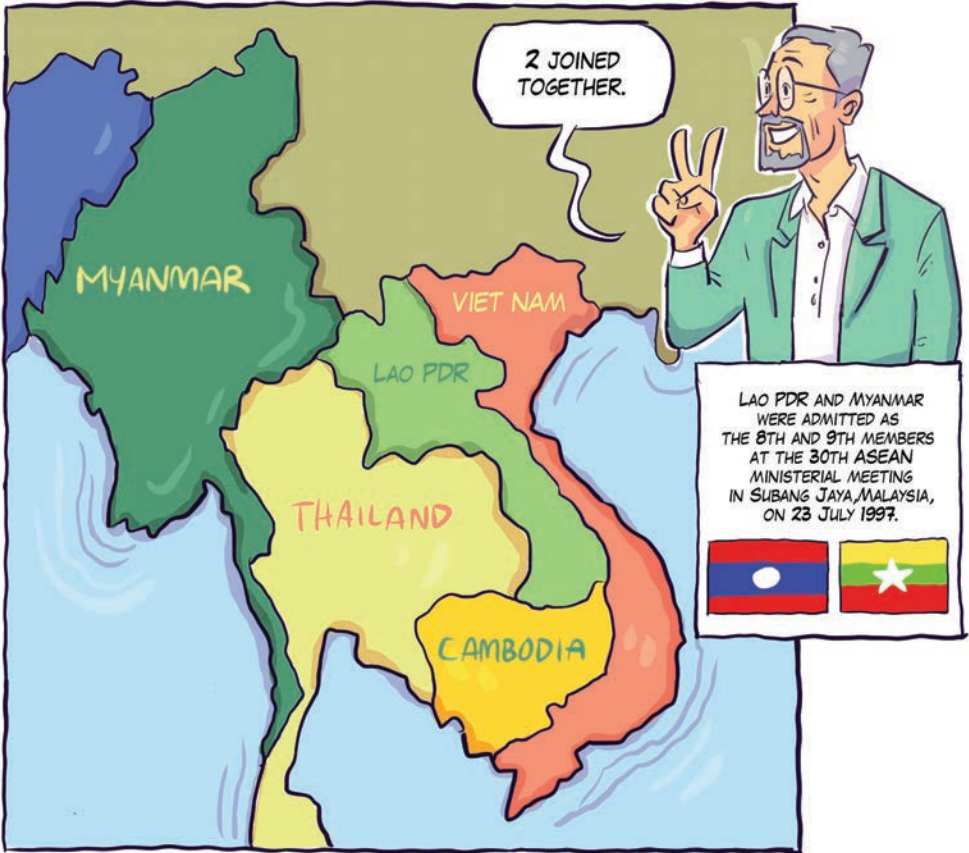


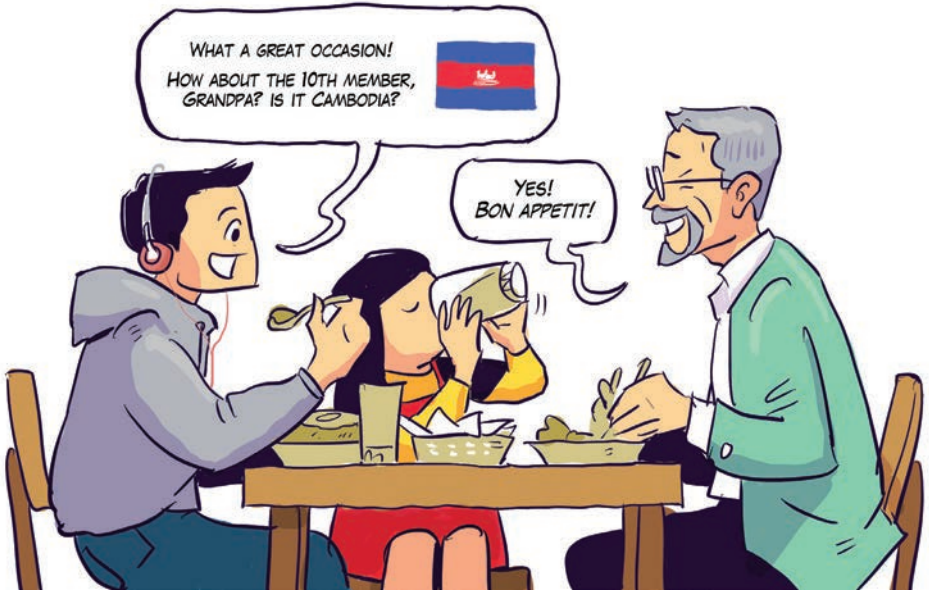
HERE'S YOUR ORDER, LITTLE MISS.



YUMMY!
THANK YOU.

WHAT ABOUT
THE 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH
MEMBERS OF ASEAN?





THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA WAS ADMITTED AS THE TENTH MEMBER ON 30 APRIL 1999. THE CEREMONY FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA WAS HELD IN HANOI.



BEFORE WE CONTINUE, LET'S GO BACK TO 1997,
WHEN THE ASEAN VISION 2020 WAS ADOPTED
AT THE 2ND INFORMAL SUMMIT, IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA.
IT WAS THE TIME WHEN ASEAN LOOKED FORWARD TO A NEW ERA,
THE 21ST CENTURY!

ASEAN VISION



ASEAN WOULD BE
A ZONE OF PEACE,
FREEDOM AND
NEUTRALITY IN 2020.

THEY AGREED TO PARTNER IN
DYNAMIC DEVELOPMENTS
TO FORGE A CLOSER ASEAN
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.

FOR THE ASEAN COMMUNITY
TO BE CONSCIOUS OF ITS TIES
WITH HISTORY, AWARE OF ITS
CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND
BOUND BY A COMMON
REGIONAL IDENTITY...

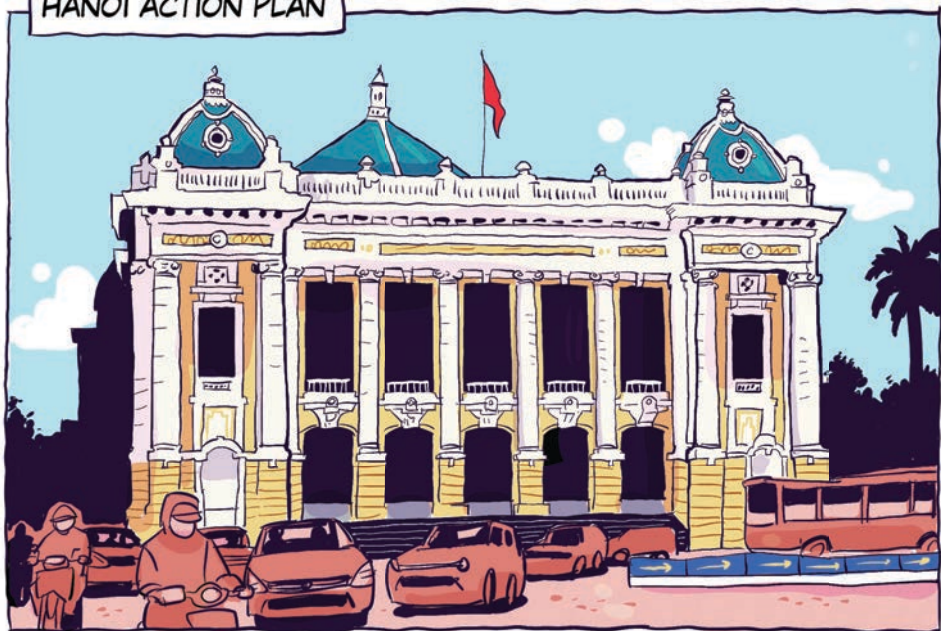
... AND PLAY A VITAL
ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND
ADVANCING ASEAN'S
COMMON INTERESTS.

THE LEADERS ALSO AGREED TO ESTABLISH
THE ASEAN FOUNDATION, TO SUPPORT THE
PROMOTION OF AWARENESS, IDENTITY,
INTERACTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE PEOPLE OF ASEAN.



IN 1998, THE HANOI PLAN OF ACTION (HPA)
WAS CREATED TO TURN THE ASEAN VISION 2020 INTO A REALITY.
THE HPA WAS VALID FROM 1999-2004,
AND WAS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PLANS.

HANOI ACTION PLAN



LISTENING TO YOUR
STORY MAKES ME WANT
TO TRAVEL AROUND
ASEAN, GRANDPA!



GOOD LAD!
I'VE DONE IT
AND YOU SHOULD TOO!

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ASEAN, YOU SHOULD MEET MY FRIEND...

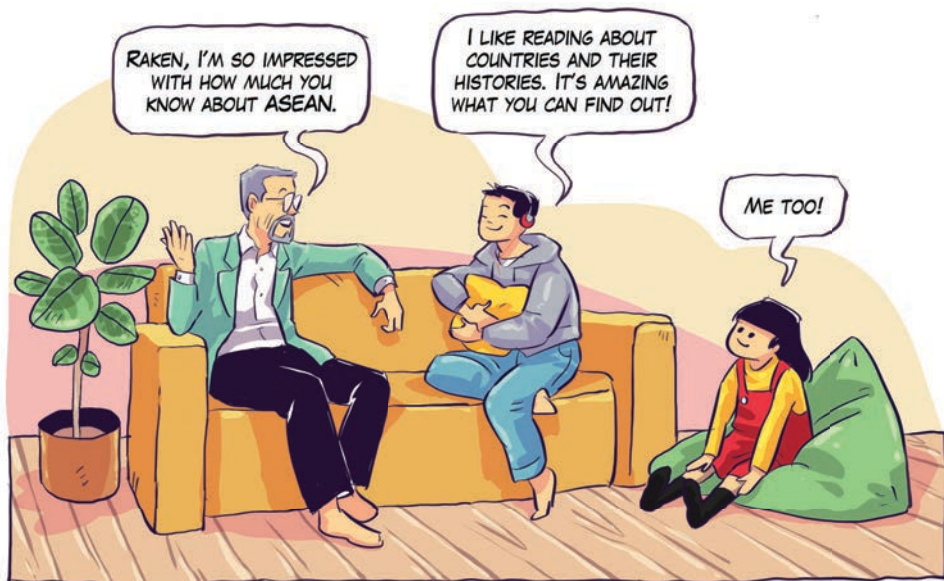
H.E. DATO' LIM JOCK HOI. HE IS THE 14TH SECRETARY-GENERAL OF ASEAN, FOR THE PERIOD OF 2018-2022.

I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU KIDS SO INTERESTED IN ASEAN. GOOD FOR YOU, ROBERT, FOR EDUCATING YOUR GRANDCHILDREN SO WELL!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT BUILDING? YOU CAN COME AFTER LUNCH.

YESSS!!!





I'M INTERESTED IN
HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS
FROM ALL OVER
SOUTH EAST ASIA.



I THINK BEING HELPFUL
TO EACH OTHER IS
THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING ABOUT
MAKING FRIENDS.



THOSE ARE THE EXACT
ASEAN VALUES!
IN FACT IT'S WHY AN INITIATIVE
FOR ASEAN INTEGRATION (IAI)
WAS ESTABLISHED IN SINGAPORE
IN 2000 TO NARROW THE
DEVELOPMENT GAP AND HAVE
DEVELOPED MEMBERS
HELP THE LESS SO.

THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBOURS ARE FOR,
HELPING AND SUPPORTING
EACH OTHER.

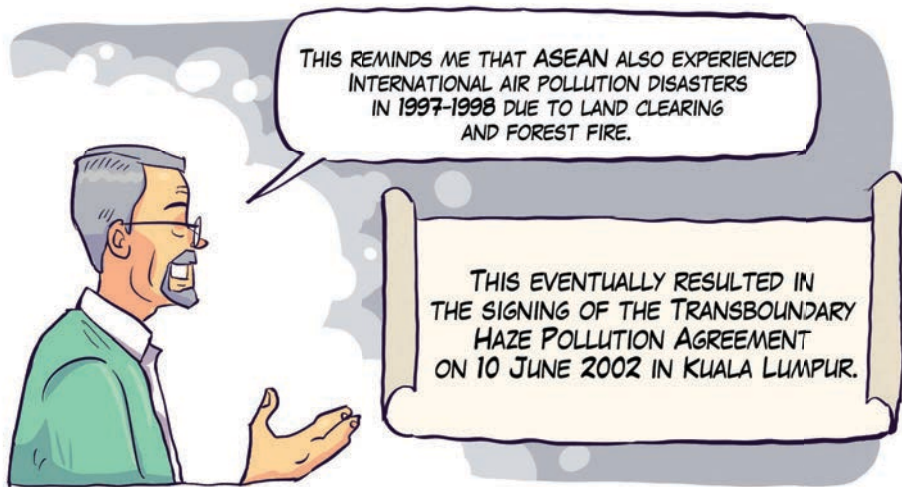


THE IAI WORK PLAN I (2002-2008)
WAS ENDORSED IN 2002 AT THE
8TH ASEAN SUMMIT AND FOCUSED
ON FOUR AREAS: INFRASTRUCTURE,
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT,
INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGY (ICT) AND REGIONAL
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION.

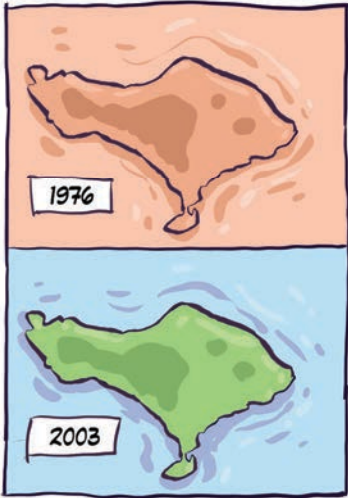
SMOKE IS ONE
OF OUR ISSUES
IN ASEAN.

WHERE DID
THIS SMOKE
COME FROM?

SNIFF
SNIFF



AFTER 27 YEARS, THE SUMMIT WAS HELD IN BALI AGAIN.



BUT THIS TIME WITH MORE MEMBERS?

INDEED! 5 COUNTRIES, HAD BECOME 10.

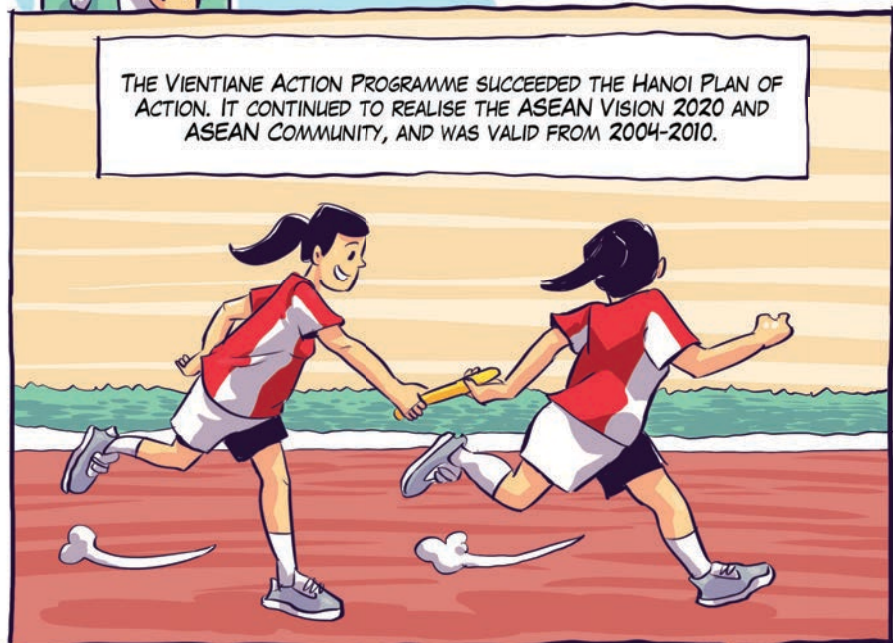


THE 9TH ASEAN SUMMIT, BALI 2003.

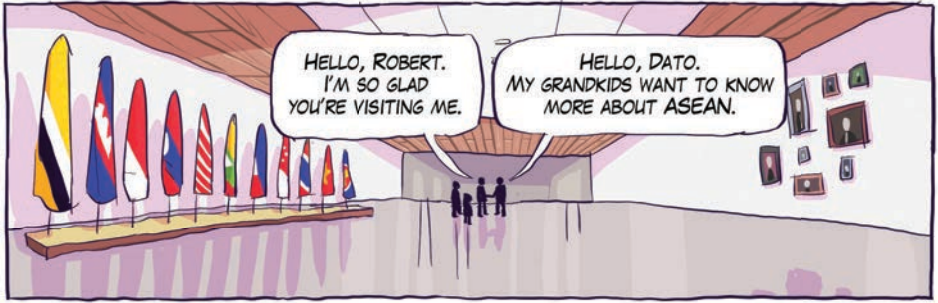
THE DECLARATION OF ASEAN CONCORD II (BALI CONCORD II).

A PLEDGE TO ESTABLISH AN "ASEAN COMMUNITY" COMPRISING THREE PILLARS, TO ENSURE A LONG-LASTING PEACE, STABILITY AND SHARED PROSPERITY IN THE REGION.





IN THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT BUILDING, LOCATED IN JL. SISINGAMANGARAJA 70A / TRUNOJOYO, KEBAYORAN BARU - JAKARTA...



FIRST WE VISIT
KUALA LUMPUR, FOR
THE 11TH ASEAN SUMMIT,
12-14 DECEMBER 2005.



KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE ASEAN CHARTER.



APPOINTED EMINENT
PERSONS GROUP (EPG)

WHAT DOES
THE EPG
DO?

TO PROVIDE
RECOMMENDATIONS
TO DRAFT THE
ASEAN CHARTER.



AND THE AGREEMENT
TO ESTABLISH THE ASEAN
SINGLE WINDOW.

IT'S AN ELECTRONIC PLATFORM THAT
CONNECTS AND INTEGRATES EACH
NATIONAL SINGLE WINDOW... AND SPEEDS
UP THE TRADING PROCESS BETWEEN
ASEAN MEMBERS.

SO... IT'S A
CONNECTING
WINDOW?
HEHE.



STILL IN KUALA LUMPUR,
THE ASEAN FRAMEWORK
AGREEMENT ON
VISA EXEMPTIONS
WAS SIGNED IN 2006.



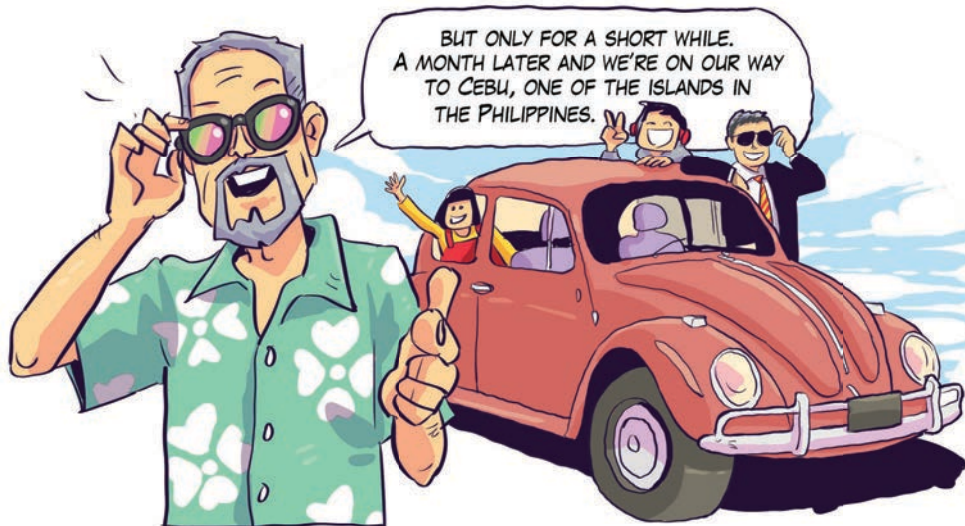
ASEAN CITIZENS
CAN TRAVEL
AROUND ASEAN
WITHOUT A VISA.



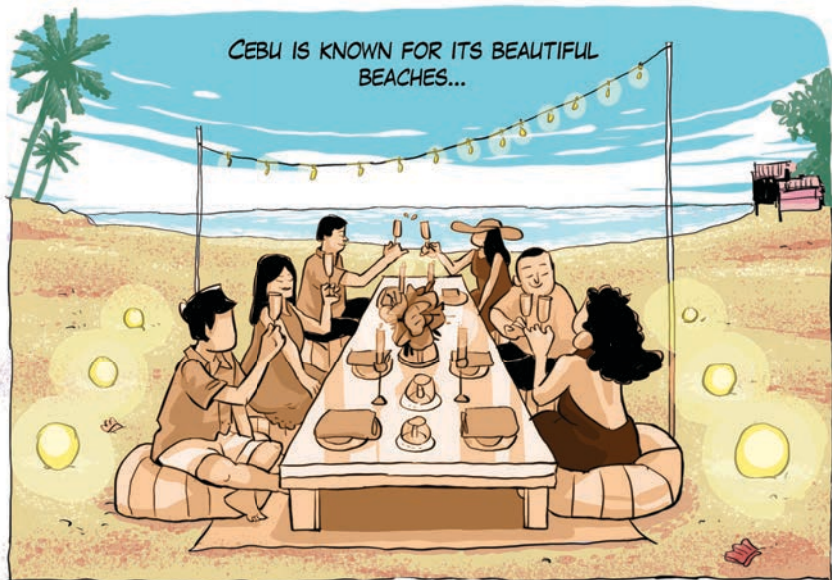
THE SENIANG TYPHOON HIT
THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES IN
DECEMBER 2006, SO THE
12TH SUMMIT HAD TO BE
POSTPONED.



BUT ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE.
A MONTH LATER AND WE'RE ON OUR WAY
TO CEBU, ONE OF THE ISLANDS IN
THE PHILIPPINES.



CEBU IS KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL BEACHES...



AT THE 12TH SUMMIT, 13 JANUARY 2007,
THE LEADERS ADOPTED...

CEBU DECLARATION ON THE ACCELERATION OF THE 'ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASEAN COMMUNITY BY 2015'. INSTEAD OF 2020, THE LEADERS COMMITTED TO ACCELERATE IT BY 2015.



'ASEAN DECLARATION ON THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANT WORKERS', TO SAFEGUARD OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.



CEBU DECLARATION ON 'THE BLUEPRINT OF THE ASEAN CHARTER' TO ENDORSE THE REPORT OF THE EMINENT PERSONS GROUP (EPG) ON THE ASEAN CHARTER. SO THE HIGH LEVEL TASK FORCE (HLTF) CAN START DRAFTING THE ASEAN CHARTER.



THAT IS A LOT OF GOOD WORK DONE BY ASEAN TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COOPERATION!



NOW THE NEXT
DESTINATION IS
SINGAPORE.

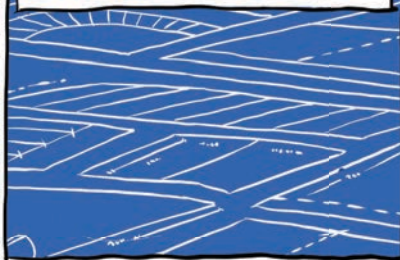


AT THE 13TH ASEAN SUMMIT IN 2007
THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT SIGNED:

'THE ASEAN CHARTER' AND
'SINGAPORE DECLARATION ON THE ASEAN
CHARTER'. THE SIGNING OF THE ASEAN
CHARTER WAS A HISTORIC MILESTONE, IT
SERVES AS A LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR A MORE RULES-BASED,
EFFECTIVE AND PEOPLE-CENTERED
ORGANISATION.



THE AEC BLUEPRINT DECLARATION,
WAS A ROAD MAP FOR:
TRANSFORMING ASEAN INTO
PRODUCTION-BASED, HIGHLY
COMPETITIVE SINGLE MARKET AND
FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE
GLOBAL COMMUNITY BY 2015.



BY 2015?

YES, THERE IS STILL A LONG
WAY TO GO... LET'S CONTINUE
OUR JOURNEY!



ARE WE GOING
TO ANOTHER
COUNTRY?

NO, STILL IN
SINGAPORE, BUT WE'RE
GOING TO 2008.



SINGAPORE 2008, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS GATHERED TO SIGN:

THE STATEMENT ON THE ASEAN CHARTER, WHICH, AMONG OTHERS, AGREED TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (CPR) TO ASEAN IN JAKARTA BY 1 JANUARY 2009. CPR CONSISTS OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH MEMBER STATE WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.



IT STRENGTHENED THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARIES-GENERAL (DSGS).



SO, CURRENTLY, THERE ARE FOUR DEPUTY SECRETARIES-GENERAL WHO HELP ME RUN THE SECRETARIAT.



H.E. ROBERT MATHEUS
MICHAEL TENE
FROM INDONESIA
IS THE DSG FOR ASEAN
POLITICAL-SECURITY
COMMUNITY
(APSC).



H.E. SATVINDER SINGH
FROM SINGAPORE
IS THE DSG FOR
ASEAN ECONOMIC
COMMUNITY (AEC).



H.E. EKKAPHAB
PHANTHAVONG
FROM LAO PDR
IS THE DSG FOR ASEAN
SOCIO-CULTURAL
COMMUNITY (ASCC).



H.E. TRAN DUC BINH
FROM VIET NAM
IS THE DSG FOR
COMMUNITY AND
CORPORATE AFFAIRS
(CCA).



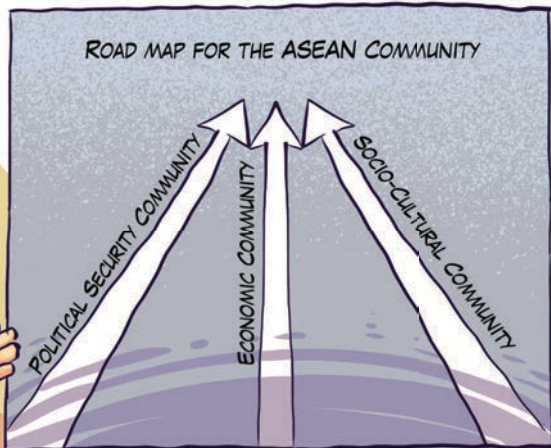
THE 14TH ASEAN SUMMIT WAS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THAILAND FROM 12-17 DECEMBER 2008, BUT IT WAS POSTPONED DUE TO POLITICAL SITUATION THERE.

BUT IN 2009, WE WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO THAILAND'S CHA-AM FOR THE 14TH ASEAN SUMMIT.

THE 14TH ASEAN SUMMIT WAS LATER HELD IN MARCH 2009.



THE LEADERS
SIGNED
A DECLARATION
ON THE ROADMAP
FOR THE ASEAN
COMMUNITY
(2009-2015).



WE HAD A NEW IAI WORK PLAN FOR 2009-2015
TO HELP CAMBODIA, LAO PDR, MYANMAR AND
VIET NAM MEET ASEAN TARGETS AND
COMMITMENTS.





AT THIS SUMMIT, THE ASEAN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (AICHR) WAS LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. TO EXPAND ASEAN COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, REGIONAL BODIES WERE FORMED TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN AND MIGRANT WORKERS, IN LINE WITH THE MANDATE OF THE ASEAN CHARTER. THE LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE CONCEPT OF ASEAN CONNECTIVITY.



IN ADDITION, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SIGNED THE AGREEMENT ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF ASEAN.



SG DATO, WHAT IS THE ASEAN CONNECTIVITY?



HANOI 2010 HERE WE ARE.
AT THE 17TH ASEAN SUMMIT
ON 28 OCTOBER.

THE MASTER PLAN ON
ASEAN CONNECTIVITY WAS
ENDORSED AT THIS SUMMIT.



THE PLAN IS TO CONNECT ASEAN THROUGH PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT,
EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONS, MECHANISMS AND PROCESSES, AND EMPOWERED PEOPLE.

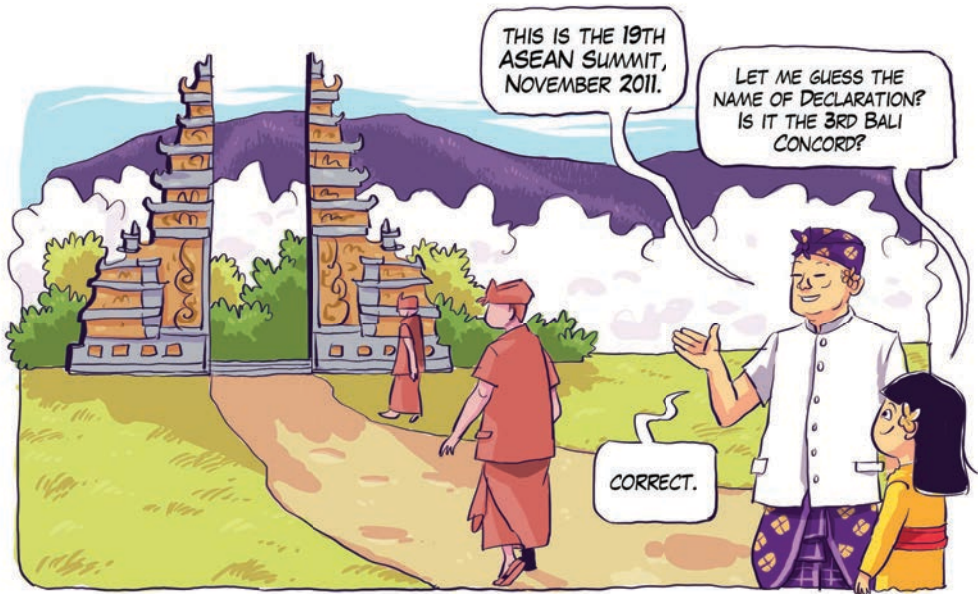


THE FUTURE IS
CONNECTED BY
INTERNET.

AND YOUR
GENERATION KNOWS
THIS BETTER
THAN MINE.

LET'S GO
TO BALI 2011.





BALI CONCORD III, OR THE DECLARATION ON ASEAN COMMUNITY IN A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, WAS AIMED AT DEVELOPING A COMMON PLATFORM AND CAPACITY WHILE RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE 21ST CENTURY.



THE LEADERS ALSO WELCOMED THE ASEAN FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP). THE AIM WAS TO ESTABLISH A MEGA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA) WITH AN ASEAN-LED MECHANISM TO ACHIEVE A MODERN, COMPREHENSIVE, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES AND ASEAN'S FTA PARTNERS.






WHERE ARE WE NOW?
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL CITY.




WE ARE IN
PHNOM PENH
FOR THE 21ST
ASEAN SUMMIT
2012.



THE LEADERS SIGNED THE ASEAN HUMAN RIGHTS
DECLARATION (AHRD), FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REGION AS PART OF THE PROCESS
TOWARDS AN ASEAN COMMUNITY BY 2015.

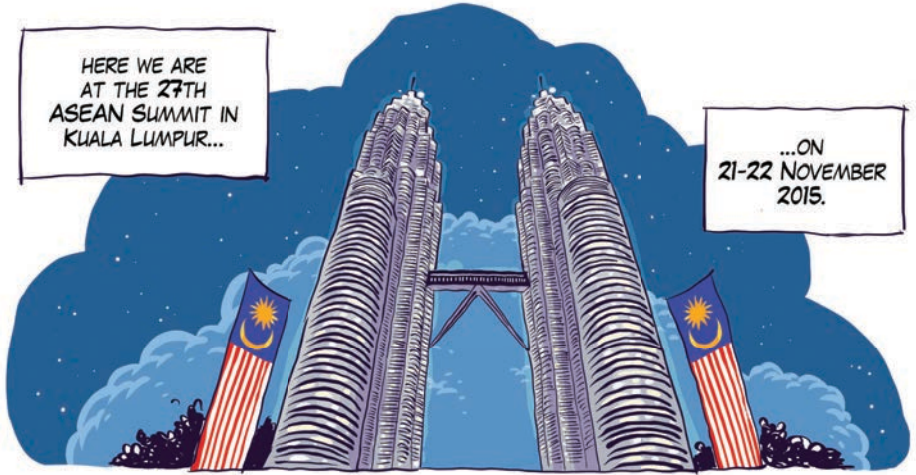
THE LEADERS ALSO LAUNCHED THE ASEAN INSTITUTE FOR
PEACE AND RECONCILIATION (AIPR), MANDATED TO BE AN
ASEAN INSTITUTION FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES ON PEACE
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION. AIPR IS
BASED IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA.



LET'S CONTINUE OUR
JOURNEY TO KUALA
LUMPUR IN 2015!

HERE WE ARE
AT THE 27TH
ASEAN SUMMIT IN
KUALA LUMPUR...

...ON
21-22 NOVEMBER
2015.



THE RESULTS ARE:

THE KUALA LUMPUR
DECLARATION ON THE
'ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE ASEAN
COMMUNITY'
DECLARED
THE FORMAL
ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE ASEAN
COMMUNITY ON 31ST
DECEMBER 2015.

DECLARATION ON ASEAN 2025:
"FORGING AHEAD TOGETHER",
CONSISTED OF THE ASEAN
COMMUNITY VISION 2025 AND THE
THREE COMMUNITY BLUEPRINTS
2025. IT ALSO SAID THAT THE IAI
WORK PLAN III AND ASEAN
CONNECTIVITY 2025,
WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART
OF THIS DECLARATION.

ASEAN
CONVENTION
AGAINST HUMAN
TRAFFICKING,
ESPECIALLY
WOMEN
AND CHILDREN.



SHALL WE CELEBRATE
A BIRTHDAY?

YAY! WHOSE
BIRTHDAY ARE
WE GOING TO?



THE GRAND CELEBRATION OF ASEAN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON 8 AUGUST 2017 WAS CARRIED OUT ACROSS THE REGION. THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT CELEBRATED THE EVENT WITH INDONESIA'S PRESIDENT JOKO WIDODO, INDONESIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER RETNO MARSUDI AND MALAYSIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER ANIFAH AMAN.

"CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY"



LET'S MOVE ON TO SINGAPORE 2018!



YES! IT'S THE 33RD
ASEAN SUMMIT
IN NOVEMBER 2018.



THE ASEAN SMART CITIES FRAMEWORK WAS ADOPTED.
THE FRAMEWORK IDENTIFIES THE STRATEGIC OUTCOMES,
URBAN SYSTEMS, FOCUS AREAS, AND ENABLERS OF
SMART AND SUSTAINABLE URBANISATION IN ASEAN.

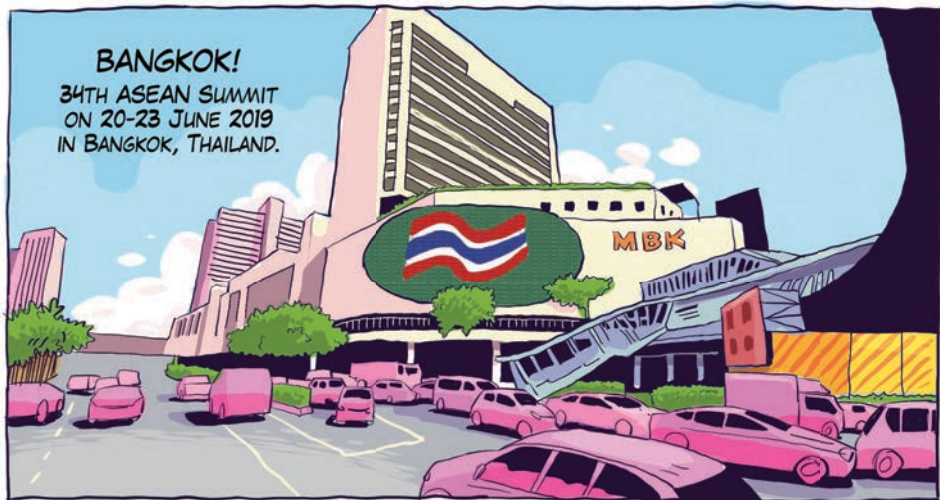


WHENEVER I AM IN SINGAPORE,
I MAKE SURE I HAVE THE CHILLI
CRAB. WHERE IS OUR NEXT
DESTINATION, SG DATO?

THAILAND!

BANGKOK!

34TH ASEAN SUMMIT
ON 20-23 JUNE 2019
IN BANGKOK, THAILAND.



AT THIS SUMMIT, THE ASEAN OUTLOOK
ON THE INDO-PACIFIC WAS ADOPTED,
GUIDING ASEAN TO CONTINUE TO USE
THE ASEAN-LED MECHANISMS AS
A PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION WITH
OUR NEIGHBOURS AND PARTNERS.



WE'RE BACK
AT THE ASEAN
SECRETARIAT
OFFICE.



JAKARTA 2019!



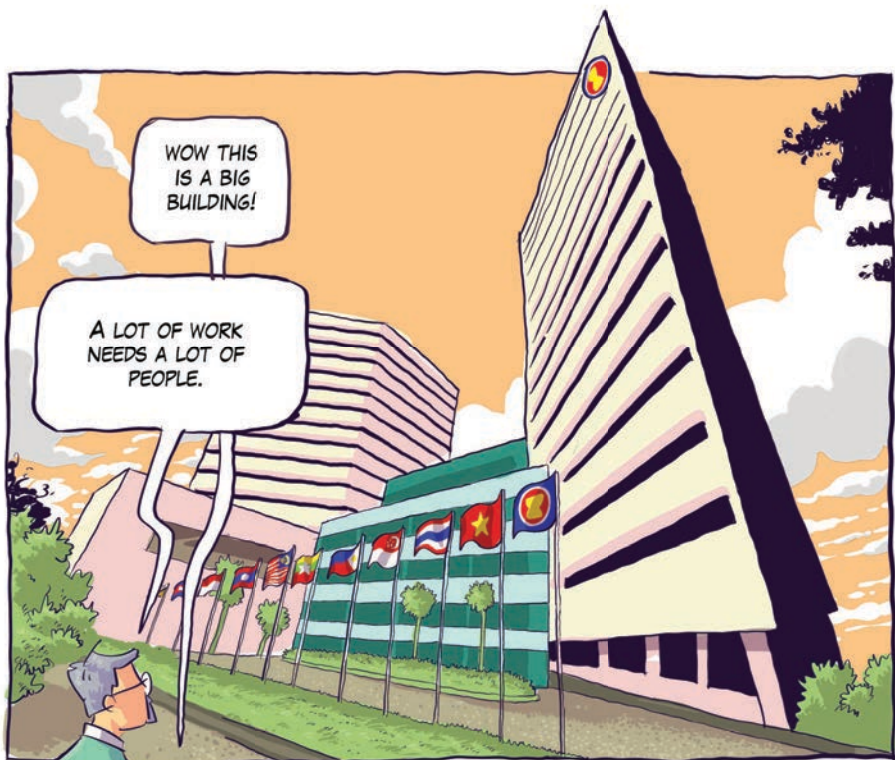
JUST IN TIME FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ASEAN SECRETARIAT BUILDING IN JAKARTA AS ASEAN CELEBRATED ITS 52ND ANNIVERSARY ON 8 AUGUST 2019.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!



INDONESIA'S PRESIDENT JOKO WIDODO OFFICIATED THE NEW BUILDING WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.



WOW THIS IS A BIG BUILDING!

A LOT OF WORK NEEDS A LOT OF PEOPLE.

JUST AS THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT LOOKED FORWARD TO ITS NEW OFFICE, SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED AT THE END OF 2019.

THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK!



DUE TO THE OUTBREAK, ASEAN HELD THE SPECIAL ASEAN SUMMIT AND THE SPECIAL ASEAN PLUS THREE SUMMIT ON COVID-19, THE FIRST ASEAN SUMMIT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE.



THESE TWO SPECIAL SUMMITS WERE CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF VIETNAM. AT THE ASEAN PLUS THREE MEETING, ASEAN AND THE THREE PARTNERS (CHINA, JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA) REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO COOPERATE AND RESPOND TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.



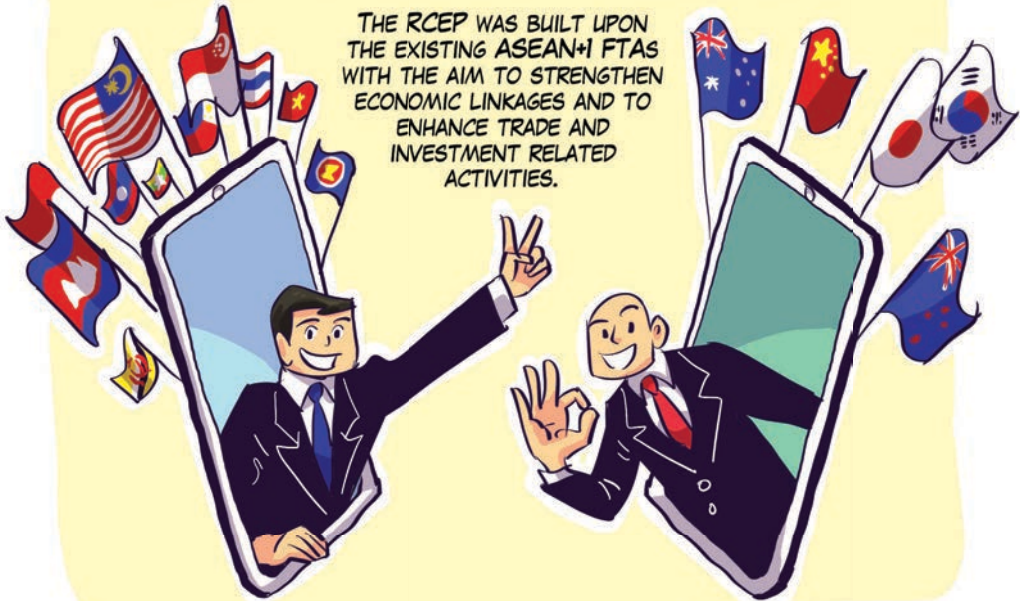
BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MOST PEOPLE HAVE TO DO THEIR ACTIVITIES ONLINE.

YEAH!
WE ALSO HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL ONLINE!



FINALLY, AFTER ALMOST 8 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, AT THE 37TH ASEAN SUMMIT ON 15 NOVEMBER 2020 CONDUCTED THROUGH VIDEO-CONFERENCE, WE SIGNED THE BIGGEST REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT, THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP).

THE RCEP WAS BUILT UPON THE EXISTING ASEAN+1 FTAS WITH THE AIM TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC LINKAGES AND TO ENHANCE TRADE AND INVESTMENT RELATED ACTIVITIES.



ASEAN LEADERS ALSO ADOPTED THE NARRATIVE OF ASEAN IDENTITY.



AND THE IAI WORK PLAN IV (2021-2025).



THE 37TH ASEAN SUMMIT ALSO CREATED COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO COVID-19:

LAUNCHED THE ASEAN REGIONAL RESERVE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES (RRMS) FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.



ADOPTED THE ASEAN COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY FRAMEWORK (ACRF) AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.



ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND EMERGING DISEASES (ACPHED).



ADOPTED THE DECLARATION ON AN ASEAN TRAVEL CORRIDOR ARRANGEMENT FRAMEWORK.



HURRAY...
LET'S MOVE
TO 2021.



...AND JUST IN TIME FOR
THE ASEAN LEADERS
MEETING (ALM) ON
24 APRIL 2021 AT THE
ASEAN SECRETARIAT,
JAKARTA.

CHAIRD BY HIS MAJESTY
SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM,
THE MEETING WAS HELD OFFLINE UNDER STRICT HEALTH PROTOCOLS.
THE MEETING ALSO AGREED ON THE "FIVE-POINT CONSENSUS"
IN RELATION TO THE SITUATION IN MYANMAR.



ON 26-28 OCTOBER 2021,
THE ONLINE 38TH & 39TH ASEAN SUMMITS
WERE HELD TOGETHER.



ONE OF THE MAIN ADOPTIONS OF THESE SUMMITS WAS "BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN DECLARATION ON THE STRATEGIC AND HOLISTIC INITIATIVE TO LINK ASEAN RESPONSES TO EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS (ASEAN SHIELD)". THE INITIATIVE AIMS AT ENSURING ASEAN'S COLLECTIVE, RAPID, EFFECTIVE AND TIMELY RESPONSE IN MITIGATING THE IMPACTS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS AFFECTING THE REGION.





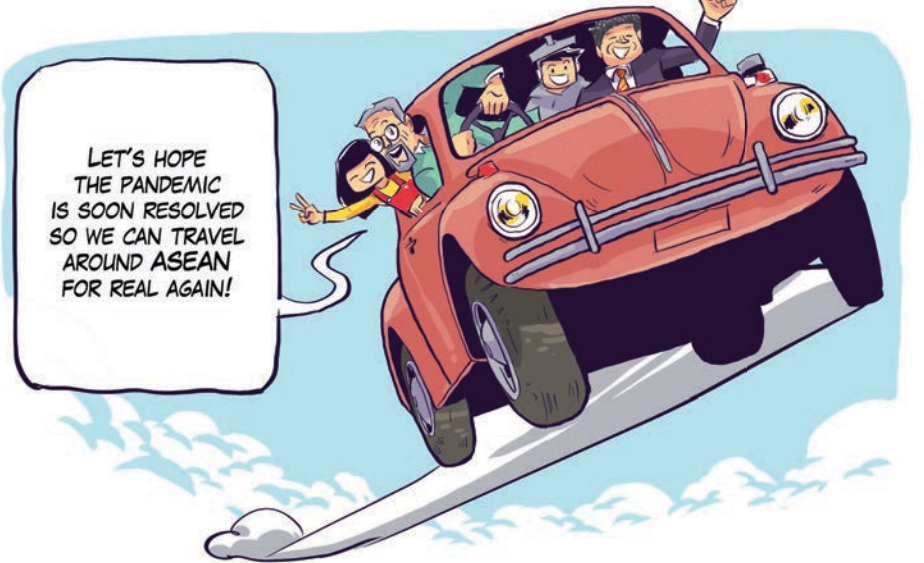
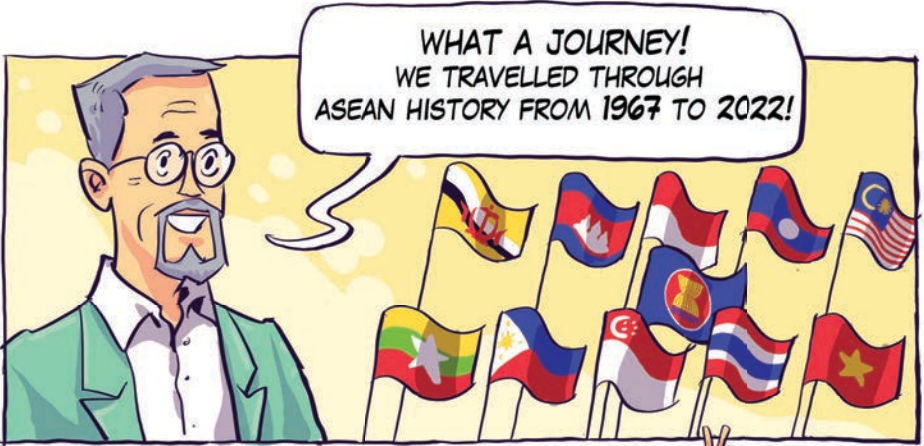
ON 1 JANUARY 2022, THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP (RCEP) ENTERED INTO FORCE.

IN 2022, WE ALSO CELEBRATED THE 55TH ASEAN ANNIVERSARY, UNDER CAMBODIA'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF ASEAN.



ASEAN'S 55-YEAR JOURNEY HAS BEEN MADE MORE REMARKABLE BY FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD. CURRENTLY, ASEAN HAS 11 DIALOGUE PARTNERS, 6 SECTORAL DIALOGUE PARTNERS, AND 4 DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS.







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