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On 1 January 2010, ASEAN did not only usher in a new year, but it also welcomed a new chapter that will bring the region ever closer to an ASEAN Community. The date rang in a new economic space that would have major ramifications for the 592 million people of ASEAN.

While ASEAN, along with the rest of the world, had its eyes on recovering from one of the worst global economic crisis, the region had also to ensure that the commitments it had set for realisation on 1 January 2010 were delivered on target without delay.

Starting the first day of 2010, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand – also known as ASEAN-6 – can import and export almost all goods across their borders at no tariff. Meanwhile, for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam, the tariff of more than 99% of tariff lines have been reduced to 0-5%. For the consumers, this final instalment of tariff reduction translates into real savings and ease of doing business in the market place of ASEAN. For the business community, especially the downstream producers, lower cost of inputs will allow them a wider choice of goods, and in the process, increase their global competitiveness. The elimination of tariffs by ASEAN-6 underscores ASEAN's commitment to dismantle tariffs and keep intra-ASEAN trade open and robust.

The beginning of 2010 also witnessed the full implementation of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA). Under this arrangement, tariffs on at least 90% of ASEAN-China bilateral trade have been eliminated. Despite the initial pessimism surrounding the ACFTA on how it may adversely affect some of the private business sectors in the region, the ACFTA in fact gives ASEAN a strong edge in terms of lower tariffs and investment expansion and will in the long run entail the creation of more jobs and higher spending power. Like most transitions, there will be adjustment pains, but weighing in the gains, the ACFTA has the capacity to add greater value to all parties' economic development.

Hot on the heels of the ACFTA, came the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area. Also starting 1 January 2010, tariffs on at least 90% of all products in ASEAN-Korea bilateral trade are eliminated.

The ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA (AANZFTA) was also realised on the same day. The AANZFTA has been described as historic, as it is the single most comprehensive economic agreement among ASEAN's Dialogue Partners. The Agreement with Australia and New Zealand is unique, in that the goods, services and investment components were negotiated in a single undertaking as compared to FTAs with other ASEAN Dialogue Partners where they are negotiated sequentially.

The ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement also entered into force on 1 January 2010, setting in motion the realisation of the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA) within the specified timeframes.

Taking economic integration efforts one step further, ASEAN welcomed the entry into force of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) in May 2010. One of ASEAN's landmark economic documents, ATIGA will lower the cost of doing business in ASEAN and simplify trade-related transactions. Various agencies and regulatory bodies dealing with entry of goods, such as the Customs, and health and agricultural authorities, will jointly operate in ensuring smoother operations at the Customs entry points all across ASEAN.

These remarkable economic achievements are a clear sign that ASEAN is slowly but surely integrating the markets in the entire region of East Asia. If ASEAN were a single economic entity, it would rank as the world's tenth largest economy, the third biggest market in the world in terms of population, the fifth largest trading bloc and the tenth in terms of foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows. ASEAN, which managed to grow by a meager 1.5% in 2009, in fact is expected to grow between 4.9% and 5.6% in 2010. And with effective integration with the rest of East Asia, the potential is enormous and the economic dynamism is powerful.

This advancement on the economic front reinforces ASEAN's key role in the evolving regional economic architecture in the East Asia/Asia-Pacific region. ASEAN is not only the hub in economic integration initiatives in the region, but it is also the platform for political and economic dialogue and engagement among major global players. A formidable force to reckon with, indeed.

ASEAN's centrality was also demonstrated by the convening of the historic, premier meeting between the Leaders of ASEAN and the United States, where US President Barack Obama remarked ASEAN as an "organisation of global importance". ASEAN's importance is also highlighted by the accreditation of over 30 Ambassadors to ASEAN by non-ASEAN Member States, who aim to have a more active engagement with the region – and the number is gaining by the day.

Looking inward, ASEAN also celebrated the completion of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR). Together, the CPR has been carrying out their mandates, including liaising with the ASEAN Secretariat, which last year underwent a restructuring in order to respond more efficiently and effectively to the challenges of building the ASEAN Community.

With the progress achieved even amidst a global economic turmoil, I can confidently say that the period 2009-2010 for ASEAN has indeed been a period of true transformation. However, ASEAN cannot afford to be complacent. We will continue our efforts in our endeavour to achieve an ASEAN Community by 2015. ASEAN has been an anchor of stability, peace and harmony for this region and will continue to be so towards 2015 – and beyond.

Thank you.

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan



ASEAN Leaders at the Opening Ceremony of the 16th ASEAN Summit, Ha Noi, 8 April 2010

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The 16th ASEAN Summit, which was convened on 8-9 April 2010 in Ha Noi, carried an action-oriented and forward-looking agenda under the theme “Towards the ASEAN Community: From Vision to Action.” In this spirit, the 16th ASEAN Summit reviewed the progress in implementing the ASEAN Charter and the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community, and reaffirmed strong commitments to speed up the effective implementation through concrete measures and activities.

The Leaders agreed that ASEAN would act swiftly at the national, regional and global levels to achieve sustained economic recovery and development for ASEAN in the aftermath of the global economic and financial crisis. The ASEAN Leaders’ Statement on Sustained Recovery and Development reaffirmed ASEAN’s willingness and readiness to participate in coordinated efforts in the following crucial areas: ensuring financial stability in ASEAN and sustained recovery; enhancing ASEAN economic integration; fostering infrastructure development; promoting sustainable development; strengthening the network of social security systems; enhancing educational cooperation; intensifying dialogues with private sector; and narrowing the development gap in ASEAN.

The Leaders adopted the Statement on Joint Response to Climate Change as a concrete manifestation of ASEAN’s collective commitment to address climate change. They tasked relevant Ministers and senior officials to follow up on this Statement and expeditiously implement other related agreements to enable the ASEAN Community to cope effectively with problems caused by climate change. They also would like all parties concerned to look into the possibility of developing an ASEAN Action Plan on Climate Change.

Enhancing ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture was high on the agenda of the 16th ASEAN Summit. The Leaders stressed the determination to maintain ASEAN’s central role in the emerging regional architecture, taking into account fast-changing developments in regional and international situations. In this regard, the Leaders agreed to adopt a two-prong approach with priority given to the acceleration of ASEAN’s integration and community building while intensifying ASEAN’s external relations and ensuring ASEAN’s role as the driving force in regional cooperation frameworks. The Leaders reiterated ASEAN’s common position that any new regional framework or process should be complementary to and built upon existing regional mechanisms and the principle of ASEAN Centrality.

The Leaders also agreed to the swap between Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam in chairing ASEAN in 2011, and welcomed Indonesia as the ASEAN Chair in 2011. Brunei Darussalam will chair ASEAN in 2013, with Cambodia as the ASEAN Chair in 2012. Indonesia requested to chair ASEAN in 2011, instead of waiting until its turn in 2013, because in 2013 Indonesia will chair APEC and may also host the G-20 Summit. This special arrangement, however, shall not create any precedent in deviating from the alphabetical rotation of the ASEAN Chairmanship, as prescribed in Article 31 of the ASEAN Charter.



Opening Ceremony of the 16th ASEAN Summit



ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)

Established	2008, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	6 th Meeting of the ACC, 8 April 2010, Ha Noi
Senior Officials	Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)

The ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) was established after the signing of the ASEAN Charter on 20 November 2007. The ACC comprises the ASEAN Foreign Ministers. The Inaugural Meeting of the ACC was convened back-to-back with the Special ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM) on 15 December 2008 at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, during the celebration of the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter.

Within the past one year, the ACC has made considerable progress and was notably active in 2009. The ACC met five times in 2009 prior to the convening of the ASEAN Summits as well as the AMM. In that year, the ACC approved and endorsed a number of documents, including the Interim Guidelines for Appointment of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN at the Second Meeting of the ACC held on 27 February 2009 in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand; the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force and the Rules of Procedure (ROP) of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) at the Fourth Meeting of the ACC held on 21 July 2009 in Phuket, Thailand; and the ROP for the ACC at the Fifth Meeting of the ACC held on 22 October 2009 in Hua Hin, Thailand.

As prescribed in the Article 8 of the ASEAN Charter, one of the key roles of the ACC is to approve the appointment of the Deputy Secretaries-General of ASEAN upon the recommendation of the Secretary-General of ASEAN. The ACC, in 2009, approved the appointments of three Deputy Secretaries-General, namely, for ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) and Community and Corporate Affairs (CCA). The ASEAN Secretariat

now has four Deputy Secretaries-General to ensure the effective and efficient operations of the ASEAN Secretariat in supporting ASEAN's community building efforts.

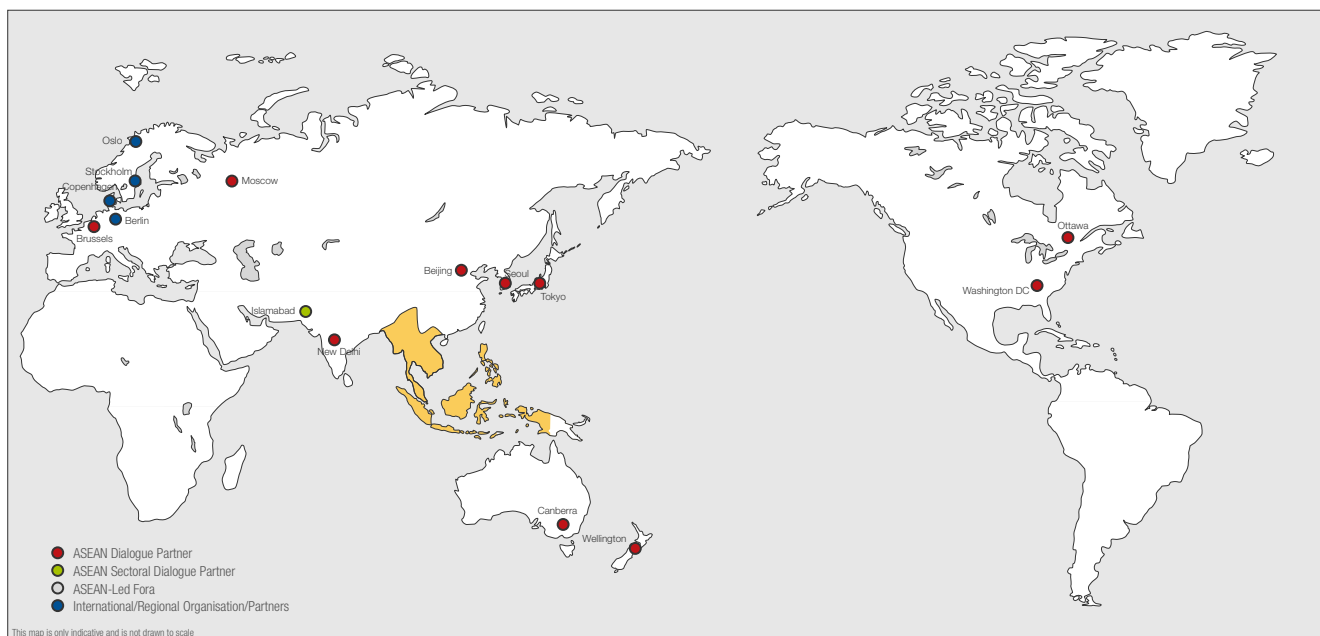
The Sixth Meeting of the ACC was held on 8 April 2010 in Ha Noi. At this Meeting, the ACC endorsed the CPR's proposal to develop a comprehensive and coherent ASEAN Communication Strategy covering the three ASEAN Community pillars, and tasked the CPR to prepare it in consultation with all ASEAN sectoral bodies. The draft ASEAN Communication Strategy will be submitted to the Seventh Meeting of the ACC in October 2010 for consideration.

Since ASEAN now has a legal personality as an inter-governmental organisation, it has established certain guidelines to safeguard its unique identity. To start with, the Sixth Meeting of the ACC adopted the Guidelines on the Use of the Name "ASEAN", Guidelines on the Use of the ASEAN Emblem and Guidelines on the Use of the ASEAN Anthem.

As the ACC is mandated to coordinate the implementation of agreements and decisions of the ASEAN Summit as well as to coordinate with the ASEAN Community Councils to enhance policy coherence, efficiency and cooperation among them, the ACC continues to exchange views on ways to improve coordination among and within ASEAN Member States, to redouble efforts in communication and resource mobilisation as well as to continue monitoring the progress in building the ASEAN Community.

Acknowledging the valuable role of the ASEAN Secretariat in supporting the ASEAN Member States to implement ASEAN's agreements with a view to establish the ASEAN Community by 2015 and beyond, the ACC emphasises the importance of strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat, including enhancing its human resources.

The Seventh Meeting of the ACC is scheduled to be held in October 2010 prior to the convening of the 17th ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings in Ha Noi.



ASEAN-Australia

- The ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme Phase II (AADCP II), the flagship ASEAN-Australia development programme, was formalised in July 2009. The A\$57 million-programme would support ASEAN to implement its economic integration policies and priorities in line with the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint until 2015.
- The Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) entered into force on 1 January 2010. The Agreement is the single most comprehensive economic agreement entered into by ASEAN to date. It covers trade in goods and services (including financial services and telecommunications), investment, electronic commerce, movement of natural persons, intellectual property, competition policy and economic cooperation.
- Australia has contributed a total of A\$2 million to a programme called “Australian Support for ASEAN Coordination Role in Response to Cyclone Nargis”, to support the ASEAN humanitarian operations in Myanmar.
- ASEAN and Australia continue to implement activities under the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership.

ASEAN-Canada

- ASEAN and Canada cooperation activities continue to be implemented under the ASEAN-Canada Joint Cooperation Work Plan 2007-2010.
- ASEAN-Canada dialogue partnership was further enhanced when the Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) + 1 Session with Canada

in Phuket, Thailand, 22 July 2009 adopted the Joint Declaration on the ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership. On another note, the PMC witnessed the handover of the coordinatorship of the ASEAN-Canada partnership from Viet Nam to Thailand for the period of 2009-2012.

- ASEAN appreciates Canada's invitation to ASEAN to attend the G-20 Summit that was held on 26-27 June 2010 in Toronto, Canada. Viet Nam as the Chair of ASEAN and the Secretary-General of ASEAN attended the Summit.
- To build on the momentum of good partnership, ASEAN and Canada are working towards the adoption of an ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action to implement the Joint Declaration of the ASEAN-Canada Enhanced Partnership for adoption at the PMC+1 Session with Canada in July 2010 in Ha Noi.
- Preparations are ongoing for Canada's accession to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC).
- ASEAN and Canada are working towards the early finalisation of an ASEAN-Canada Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA).
- The 7th ASEAN-Canada Dialogue Meeting was held on 10-11 June 2010 in Bangkok.

ASEAN-China

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Establishing the ASEAN-China Centre was signed by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN and China in October 2009 at the sidelines of the 12th ASEAN-China Summit.
- The MOU between ASEAN and China on Cooperation on Intellectual Property and the MOU between ASEAN and China on

Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) were also signed at the sidelines of the 12th ASEAN-China Summit by the Economic Ministers of ASEAN and China.

- The ASEAN-China Free Trade Area was realised on 1 January 2010 for ASEAN-6 and China.
- To promote ASEAN-China infrastructure and inter-connectivity, the ASEAN Leaders welcomed China's proposal at the 12th ASEAN-China Summit to establish the US\$10 billion China-ASEAN Fund on Investment Cooperation and to provide US\$15 billion credit, including preferential loan amounting to US\$1.7 billion. The objective of the China-ASEAN Fund on Investment Cooperation is to finance major ASEAN-China investment cooperation projects in infrastructure, energy and resources, information and communication technology and other fields.
- The 1st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) Plus China was held in November 2009 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Ministers signed an MOU for Cooperation in Non-traditional Security Issues. The MOU will be effective for a period of five years starting from January 2010 to December 2014.
- ASEAN and China have commenced preparations to commemorate the 20th anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue relations in 2011.

ASEAN-European Union

- Following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and based on the strong foundation of ASEAN-EU partnership, there are currently 18 accredited Ambassadors to ASEAN from the EU Member Countries and the European Union. The 18 accredited Ambassadors are from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, the United Kingdom and the European Union.
- Other EU Member Countries may accredit their Ambassadors to ASEAN according to their respective national laws and regulation. A special advisor on ASEAN matters has also been appointed in the EU Delegation in Jakarta to strengthen working relationship with ASEAN.
- Under the €70 million EU-supported development cooperation programme for ASEAN from 2007-2013, three new programmes were formalised in the second half of 2009, namely the ASEAN Project on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (ECAP III), Enhancing ASEAN FTA Negotiating Capacity/Support to the ASEAN-EU FTA negotiating process and ASEAN Air Transport Integration Project (AATIP).
- The 18th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting, under the theme of "Partners in Regional Integration", was held on 26 May 2010 in Madrid. The Meeting agreed upon a new indicative list of activities for 2011-2012 to further implement the Phnom Penh Agenda, an action programme for closer ties between ASEAN and the

EU which was agreed at 17th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting in 2009.

- ASEAN and the EU continue to implement activities under the Plan of Action to Implement the Nuremberg Declaration on an EU-ASEAN Enhanced Partnership.
- The PMC+1 Session with EU on 22 July 2009 in Phuket, Thailand thanked EU for its invitation for the CPR to visit Brussels and meet with its COREPER. The visit took place on 5-10 July 2010.

ASEAN-Japan

- The report of the ASEAN-Japan Eminent Persons Group (EPG) was submitted at the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit in October 2009 in Thailand. The report provides a set of action-oriented recommendations to strengthen the strategic partnership to achieve regional peace, stability and prosperity. The recommendations primarily address three critical concerns: (i) accelerating implementation of key activities in the existing ASEAN-Japan plan of action; (ii) identifying priority activities to support implementation of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community; and (iii) promoting new areas of cooperation.
- ASEAN and Japan are exerting efforts to conclude negotiations on services and investment agreements under the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership.
- ASEAN and Japan are currently finalising the details to establish a multi-year programme to pursue development cooperation in mutually agreed areas.
- A public outreach programme will soon be carried out with the support of Japan to promote greater awareness and knowledge of ASEAN community building and to further foster closer relationship between the peoples of ASEAN and Japan.
- At the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit, Japan reaffirmed its continued commitment to help narrow the development gaps in ASEAN through various sub-regional development endeavours.
- Since the Japan East-Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme commenced in 2007, some 5,600 ASEAN youth have visited Japan to promote mutual understanding of ASEAN and Japan. From 2009, Japanese students have been dispatched to visit ASEAN Member States for the same purpose.

ASEAN-India

- The 7th ASEAN-India Summit held in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand on 24 October 2009 noted with satisfaction the steady progress of the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity, which has deepened and broadened over the past years and developed into a multi-faceted and dynamic partnership contributing to regional peace, mutual understanding and closer economic interaction. Accordingly, the Leaders agreed to launch a new and more enhanced phase of

the Plan of Action before the next ASEAN-India Summit in 2010, in order to seize the opportunities and overcome the challenges arising from the global financial crisis and evolving political and economic landscape.

- ASEAN and India are working on the draft new Plan of Action, which is expected to be adopted at the 8th ASEAN-India Summit in October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam
- India's accreditation of its Ambassador to ASEAN was an important step following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and was based on the strong foundation of the ASEAN-India dialogue relations.
- The ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (TIG) signed on 13 August 2009 was not only a big step forward in ASEAN-India dialogue relations, but it also paved the way for the creation of one of the world's largest free trade areas (FTA) – market of almost 1.8 billion people with a combined GDP of US\$2.8 trillion. The ASEAN-India TIG entered into force on 1 January 2010 for four ASEAN Member States and India.
- ASEAN and India are currently negotiating the ASEAN-India Trade in Services and Investment Agreements, which is targeted for conclusion by August 2010.
- The 7th ASEAN-India Summit in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand on 24 October 2009 agreed to revise the bilateral trade target to US\$70 billion to be achieved in the next two years, noting that the initial target of US\$50 billion set in 2007 may soon be surpassed.
- The ASEAN-India Air Transport Agreement (AI-ATA) is being negotiated with the implementation timeline of 2011.
- Over the years, ASEAN-India functional cooperation has been expanded to areas of human resource development, science and technology (S&T), people-to-people contacts, health and pharmaceuticals, transport and infrastructure, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), tourism, information and communication technology (ICT), agriculture, and Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI).
- ASEAN and India are working towards the operationalisation of the ASEAN-India Green Fund and the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund. The Guidelines of Management of ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund and the Rules for Operation and Management of ASEAN-India Green Fund were adopted at the 12th Meeting of the ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee on 7 May 2010 in Jakarta.

ASEAN-Republic of Korea

- The ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit to commemorate the 20th anniversary of ASEAN-ROK dialogue relations was held in June 2009 in Jeju Island, the Republic of Korea. The Summit issued a Joint Statement of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit.
- The report of the ASEAN-ROK Eminent Persons Group (EPG) was submitted to the 12th ASEAN-ROK Summit in October 2009

in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand. The report has proposed a set of recommendations to further advance and deepen ASEAN-ROK relations, including strategies and guiding principles, and key elements of the partnership.

- The ASEAN-ROK FTA was realised on 1 January 2010.
- The 1st ASEAN+ROK Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM+ROK) and the 1st ASEAN+ROK Transport Ministers Meeting were held in December 2009 in Ha Noi.
- At the 12th ASEAN-ROK Summit, the ROK committed that it will continue to support the IAI and decided to contribute its second and third tranche of US\$5 million each for IAI for the year 2008-2012 and 2013-2017, and also to double Official Development Assistance (ODA) to ASEAN by 2015, and to share its experiences in economic and social development by dispatching volunteers under its World Friends Korea Initiative.

ASEAN-New Zealand

- The Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) + 1 Session with New Zealand in Phuket, Thailand on 22 July 2009 agreed to consider holding an ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit in 2010 to mark the 35th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand dialogue partnership. The PMC also witnessed the hand over of the coordinatorship of the ASEAN-Canada partnership from Myanmar to Malaysia for the period of 2009-2012.
- The Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA), signed in February 2009, entered into force on 1 January 2010. The Agreement is the single most comprehensive economic agreement entered into by ASEAN to date. It covers trade in goods and services (including financial services and telecommunications), investment, electronic commerce, movement of natural persons, intellectual property, competition policy and economic cooperation.
- ASEAN and New Zealand continue to implement cooperation activities under the ASEAN-New Zealand Framework for Cooperation 2006-2010. Within the four years of the implementation (2006-2009), ten ideas of a total of 14 ideas for closer ASEAN-New Zealand cooperation towards achieving the ASEAN Community 2015 had been undertaken in the three ASEAN community pillars.
- ASEAN and New Zealand are working on an ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Declaration on Enhanced Partnership for 2010-2015 and the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration. The Joint Declaration aims to broaden and deepen the ASEAN-New Zealand partnership in political and security, economic, and socio-cultural cooperation that is pro-active and responsive to future developments.
- The 18th ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue held on 24-25 June 2010 in Auckland, New Zealand endorsed the above said Joint Declaration of the POA to implement it.

ASEAN-Russia

- ASEAN and Russia maintain good political and security relations. ASEAN and Russia adopted the ASEAN-Russia Work Plan on Countering Terrorism and Transnational Crime. The 1st ASEAN-Russia Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime was convened on 3 July 2009, in Nay Pyi Taw.
- The decision of Russia to accredit its Ambassador to ASEAN was an important step following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and was based on the strong foundation of the ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations.
- ASEAN and Russia are implementing the Comprehensive Programme of Action 2005-2015, which was adopted to realise the goals and objectives set out in the Joint Declaration of the Heads of State/Government of the Member Countries of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Progressive and Comprehensive Partnership signed at the First ASEAN-Russia Summit on 13 December 2005 in Kuala Lumpur.
- The Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) Session with Russia on 22 July 2009 in Phuket, Thailand welcomed Russia's additional US\$750,000 contribution to the Dialogue Partnership Financial Fund for cooperation projects. The Ministers welcomed the signing of the MOU on the Establishment of the ASEAN Centre in Moscow with a view to launching the Centre at the Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), which has now been operationalised since April 2010. In keeping with the momentum in ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations, the Meeting agreed to convene the Second ASEAN-Russia Summit in October 2010 in Ha Noi. In this regard, the Ministers encouraged the early convening of a Working Group to identify concrete deliverables of the Summit, including a Joint Statement of the Leaders and also enhanced cooperation in sectors such as energy, disaster management, trade and culture.
- In functional cooperation, ASEAN and Russia have implemented joint activities in the areas of science and technology (S&T), tourism, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and education.

ASEAN-US

- The annual Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) + 1 with the US in 2009 in Phuket, Thailand welcomed the US' accession to the Treaty of Amity Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC). The US' accession to the TAC contributes significantly to regional peace and security.
- In July 2009, the coordinatorship of the ASEAN-US partnership was handed over from Singapore to the Philippines for the period of 2009-2012.
- In 2009, ASEAN-US relationship underwent a "seismic" change, when the Leaders of ASEAN and the US met at the 1st ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting in Singapore on 15 November 2009. The

Meeting provided the Leaders an opportunity to exchange views on regional and global issues of common interest. Highlights of the Meeting included the adoption of the Joint Declaration of the 1st ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting on Enhanced Partnership for Enduring Peace and Prosperity. At the Meeting, ASEAN and the US committed to enhancing ASEAN-US collaboration in the areas such as educational exchanges, science and technology, labour, development cooperation, cooperation against international terrorism, efforts in achieving MDGs, narrowing the development gap, nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, the protection and promotion of human rights in the region, research of climate change impacts and development and implementation of appropriate policies and measures, etc. The President of the United States pronounced the US policy of enhancing engagement with ASEAN, which it regards as a key partner in the promotion of peace, stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region. The Second ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting is scheduled to be held in late 2010.

- ASEAN and the US are working towards the establishment of an ASEAN-US Eminent Persons Group (EPG) who will recommend actions to ASEAN and US Leaders' that will lead to strong and effective ASEAN-US relations in the coming decades.
- Concrete ASEAN-US cooperation is ongoing under the Plan of Action (2006-2011) to Implement the ASEAN-US Enhanced Relationship and the ASEAN Development Vision to Advance National Cooperation and Economic Integration (ADVANCE). ADVANCE is a programme with a fund of US\$150 million from 2007-2015, governed by USAID and the US Department of State to support the ASEAN Integration and establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015.
- ASEAN and the US are working towards an ASEAN-US Plan of Action (2011-2015) to Implement the ASEAN-US Enhanced Partnership.
- ASEAN and the US are also working together to finalise an agreement between ASEAN and the US on science and technology (S&T) cooperation.
- The 23rd ASEAN-US Dialogue was convened on 6-8 May 2010 in Manila. The Meeting provided high-ranking ASEAN and US officials the opportunity to exchange views on advancing the ASEAN-US relationship including preparations for the Second ASEAN-US Leaders' Meeting. On regional and international issues of common interest, the US reiterates that any regional architecture must have ASEAN as the core. The US recognises the central role of ASEAN and supports that role.

ASEAN-Pakistan

- ASEAN and Pakistan have undertaken cooperation in trade, industry and investment, science and technology, drugs and narcotics, environment, tourism, and human resources development.

- ASEAN and Pakistan have undertaken a Joint Feasibility Study for an ASEAN-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to enhance and expand the overall ASEAN-Pakistan economic engagement.
- Following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and based on the foundation of the ASEAN-Pakistan relations, Pakistan has accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN.

ASEAN Plus Three (APT)

- The Joint Press Statement on ASEAN+3 Cooperation in Response to the Global Economic and Financial Crisis was issued by Thailand as the ASEAN Chair and Coordinator for ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation on behalf of the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders in June 2009.
- The Cha-am Hua Hin Statement on ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation on Food Security and Bio-Energy Development was adopted at the 12th APT Summit in October 2010 in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand.
- The 12th APT Summit endorsed the agreement reached at the 12th ASEAN Plus Three Finance Ministers Meeting in May 2009 in Bali, Indonesia to implement the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) with the total size of US\$120 billion by the end of 2009 and to set up an independent regional surveillance unit. The CMIM has come into effect on 24 March 2010.
- The East Asian FTA (EAFTA) Study: Phase II report was submitted to the 12th ASEAN Plus Three Summit. The Leaders tasked the Senior Economic Officials to consider the recommendations of the EAFTA and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership in East Asia (CEPEA) studies in parallel.
- The 12th APT Summit recognised the need to develop a permanent regional emergency rice reserve mechanism. The Summit noted progress in the East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve (EAERR) Pilot Project, which expired on 28 February 2010. The Leaders welcomed the efforts to transform the EAERR into a permanent mechanism under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR). As a follow-up to the Summit, the 9th AMAF+3 Meeting, which was held in November 2009 in Bandar Seri Begawan, endorsed the preparatory stage of APTERR following the termination of EAERR Pilot Project in February 2010. The 1st Meeting of APTERR Preparatory Council was held in May 2010 in Tokyo to discuss the draft agreement so that the agreement could be signed at the 10th Meeting of ASEAN+3 Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Cambodia in October 2010.

East Asia Summit (EAS)

- At the 4th EAS in October 2009, the Leaders welcomed Viet Nam's initiative to establish an East Asia environment education centre in Viet Nam.

- The Third EAS Energy Ministers Meeting (EMM) was held in July 2009 in Mandalay, Myanmar. The Ministers welcomed the voluntary energy efficiency goals and action plans submitted by most of the EAS countries. The Ministers acknowledged that this notable achievement illustrates the intention of the EAS participating countries in dealing with energy security and climate change issues. Building upon this, the EAS participating countries are determined to further their efforts to promote energy efficiency, and follow-up of each country's progress towards its energy efficiency goals, on a voluntary basis.
- The inaugural EAS Finance Ministers meeting was held back-to-back with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) annual meeting in Tashkent in May 2010. The meeting discussed the work of the G-20, including how the region's economic development could better fit within the framework for strong, sustainable and balanced growth which was established by G-20 Leaders, as well as EAS regional cooperation and capacity building.
- The Second EAS Regional Media Programme was held at the ASEAN Secretariat in March 2010. More than fifty senior media people from the East Asia Summit countries, Hong Kong and Pakistan participated in the Programme to discuss the roles of news media at the crossroads between cultures; coverage of wars and conflicts; media and democracy; and the daily challenges and opportunities facing journalists working on inter-cultural issues.
- The Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) is working closely with EAS participating countries and the ASEAN Secretariat by providing assistance in executing the research agenda and work programme of ASEAN and East Asia in order to forge close links with the policy-making processes in the region. ERIA is currently providing support, among others, to the development of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, the ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan, and the enhancement of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Scorecard.

ASEAN-Denmark

- ASEAN has cooperated with Denmark in the area of transnational crime and capacity building in the Trade in Goods for new members of ASEAN.
- Denmark has accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN.

ASEAN-Germany

- Germany has provided funds to support ASEAN in the area of environment and sustainable development, social development and capacity-building for the ASEAN Secretariat.
- Germany has accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN.

ASEAN-Norway

- Norway provided US\$1 million to support activities related to the humanitarian efforts of ASEAN in the aftermath of the Cyclone Nargis that hit the Irrawaddy Delta of Myanmar.
- Norway has accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN.

ASEAN-Sweden

- Sweden has provided kr1 million krona to enhance capacity of ASEAN in provision of good offices, conciliation or mediation in accordance with Article 23 of the ASEAN Charter and the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint.
- Sweden has proposed to accredit its Ambassador to ASEAN.

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

- The First ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting was held on 29-30 June 2009 in Manama, Bahrain. Major outcome of the Meeting include a Joint Vision envisaging the future cooperation between the two organisations and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the ASEAN Secretariat and the GCC Secretariat General.
- The Second ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting was convened on 31 May to 1 June 2010 in Singapore. The Meeting adopted the ASEAN-GCC Two-Year Action (2010-2012), which identifies activities and measures for closer collaboration and cooperation to be jointly undertaken for the next two years, through sectoral working groups and the two Secretariats of ASEAN and GCC, on the areas of trade and investment, economic and developmental cooperation, education and training, culture and information, and mutual consultation in international matters. The Ministers also agreed to regularise their meeting on an annual basis, alternately in an ASEAN and GCC country. The Third ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting will be held in 2011 in the United Arab Emirates.

ASEAN European Meeting (ASEM)

- The 9th ASEM Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM), with the theme “Forging a Closer Asia-Europe Partnership to Address the Financial and Economic Crisis and Other Global Challenges” was held on 25-26 May 2009 in Ha Noi. The Meeting welcomed the applications of Australia and Russia to ASEM and mandated the Senior Officials to work out modalities to enable both countries to formally join ASEM at the 8th ASEM Summit in Brussels in 2010.
- The 8th ASEM Summit with the general theme of “Achieving Greater Wellbeing and More Dignity for All Citizens” will be held on 4-5 October 2010 in Brussels.
- Australia, New Zealand and Russia will be admitted to ASEM at the 8th ASEM Summit in Brussels in October 2010.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- The ASEAN Secretariat and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 24 August 2006.
- A Consultation Meeting between the ASEAN Secretariat and ADB held on 10 May 2010 at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, agreed to work on the renewal of the MOU which will expire by the end of 2010. Three priority areas under the MOU were agreed upon: transport and trade facilitation, energy, and financial integration. ADB assured its support to review and provide inputs on the draft ASEAN Master Plan on Connectivity.
- On food security, the proposal of “ADB Initiative to Support the ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework (AIFS)” was endorsed by the 31st Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry on 10 November 2009 in Bandar Seri Begawan.

ASEAN-MERCOSUR

- The 1st ASEAN-MERCOSUR Ministerial Meeting was held on 24 November 2008 in Brasilia, Brazil. Major outcomes of the Meeting include an agreement on a coordinated approach to alleviate the negative impact of the current global financial crisis.
- ASEAN and MERCOSUR are preparing for the Second ASEAN-MERCOSUR Ministerial Meeting, which is scheduled to be held in 2010 in an ASEAN country, to consider and adopt a Region-to-Region Roadmap and Action Plan on the agreed areas of cooperation.

ASEAN-UNESCO

- The ASEAN Secretariat and UNESCO have held consultation meetings since March 2009 on the renewal of the ASEAN-UNESCO Agreement of Cooperation signed in September 1998. Both organisations agreed that the Agreement of Cooperation should be updated and focus on specific cooperation and priority activities that would link with the community and social development in the ASEAN region.
- Subsequently, ASEAN and UNESCO developed a framework for cooperation with programmatic documents describing ASEAN-UNESCO priority areas and activities.



**ASEAN
Political-Security Community
(APSC)**

The year under review saw significant developments and achievements in all the three key characteristics of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC).

Works are underway to flesh out the legal personality of ASEAN. New rules of procedure, terms of reference, and agreements have been put in place to regulate, for example, the use of the name “ASEAN” and the ASEAN Emblem, and to stipulate how new ASEAN organs like the ASEAN Coordinating Council and the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN shall operate. The Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of ASEAN, and the Protocol to the ASEAN Charter on Dispute Settlement Mechanisms have been signed.

The launching of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights signified yet another milestone in ASEAN. High priority activities for human rights cooperation in 2010-2011 have been set, and a 5-year work plan of the Commission has been laid down.

ASEAN's comprehensive security has been enhanced by the active involvement of the ASEAN defense establishments in providing humanitarian assistance in major natural disasters, and in engaging civil society in relief operations. The ASEAN Defense Ministers will meet with their counterparts from eight Dialogue Partners in Ha Noi on 13 October 2010 in the First Meeting of the ADMM-Plus.

ASEAN reputation has been further increased when the ASEAN Chair was invited to the G-20 Summits in London, Pittsburg, and Toronto, and will also be invited to the G-20 Summit in Seoul in November 2010. ASEAN Leaders of all the 10 Member States met the US President for the first last November in Singapore.

ASEAN has been playing its crucial role in shaping the regional architecture. ASEAN will continue to increase its political and economic weights as well as its centrality by accelerating the building of ASEAN Community. ASEAN will also continue to improve its external engagements and enhance its leadership in all the regional processes that it has initiated.

ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council

Established	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	3 rd Meeting of APSC, 14 January 2010, Da Nang, Viet Nam

According to the ASEAN Charter, the APSC Council has under its purview the ASEAN sectoral ministerial bodies in the political-security areas. The APSC Council is mandated to ensure the implementation of the relevant decisions of the ASEAN Summit and coordinate political-security cooperation in various areas under its purview in order to realise the objectives of the APSC. The Rules of Procedure (ROP) of the APSC Council, which serves as a basis for its effective operationalisation, was endorsed at the 2nd APSC Council Meeting.

Following its Inaugural Meeting on 10 April 2009 in Pattaya, Thailand, the APSC Council convened its 2nd Meeting on 20 July 2009 in Phuket, Thailand, and the 3rd Meeting on 14 January 2010 in Da Nang, Viet Nam. During these meetings, the APSC Council reviewed and provided important guidance for the implementation of the APSC Blueprint, especially in the priority areas/activities as identified by the Council. The Council also kept track of important developments in sectoral bodies under its purview to ensure efficiency, consistency and coordination across the whole APSC.

The APSC Council adopted the APSC Communication Plan on 14 January 2010, which aims to effectively communicate the message, actions, elements and intended benefits of the APSC Blueprint to all relevant stakeholders, so as to bolster their active support and participation throughout its implementation process.

ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)

Established	1967, meets annually, with informal meetings and retreats in between
Last Meeting	42 nd AMM, 19-20 July 2009, Phuket, Thailand
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

The 42nd ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM) was held on 19-20 July 2009 in Phuket, Thailand with the theme "Acting Together to Cope with Global Challenges". The ASEAN Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their resolve to further intensify efforts to realise an ASEAN Community that is politically cohesive, economically integrated, socially responsible and serving as the primary driving force in the region.

The Ministers had a fruitful meeting with the High Level Panel on an ASEAN Human Rights Body (HLP), during which they endorsed the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). The TOR serves as the practical, credible and evolutionary framework for AICHR to undertake its mandate and functions of promotion and protection of human rights in the ASEAN region.

Another highlight of the Meeting was the approval of the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of ASEAN, which was drafted by the High Level Legal Experts Group on Follow-up to the ASEAN Charter (HLEG). The Agreement, which was signed by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 25 October 2009, will help operationalise the legal personality of ASEAN and lay down the minimum harmonised standard of the privileges and immunities to be conferred upon ASEAN and the different categories of persons related to ASEAN.

The Ministers extended the mandate of HLEG until December 2009 so that HLEG could finalise the draft Protocol to the ASEAN Charter on Dispute Settlement Mechanisms. The Protocol was subsequently signed by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 8 April 2010 on the sidelines of the 16th ASEAN Summit in Ha Noi.

On the post-Nargis recovery efforts under the ASEAN-led mechanism in Myanmar, the 42nd AMM decided to extend the mandate of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) until July 2010. The TCG has been acknowledged as an effective mechanism in the post-Nargis operations, providing a new modality for the international humanitarian community to work in a post-disaster context. During the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat on 13-14 January 2010 in Da Nang, Viet Nam, the Ministers further exchanged views on the TCG and instructed the ASEAN Secretariat to cooperate with the Government of Myanmar and international donors in completing the remaining work and wrapping up recovery efforts so that the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) in Myanmar would conclude its mandate in July 2010.

In the realms of external relations, the Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to ensure that ASEAN remains an outward-looking community through enhancing engagement and cooperation with its external partners. The Meeting endorsed the procedures for the accreditation of Ambassadors to ASEAN from non-ASEAN Member States and relevant intergovernmental organisations. A growing

number of non-ASEAN Member States and intergovernmental organisations (33 as of 31 May 2010) have appointed their Ambassadors to ASEAN. This signifies their recognition of ASEAN's relevance and importance as well as their keen interest to deepen relations with ASEAN.

The Ministers underscored the importance of enhancing ASEAN's central role in shaping the regional architecture. In this regard, the Ministers agreed to review regularly ASEAN's efforts to enhance its resilience, competitiveness and responsiveness, so that ASEAN can maintain and promote ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture.

On the sidelines of the 42nd AMM, the US acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) on 24 July 2009. ASEAN considers this as a manifestation of the US renewed engagement and strong commitment to peace and security in the region. As the TAC is gaining high political profile and interest from countries across the world, the Foreign Ministers adopted the Guidelines for Accession to the TAC on 7 April 2010 on the sidelines of the 16th ASEAN Summit, so as to enable ASEAN to respond in a timely and systematic manner to the interest and request of external parties to accede to the TAC. As of May 2010, 16 non-regional States have acceded to the TAC. Canada, the EU, Serbia and Turkey are waiting to accede.

Commission on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission	
Established	24 July 1999, meets annually
Last Meeting	21 July 2009, Phuket, Thailand
Senior Officials	The Meeting of the Executive Committee of the SEANWFZ Commission

The Meeting of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission was held on 21 July 2009, in Phuket, Thailand, to review the progress of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Strengthen the SEANWFZ Treaty and discuss international and regional developments that were relevant to SEANWFZ.

The Commission welcomed the "wind of change" in the approach of some Nuclear Weapon States (NWS), which has created new impetus to continuing efforts to establish a world free of nuclear weapons. In recognition of these important developments, the SEANWFZ Commission agreed to enhance its coordination and explore common

positions to play a constructive role in support of the 2010 NPT Review Conference and the follow-up conference of the States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear Weapon-Free Zones and Mongolia.

The Commission urged all the State Parties to the SEANWFZ Treaty to work towards possible resumption of direct consultations with the NWS to resolve the remaining outstanding issues on the Protocol, in accordance with the objectives and principles of the SEANWFZ Treaty.

The Meeting agreed that efforts should be strengthened to raise the profile of the SEANWFZ Treaty in multilateral fora, in line with the decision of the ASEAN Political-Security Community Council. As a follow-up, ASEAN successfully tabled the second resolution on the Treaty on Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), which was adopted at the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in October 2009. Viet Nam, as the Chair of the SEANWFZ Commission, also presented a Memorandum on Activities related to the SEANWFZ Treaty to the 2010 NPT Review Conference.

ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)	
Established	2006, meets annually
Last Meeting	4 th ADMM, 11 May 2010, Ha Noi
Senior Officials	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials Meeting (ADSOM)

The ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) is the highest defence cooperation mechanism within ASEAN for consultations on current defence and security issues and challenges confronting ASEAN. The ADMM also aims to promote mutual trust and confidence through developing greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as enhancement of transparency and openness.

The 4th ADMM was held in Ha Noi on 11 May 2010. At this Meeting, the Ministers exchanged views on common security challenges in the region and discussed the need to strengthen and develop defence cooperation in order to ensure peace and stability in the region. The Meeting also reiterated its commitment to support the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015 as indicated in the ASEAN Political and Security Community (APSC) Blueprint.

At the 4th ADMM, the Ministers adopted the paper on ADMM-Plus: Configuration and Composition and the paper on ADMM-Plus: Modalities and Procedures. Both papers serve as guidelines in establishing the ADMM-Plus. The Ministers also agreed that as per the Leaders' instruction, the ADMM-Plus would be established as soon as possible and supported Viet Nam to host the Inaugural ADMM-Plus before the end of the year. The Ministers reaffirmed that the ADMM-Plus would remain as an open and inclusive process with ASEAN as the primary driving force and will adhere to the principles as outlined in the Concept Paper on ADMM-Plus: Principles for Membership, which was adopted at the 3rd ADMM in February 2009.

The Ministers also reaffirmed its commitment to further strengthen and develop defence cooperation by signing the 4th ADMM Joint Declaration on Strengthening ASEAN Defence Cooperation for Stability and Development of the Region.

The Ministers expressed confidence that defence cooperation among ASEAN Member States will continue to be strengthened to ensure peace and stability of the region. The 5th ADMM will be hosted by Indonesia in 2011.

Viet Nam will host the First meeting of the ADMM-Plus in Ha Noi on 12 October 2010. Defence Ministers of 8 Dialogue Partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, the ROK, New Zealand, Russia, and the United States) will be invited.

ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)	
Established	1986, meets every 36 months
Last Meeting	7 th ALAWMM, 20-21 October 2008, Bandar Seri Begawan
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM)

In supporting ASEAN integration and community-building efforts, the ALAWMM has mandated its senior officials to address all matters pertaining to legal cooperation to support ASEAN integration initiatives, which are common to all its Members States.

With the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter, which has transformed ASEAN into a rules-based intergovernmental organisation, the ALAWMM anticipates that its role would be increased and expanded in promoting legal understanding and cooperation among ASEAN Member States.

Over the past years, the ALAWMM has worked on various areas of legal cooperation in ASEAN, such as development of the ASEAN Government Law Directory, the ASEAN Legal Information Authorities (ALIA), and Exchange of Study Visits among legal officers of ASEAN Member States. These programmes have greatly benefited ASEAN Member States' efforts in promoting awareness and understanding of each other's legal and judicial system. The ALAWMM also receives regular updates from ASLOM on its work on various legal matters which include cooperation on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, extradition, counter-terrorism, and mutual legal assistance in civil and commercial matters, maritime security, conservation of coastal and marine environment, progressive liberalisation of trade in legal services, and harmonisation of ASEAN trade law.

The ALAWMM will hold its 8th Meeting in 2011 in Cambodia.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)	
Established	1997, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	7 th AMMTC, 17 November 2009, Siem Reap, Cambodia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)

The 7th Meeting of the AMMTC was held on 17 November 2009 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Meeting agreed to, among others, work towards expeditious ratification of the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism by the remaining ASEAN Member States, and continue exploring the possibility of developing an ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons. The Meeting endorsed the ASEAN Comprehensive Plan of Action on Counter Terrorism and the ASEAN Work Plan on Combating Illicit Drug Production, Trafficking and Use (2009-2015).

The 4th AMMTC Plus Three held on 18 November 2009 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, agreed to pursue comprehensive and coordinated approaches between ASEAN and the Plus Three countries to fight against transnational crimes and deepen their cooperation in eight priority areas. The Ministers also endorsed in principle the utilisation of the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Fund for the Study on Effective Implementation of ASEAN Plus Three Work Plan to Combat Transnational Crime, which was endorsed by the 3rd AMMTC Plus Three in November 2007. The Ministers agreed to continue exploring possible cooperative activities under the framework of the ASEAN Plus Three Work Plan to Combat Transnational Crime while the implementation of the Study is in progress.

Also on 18 November 2009, the 1st AMMTC Plus China was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Ministers signed the ASEAN-China Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperation in the Field of Non-traditional Security Issues 2009-2014. The MOU is an extension of the MOU for the period of 2004-2009, which was successfully implemented through annual work plans covering capacity building, sharing of experiences and best practices in criminal investigation, cyber crime, illicit drug, and language courses for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam (CLMV) countries. The work plans for activities to be undertaken are now being jointly developed by ASEAN and China.

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	
Established	1994, meets annually
Last Meeting	16 th ARF, 23 July 2009, Phuket, Thailand
Senior Officials	ARF Senior Officials Meeting (ARF SOM)

Serving as the premier regional forum to promote security dialogue in the Asia Pacific, ARF continues to prove itself to be unique and constructive. Amidst the ongoing discourse on a new regional security architecture, ARF maintains its steady pace of development to be an action-oriented forum which is responsive to the needs of the region. ARF faces many challenges ahead. On the one hand, there is the inclination for the Forum to continue expanding its areas of cooperation; on the other hand, the limited resources of several individual participants make it difficult for them to keep up and be actively involved in every new area of cooperation.

While acknowledging these problems, a path to guide future ARF cooperation process has been laid down. At the 17th ARF in Ha Noi in July 2010, the Ministers are expected to adopt the Ha Noi Plan of Action to Implement the ARF Vision Statement. The Plan of Action (PoA) will drive the ARF's deliberation and course of actions in the next ten years. Six areas of cooperation are identified in the PoA as the basis for ARF future work, namely: disaster relief, counter-terrorism-transnational crime, maritime security, non-proliferation and disarmament, peacekeeping operations, and defense dialogue. The way forward for ARF to implement preventive diplomacy and the enhancement of ARF institutional features were also given primary attention in the PoA.

A strong push from within the Forum to work on a programmatic approach has gained momentum. The ARF work plans are the medium for this new approach. The ARF Work Plan on Counter-

Terrorism and Transnational Crime and the ARF Work Plan on Disaster Relief have entered their implementation stage. Two other work plans for the areas of maritime security and preventive diplomacy are now being developed. These work plans will help ARF focus on specific areas which bring most benefit to the ARF participants. ASEAN and non-ASEAN ARF participants collaborate to lead on each area of the work plans according to their interests and capabilities.

In the past one year, possible ways to implement preventive diplomacy and to promote transparency in the ARF were further discussed. The ARF Experts and Eminent Persons have met to identify areas where ARF could carry out preventive diplomacy. On the latter, the simplified standardised format for the Annual Security Outlook (ASO) will be presented for endorsement of the Ministers at the 17th ARF. The new format provides guidance on issues to highlight by the ARF participants in their ASO submission. Following on the successful conduct of the ARF Voluntary Demonstration of Response in 2009, ARF is now preparing for the next exercise. The ARF Disaster Relief Exercise is scheduled to be held in Indonesia in 2011.

Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)	
Established	2009, meets at least once a month
Last Meeting	11 th Meeting, 25 June 2010, Jakarta

The ASEAN Charter provides for the establishment of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR). The CPR comprises Permanent Representatives of ASEAN Member States at the rank of Ambassador and is based in Jakarta. As prescribed in the ASEAN Charter, the Chair of the CPR shall be from the Member State assuming the Chairmanship of ASEAN.

The CPR performs its roles and functions in accordance with the ASEAN Charter and is guided by its Terms of Reference (TOR), which was approved by the 41st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), and the Rules of Procedure (ROP), which was approved by the Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC). Its mandate includes supporting the work of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC), coordinating with ASEAN National Secretariats and other ASEAN sectoral ministerial bodies, liaising with the Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat on all subjects relevant to its work, facilitating ASEAN cooperation with external partners, and performing such other functions as may be determined by the ACC. The Inaugural Meeting of the CPR was held in May 2009.

As ASEAN strives to be a more rules-based organisation, the CPR is crucial in assisting the ACC in preparing various guidelines, rules of procedure and terms of reference in accordance with the ASEAN Charter as well as the mandate given by the ASEAN Leaders through the ACC. To this end, the CPR has prepared and submitted a number of important documents for the adoption of the relevant ASEAN ministerial bodies. These include the ROP for the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC), which was adopted at the Second APSC Council on 21 July 2009 in Phuket, Thailand; the Guidelines on the Use of the Name "ASEAN", Guidelines on the Use of the ASEAN Emblem, Guidelines on the Use of ASEAN Anthem, which were adopted at the Sixth Meeting of the ACC on 8 April 2010 in Ha Noi. More of such documents are expected to be delivered by the CPR in the remaining months of 2010.

Since the work of the CPR includes supporting the work of the three ASEAN Community Councils and ASEAN sectoral ministerial bodies, the CPR is working closely with the relevant sectoral bodies at senior officials level to ensure effective and efficient coordination among the three Community pillars in the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community by 2015. The CPR has met with the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) and the Senior Officials Committee for the ASEAN Socio-cultural Community (SOCA). In addition, the CPR also held consultations with the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) in 2010.

In line with its mandate to facilitate ASEAN's cooperation with external partners, the CPR has been engaging with Ambassadors of non-ASEAN Member States to ASEAN in Jakarta as well as other external partners and friends of ASEAN. The CPR also convenes meetings with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners under the ASEAN Plus One framework and the ASEAN Plus Three framework.

The CPR provides guidance and support to the ASEAN Secretariat in order for it to function more efficiently and effectively in executing its tasks. One of the significant contributions of the CPR in improving the operations of the ASEAN Secretariat is the revision of the ASEAN Secretariat Financial Rules and Procedure (AFRP), which was approved by the Sixth Meeting of the ACC. The CPR continues its endeavour to strengthen the ASEAN Secretariat by providing guidance and developing necessary rules of procedures for it to function better.

ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	
Established	2009, meets at least twice a year, with additional meetings as and when appropriate
Last Meeting	2 nd Meeting of AICHR, 28 June-2 July 2010, Phu Yen, Viet Nam

After the Terms of Reference of AICHR was endorsed by the 42nd AMM on 20 July 2009, AICHR was launched by the ASEAN Leaders in an inauguration ceremony on 23 October 2009 on the sidelines of the 15th ASEAN Summit in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand. AICHR is part of the intergovernmental cooperation among the ten ASEAN Member States to develop regional cooperation on human rights. It is designed to be an integral part of the ASEAN organisational structure and an overarching institution with overall responsibility for the promotion and protection of human rights in ASEAN.

AICHR convened its First Meeting on 28 March-1 April 2010 at the ASEAN Secretariat, during which the AICHR Representatives had extensive discussions among themselves and with other relevant ASEAN bodies on how to ensure its effective operations as the overarching human rights institution in ASEAN. The Meeting discussed, among others, the formulation of the Rules of Procedure which will lay down the operational guidelines for the conduct of AICHR's work in all aspects. The Meeting also discussed the development of the Five-Year Work Plan to provide a comprehensive roadmap of programmes and activities to be undertaken by AICHR in the next five years.

AICHR representatives also had fruitful consultations with the relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies, including the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), the Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) and the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW). Of notable importance was the agreement reached among AICHR, SOMSWD and ACW on the necessary steps to ensure the proper alignment of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) with AICHR.

The Second Meeting of AICHR was held on 28 June-2 July 2010 in Phu Yen, Viet Nam. The Meeting finalised the draft Five-Year Work Plan of AICHR (2010-2015) which will be submitted to the 43rd AMM in July 2010 for further consideration and approval.



**ASEAN
Economic Community
(AEC)**

The establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015 is premised on four dimensions, single market and production base, a highly competitive economic region, a region of equitable economic development and a region fully integration into the global economy.

An AEC Scorecard mechanism has been put in place to monitor and track the progress of the implementation of the activities as envisioned in the AEC Blueprint. As of the first quarter of 2010, 75.5% of the activities listed for the period January 2008 to December 2009 have been implemented. For the period of mid 2009 to mid 2010, significant progress has been made towards achieving the AEC.

Single Market and Production Base

Beginning 1 January 2010, 99.5% tariff lines in the ASEAN's inclusion lists under the Common Effective Preferential Tariffs for ASEAN Free Trade Area (CEPT-AFTA) stood at 0 to 5%. Intra-ASEAN trade more than doubled to US\$368.6 billion in 2009 as compared to 2000 when all ten Member States joined the CEPT-AFTA. The ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement entered into force on 17 May 2010.

In the area of services, nine Member States have completed the 7th ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) Package of services commitments. These commitments in at least 65 services sub-sectors will move ASEAN closer towards substantial liberalisation of AMS services markets. Work on the 8th AFAS Package has been initiated.

In the finance sector, ASEAN has endorsed the Implementation Plan to promote development of an integrated ASEAN capital market. An enlarged US\$120 billion swap arrangement under the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) was finalised in December 2009 and entered into force on 24 March 2010 to provide for greater capital mobility in the region. The CMIM signifies the region's commitment to remain resilient against external shocks. The establishment of Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) has been initiated to develop deep and liquid local currency and regional bond markets.

A new ASEAN tourism marketing strategy with the tagline of "Southeast Asia: Feel the Warmth" is being implemented by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA), supported by the ASEAN Tourism Ministers and an ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (ATSP) for 2011-2015 is being developed.

The ASEAN Integrated Food Security Framework and its medium-term Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Food Security has been established. In the Energy Sector, the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement has been endorsed to minimise exposure and to respond effectively to an energy emergency situation.

Competitive Economic Region

To promote fair competition and business practices the Handbook on Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN for Business and the ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Competition Policy have been completed and will be launched by the AEM this August. On ASEAN connectivity, a HLTF-ASEAN Connectivity has been formed as tasked by the Leaders and the task force is currently working to formulate an ASEAN Master Plan on Connectivity for presentation at the 17th ASEAN Summit in October 2010.

Equitable Economic Development

The development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) is critical to the achievement of equitable economic development in the region. A follow-on Strategic Action Plan for ASEAN SME Development 2010-2015 has been drawn up for final endorsement to ensure effective delivery of outcomes under the AEC Blueprint. The intent is to empower SMEs in their access to finance, technology, and a variety of other business support and networking services. The term of reference for the formation of an SME Council is on the cards for implementation this year.

Integration with Global Economy

The date 1st January 2010 is seen as a landmark in external economic integration initiatives in ASEAN as it saw the realization of the ASEAN-China and the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreements (FTA), and the entry into force of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA (AANZFTA) and the ASEAN-India Trade In Goods Agreement. To take forward broader regional integration by considering the recommendations of both East Asia Free Trade Agreement (EAFTA) and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership for East Asia (CEPEA) studies together, the various working groups have already met and are progressing work to report at the 17th ASEAN Summit in October 2010.

The progress in the four dimensions as described are inter-related and mutually reinforcing and the implementation of the various actions/measures as identified and spelt out in the AEC Blueprint helps to ensure the consistency and coherence of these actions in realizing the ASEAN Economic Community by 2015.

ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council	
Established	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	3 rd Meeting of AEC Council, 7 April 2010, Ha Noi

As provided under the ASEAN Charter, the core task of the AEC Council is to work towards the objective of deepening and broadening ASEAN economic integration and regional growth and development. In particular, the AEC Council shall also work towards strengthening ASEAN in order to collectively and effectively respond to global economic challenges, and achieve the AEOC objectives and targets within the stipulated time frame as espoused in the AEC Blueprint and other key agreements related to AEC.

Since its inaugural meeting on 27 February 2009 in Cha-am, the AEC Council has since met a total of three times. At each meeting, the AEC Council will review the progress of the various Sectoral Ministerial Bodies under its purview and discuss cross-sectoral issues as well as issues which cut across the other Community Councils. In this respect the AEC Council plays a pivotal role and works with related Sectoral Ministerial Bodies in drawing up key annual priorities and deliverables under the AEC.

The AEC Council also ensures that ASEAN is on track in the community building efforts by reviewing the AEC Scorecard, a compliance tool which monitors and reports on the progress of implementation of the various measures set out in the AEC Blueprint. Additionally, the AEC Council also ensures the implementation of the relevant decisions of the ASEAN Summit under its purview. The AEC Council's work also extends to ensuring that the vision of the AEC is communicated to the key stakeholders in ASEAN, in particular the private sector, through the AEC Communications Plan, and in engaging them in the community building process.

Under the guidance of the AEC Council the AEC Scorecard was developed. Guidelines were established for the reporting of the AEC Scorecard to the Leaders, the Ministers and officials and a business focused public version. The confidential version of the AEC scorecard system was presented to the Leaders in October 2009 and the public version of the AEC Scorecard was released on 7 April 2010, which showed that for the period January 2008-December 2009, 73.6% of the set targets were met. Based on this, the AEC Council also made a special representation on 8 April 2010 to the Leaders at the 16th ASEAN Summit on the difficulties encountered on the non-implementation of the measures. The AEC Council has set its focus on these areas to ensure the targets set are met.

ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)	
Established	1975, meets annually
Last Meeting	41 st AEM, 13-14 August 2009, Bangkok
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

As of 1 January 2010, significant progress has been made in the area of tariff reduction under CEPT-AFTA and, in the FTAs with ASEAN's six Dialogue Partners contributing towards both ASEAN's internal and external economic integration agenda.

The AEM agreed to support additional resources for the establishment of a surveillance division at the ASEAN Secretariat through a regular budget. On the emerging regional architecture it was agreed the regional economic architecture for East Asia will be progressed in a gradual and phased manner (building block approach) starting with trade in goods; ASEAN Centrality will be the core principle; both EAFTA and CEPEA process elevated to Track II; four working groups established in the area of rules of origin, tariff nomenclature, customs procedures and economic cooperation with a view to identifying convergence and divergence of the various trade in goods agreements.

Trade in Services

ASEAN Member States continued their efforts in deepening and broadening commitments for the liberalisation of the services sector under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS). As a result of determined efforts, the 7th Package of Commitments is almost completed. Work is concurrently being undertaken on the 8th Package, which is targeted for completion by the end of 2010. The 8th Package will cover an even wider number of sectors and subsectors as well as provide for a higher degree of liberalisation. Given the increasing scope and depth of liberalisation, the 41st AEM Meeting in August 2009 agreed to a set of criteria for exercising the 15% of overall flexibility that will allow for some policy space in liberalisation commitments. These flexibilities will be subject to a review upon the completion of the 8th AFAS Package.

As part of transparency exercise, a public version of ASEAN Member States' inventory of impediments to trade in services was made available on the ASEAN website. This inventory is a work-in-progress that will be periodically updated to reflect the progress in ASEAN integration in trade in services.

ASEAN Member States worked on implementing the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) that have been concluded.

These MRAs have the goal of facilitating greater mobility of qualified professionals in the region and to promote trust and adoption of best practices in the areas covered by these MRAs.

Competition Policy

During 2009-2010, two major deliverables from the ASEAN Experts Group on Competition (AEGC) are: (i) the ASEAN Regional Guidelines on Competition Policy (“Guidelines”); and (ii) the Handbook on Competition Policies and Laws in ASEAN for Businesses (“Handbook”). The Guidelines, based on country experiences and international best practices, aim at fostering a fair competition environment, with the goal of creating a highly competitive economic region in ASEAN. The Handbook aims at providing, in a language easily understandable to non-experts, basic substantive provisions and procedures in competition law applicable in ASEAN Member States. The target beneficiaries of the Handbook are regional and transnational enterprises engaged in business in ASEAN. The preparations of these two deliverables involved the intensive participation of stakeholders from all Member States. The Guidelines and Handbook will be launched and disseminated widely through a series of fora in Member States in October and November 2010.

In support of building capacity for the ASEAN Member States in developing national competition policy, a series of training workshops have been organised by AEGC with funding support from ASEAN’s Dialogue Partners and organisations. Among the areas of focus in such training are the various challenges in the implementation of competition law, and the many approaches and best practices in investigation and enforcement. Policy dialogues and study visits have also been conducted by AEGC to promote closer and more diversified linkages among the competition authorities within and outside ASEAN. A Roadmap of Capacity Building and a Regional Plan of Action on Competition Policy are also being developed by AEGC for regional cooperation in the medium term.

Consumer Protection

In 2009, a strategic approach toward consumer protection was adopted by the ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP), formerly known as the inter-governmental ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Consumer Protection, to ensure the implementation and delivery of initiatives and commitments under the AEC Blueprint. This approach contains policy measures and detailed priority actions with specific time frames for implementation, including the development of (a) a notification and information exchange mechanism by 2010; (b) a cross border consumer redress mechanism by 2015; and (iii)

a strategic roadmap for capacity building by 2010. The next ACCP Meeting will be held in August 2010.

As a newly-established body, the ACCP, with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat, will need to work closely and in collaboration with Dialogue Partners, international organisations and the private sector in the implementation of joint activities and programmes. Capacity building needs of ASEAN Member States, both at regional and national level, will be discussed at the next ACCP Meeting and a roadmap in capacity building would be developed afterwards.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

The ASEAN Patent Search and Examination Cooperation (ASPEC) and the ASEAN IP DIRECT are two major deliverables from the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC) in 2009-2010. These initiatives are in support of the ASEAN Economic Community and are in line with the collective objective of providing effective and efficient IP protection. ASPEC is the first regional patent cooperation project that will make it easier for entrepreneurs, particularly Small and Medium Enterprises, and inventors to obtain patents on their innovations in the region. Intellectual Property (IP) Offices in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam are participating in ASPEC. ASEAN IP DIRECT aims to serve as a useful and comprehensive “one-stop” resource for businesses and other interested parties. It is uploaded on the website of Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and is hyperlinked to the website of all ASEAN IP Offices.

The AWGIPC also reports several other key achievements in 2009-2010. These include (a) studies on the economic contribution of copyright industries in several ASEAN Member States, (b) seminars and studies on the Madrid System for the International Registration of Trademarks; (c) sharing of policy experiences on membership of existing IP treaties as a step towards accession to common IP treaties; and (d) an active programme of regional capacity building, with a focus on, for example, flexibilities under the TRIPS Agreement, arbitration and mediation in IP disputes, the Madrid Protocol, enforcement, and management of copyright and related rights in the digital environment. In collaboration with various donors, such training activities have involved some 2,000 ASEAN professionals as participants. Ongoing efforts are also made to simplify and harmonise procedures and regulations (e.g., in design filing); to monitor TRIPS compliance of Member States; and to enhance IP-related coordination, intra- and extra-regional linkages and private sector engagement in ASEAN.

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Over the past years, regional cooperation to foster SME development, competitiveness and modernisation has been guided by the ASEAN Policy Blueprint for SME Development 2004-2014 (ABPSD). In 2009, building on the progressive work under ABPSD, the ASEAN SME Working Group (SMEWG) adopted the Strategic Plan of Action for ASEAN SME Development 2010-2015. This Plan, which was endorsed by SEOM in 2010, incorporates all regional commitments in support of SMEs including the strategic work programmes, policy measures, and indicative outputs which have been and are to be undertaken by the SMEWG in partnership with donor countries and agencies, and the private sector.

Several projects to enhance SMEs' competitiveness and resilience completed in the past year include the establishment of a Common Curriculum for Entrepreneurship in ASEAN. Best Practices on the Establishment of SME Financial Facility, and National E-commerce System Usage by ASEAN SMEs: Study on Growth Possibilities and Increase of Competitiveness. Meanwhile, there have been capacity building initiatives to improve human resources development for SMEs. The SMEWG is currently developing the ASEAN SME Innovation Awards to further promote SMEs in the region. However, much remains to be done in order to ensure that these projects are completed within their designated time period, while funding remains a challenge. Some of the SME-related initiatives have been implemented under the self-help or ASEAN-helps-ASEAN approach, whereby individual Member States mobilise their own resources for the implementation of SME development projects.

Public-Private Sector Engagement (PPE)

A large number of sectoral bodies, which have been established to support the implementation of ASEAN strategies and programmes in regional development and integration, have worked in consultation and collaboration with the private sector. Recently, PPE involves dialogues between the ASEAN Economic Ministers and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council plus representatives of industry associations such as the ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries and the ASEAN Automotive Federation. Such dialogues have produced several important recommendations which are under consideration of the relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies.

Joint participation in exposition and trade fairs has also taken place. The 6th ASEAN-CHINA EXPO (CAEXPO) held on 20-24 October 2009 in Nanning, China, has created opportunities for ASEAN enterprises to exhibit their products and to tap the potential of the huge ASEAN-China market and the enormous business opportunities between the two sides. The 7th CAEXPO on 20-24 October 2010 with the theme "CAFTA as a New Opportunity" will be an even larger event.

External Economic Relations

ASEAN's linkages with the regional and global economy continue to deepen and broaden as significant milestones in ASEAN's Plus One FTAs were achieved during this period.

1 January 2010 saw the realization of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) and the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA), which means that at least 90% of all products could be freely traded within the respective FTA. Also on this date, the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA), ASEAN's most comprehensive free trade agreement to date, and the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement, which brings ASEAN and India a notch closer to realising the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA), entered into force.

The period also saw the entry into force of the ASEAN-Korea Investment Agreement, signed in June 2009, and the ASEAN-China Investment Agreement, signed in August 2009. With the signing and entry into force of these important Agreements, the mandate of the Leaders under ASEAN's respective Framework Agreement with Korea and China have been completed. These developments leave the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) and the AIFTA as the remaining FTAs that have yet to conclude services and investment agreements with ASEAN. Both FTAs are exerting efforts to conclude negotiations in these two areas as soon as possible.

ASEAN is also in the middle of an emerging regional architecture in East Asia as both the ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit (EAS) processes are looking at the possibility of integrating their respective participating countries for an FTA, i.e. East Asia Free Trade Area (EAFTA) for the ASEAN+3 and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership for East Asia (CEPEA) for the EAS participating countries. As consolidation of ASEAN's Plus One FTAs begins, priority is being given to rules of origin, tariff nomenclature, customs procedures and economic cooperation.

Statistics Cooperation

The ASEAN Cooperation in Statistics continued to provide critical support to community building efforts through various initiatives aimed at improving data quality and comparability and building regional databases in key statistical domains.

Through the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) and in coordination with relevant ASEAN bodies and other data producing national institutions such as the central banks and customs offices, among others, and with assistance from ASEAN's dialogue partner countries and international statistical agencies such as the UN and UNESCAP Statistics Divisions, IMF, ILO, ADB and ERIA, the ASEAN Secretariat delivered the following outputs in 2009:

- (a) statistical publications such as the annual ASEAN Statistical Yearbook, AEC Chartbook, and ASEAN Community in Figures;
- (b) statistics updates on key economic and social indicators through the ASEAN website;
- (c) data support for economic policy discussion and monitoring and for ASEAN's external economic relations such as FTA negotiations, as well as for ASEAN Secretariat's communication and advocacy; and
- (d) data services for ASEAN government, academic, and research institutions, international organisations, business and media organisations, and other data users.

With the goal of further facilitating the building of knowledge in the ASEAN Community, ASEAN Secretariat has launched ASEANstats to strengthen its statistical service and coordination with national statistical systems. With assistance from the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building (EASCAB) Programme significant progress have been made to enhance the statistical capacity of ASEAN Secretariat and AMSs, towards improved statistics in international trade in goods and services and foreign direct investment and establishment of a regional database and data exchange system. Among the most important accomplishments were country assessments, along with indicative national programme in most AMSs to address the identified issues; data transmission protocol for trade in goods statistics; and preliminary adaptation of Eurotrace database system. The Programme

has also supported ASEAN's strategic planning and institutional building activities towards enhanced statistical governance and coordination.

Meanwhile, AHSOM has continued supporting initiatives to improve the system of national accounts, labour market statistics, and manufacturing statistics. AHSOM has also started to update and strengthen the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics to serve as a roadmap towards the establishment of the ASEAN Community Statistical System. The enhanced framework is envisioned to provide more concrete mandate for ASEAN Statistics in support of ASEAN and to clarify institutional roles at the regional and national levels.

ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council	
Established	1992, meets annually
Last Meeting	23 rd Meeting of AFTA Council, 13 August 2009, Bangkok
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

ASEAN, through the AFTA, has moved steadily closer towards the elimination of barriers to trade. The entry into force of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) will mark a significant milestone in trade liberalisation and facilitation for a free flow of goods. The ATIGA also improves transparency and will provide more facilitation to businesses and industries.

ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)

The ATIGA was signed by the ASEAN Member States and enters into force as soon as all ASEAN Member States deposit their instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The ATIGA consolidates and streamlines all the provisions in the Common Effective Preferential Tariff-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CEPT-AFTA) and economic cooperation agreements as relevant. It also comprises elements to ensure free flow of goods in ASEAN: tariff liberalisation, removal of non-tariff barriers, rules of origin, trade facilitation, customs, standards and conformance, and sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures.

Several follow-up actions subsequent to the entry into force of the ATIGA are being undertaken by Member States: to be done following the entry into force of the ATIGA:

- Institutional arrangements: Upon the entry into force of the ATIGA, Coordinating Committee on the ATIGA (CCA), the Sub-Committee on ASEAN Rules of Origin (SC-AROO) have been activated. In accordance with provisions of the ATIGA, two ASEAN committees will be established, namely the ASEAN Committee on SPS and the Joint Consultative Committee on Trade Facilitation.
- List of superseded agreements: Once the ATIGA enters into force, some agreements on economic integration will be superseded. The list of agreements to be superseded is being developed and will be annexed to the ATIGA.

Tariff Elimination

On 1 January 2010, ASEAN-6 eliminated tariffs on an additional 7,881 tariff lines, bringing down the number of tariff lines having zero duty to 54,467, or 99.65% of the traded tariff lines under the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT-AFTA). Of the 7,881 additional tariff lines that have zero duties, goods under the Priority Integration Sectors account for 24.15% of tariff lines, iron and steel account for 14.92%, machinery and mechanical appliances for 8.93%, and chemicals for 8.3%.

This additional tariff elimination brings the expected average tariff rate of ASEAN-6 to only 0.05% in 2010 from 0.79% in 2009.

For Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV), import duties on additional 2,003 tariff lines have been reduced to 0-5%, resulting in total 34,691 tariff lines or 98.96% of total tariff lines having 0-5% import duties.

The region continues its enhancement of the CEPT-AFTA Rules of Origin to further facilitate the integration of ASEAN into a single production base and to enhance competitiveness. The initiatives being pursued to this end are:

- Development of the Self Certification Scheme for Form D – The 23rd AFTA Council endorsed the “Work Plan Toward Operationalisation of Self Certification”. A Pilot Project of the Self Certification scheme has been established and is scheduled to take place in the fourth quarter of 2010.

- Enhancement of the Conventional Certificate of Origin (CO) Regime to address operational matters such as the loss of origin of ASEAN originating goods.
- Review of the CEPT Rules of Origin (ROO): The ASEAN Member States completed the 2009 revision of the CEPT/ATIGA PSRs, where 46 new Product Specific Rules (PSRs) were introduced. The Sectoral Study on the Most Appropriate ROO to facilitate the integration of production networks within ASEAN is being pursued having as priorities sectoral studies on automotive and iron and steel given their strategic nature.
- Endorsement of the harmonisation of the CO application procedures to be used as guidelines.
- Publication of the Comprehensive Revised CEPT ROO through the development of a CD-ROM on Rules of Origin in ASEAN.

Trade Facilitation

With tariff barriers, more attention is being given to measures of trade facilitation to support the realisation trade liberalisation and accordingly its benefits. The comprehensive ASEAN Work Programme on Trade Facilitation, adopted in 2008, was updated in 2009.

The ASEAN Trade Facilitation Assessment Framework and Indicators were also endorsed by the 23rd AFTA Council in 2009 as guidelines for Member States to assess the trade facilitation progress in ASEAN every two years, as stipulated in the ATIGA.

The trade facilitation assessment will be conducted through a common set of questionnaires, which is being finalised. A pilot project testing the questionnaire was conducted in Indonesia and Viet Nam in late 2009.

The Terms of Reference of the Joint Consultative Committee on Trade Facilitation was endorsed by the 23rd AFTA Council. This Committee will have its first meeting following the entry into force of the ATIGA.

Non-Tariff Barrier (NTB) Elimination

The 23rd AFTA noted the progress eliminating Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) in the second tranche in 2009 by ASEAN Member States and the submission of lists of NTBs to be eliminated in the third tranche. Verification and cross-verification of non-tariff measures that pose as barriers to trade are on track.

In supporting the implementation, ASEAN agreed to develop a set of guidelines for Import Licensing Procedures (ILP), Prohibitions, and Quantitative Restriction on a step-by-step basis, with a view to eliminating the NTB components of these measures.

Customs Integration

ASEAN Customs Administrations accelerated implementation of the Strategic Plan of Customs Development (SPCD) including measures such as the implementation of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document, the establishment of the ASEAN Customs Transit System and the regional framework of risk management. The ASEAN Agreement on Customs is being amended to support the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community.

ASEAN Customs revised the ASEAN Cargo Processing Model (by air) in cooperation with businesses and industries in 2009. This model was implemented in a pilot project undertaken by Malaysia and the Philippines at two international airports. ASEAN Customs also strengthened cooperation in customs enforcement and considered the development of a regional alert system to combat customs offences. The Risk Management Guide was being finalised with a view to enhance customs control while facilitating trade.

ASEAN Single Window (ASW)

The establishment of the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) has achieved substantial progress in the year under review. Most of the six ASEAN Members States that are committed to activate their National Single Windows (NSWs) before the end of 2008 have reached various stages of development of their NSWs. ASEAN established the regional data set and adopted the criteria of classification of data elements based on international standards. Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines have successfully conducted the exchange of information of preferential CO Form D in late 2009. The MOU for the ASW Pilot project is being finalised.

ASEAN Trade Repository

ASEAN is currently engaged in the design phase of the establishment of the ASEAN Trade Repository (ATR) as called for under Article 13 of the ATIGA. The ATR should serve as a single reference point for all tariff and non-tariff measures to be applied to goods entering, exiting and transiting a country, including all governmental requirements (documentation and procedures) applicable to specific goods and shipments.

Standards and Conformance

The harmonisation of standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment among the ASEAN Member States continues to take form towards the creation of a regional approach to address technical barriers to trade in ASEAN to support a single market and production base. Significant development includes the conclusion of the ASEAN-China MOU on Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment, which was signed on 25 October 2009. This milestone marks a new chapter in the ASEAN-China relations to enhance transparency in the area of standards and conformance between ASEAN and China. ASEAN and China will focus on exchange of information and sharing of expertise towards enhancing trade between both parties.

ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council	
Established	1998, meets annually
Last Meeting	12 th AIA Council, 14 August 2009, Bangkok
Senior Officials	Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)/SEOM

The ASEAN Comprehensive Framework Agreement on Investment was signed on 26 February 2009. This was in keeping with the aim of attracting more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the region, maintaining the momentum and maximising the benefits of sustained inflows of FDI to the region.

Under ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA), investment liberalisation will be progressive, with a view towards achieving a free and open investment environment in the region, in line with the goals of the ASEAN Economic Community. ACIA provisions include comprehensive investment provisions on the four main pillars i.e. liberalisation, protection, facilitation and promotion and new forward-looking ACIA provisions such as:

- provisions for a more liberal, facilitative, transparent and competitive investment environment based on international best practices;
- further improvements to existing ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) and ASEAN Investment Guarantee Agreement (IGA) provisions such as Investment Disputes between an Investor and a Member State (ISDS) and Transfer and Treatment of Investments;
- prohibition of performance requirements;
- provisions that facilitate the inflow of key foreign managerial and senior management personnel.

FDI into ASEAN remained at a relatively stable level of US\$39.6 billion in 2009 in the face of challenging global economic circumstances. The EU was ASEAN's largest investor at US\$7.3 billion while intra-ASEAN flows remained positive at US\$4.4 billion.

ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)	
Established	1997, meets annually
Last Meeting	14 th AFMM, 8 April 2010, Nha Trang, Viet Nam
Senior Officials	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM)

Key initiatives under the Roadmap for Monetary and Financial Integration of ASEAN have remained on track. In the area of financial services liberalisation, the 4th Package of Commitments on Financial Services Liberalisation under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) has entered into force in 2009. In April 2010, a new modality for financial services liberalisation, which is based on pre-agreed flexibilities, was endorsed by the Finance Ministers. This modality will guide the negotiations for the fifth round of financial services liberalisation to be completed by end-December 2010.

Work has likewise intensified on capital market development. Following the endorsement in April 2009 of the "Implementation Plan to Promote the Development of an Integrated Capital Market", disclosure standards for multi-jurisdictional offerings of securities have been adopted in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. A Memorandum of Understanding among six ASEAN Exchanges (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam) was signed to establish an electronic link among ASEAN Exchanges and an ASEAN Electronic Board. Work on cross-border offerings, particularly on the development of mutual recognition framework for market professionals as well as cross-border offerings of debt securities and collective investment schemes, is also underway.

Capital account liberalisation is progressing well. With the exception of Lao PDR and Myanmar, all ASEAN Member States have adopted Article VIII of the IMF's Articles of Agreement on the Removal of Restrictions on Making Payments and Transfer for Current Account Transactions (i.e., financial flows that support exports and imports of goods and services). Member States have also finalised their self-assessment and identification of rules appropriate for liberalisation of regulations related to capital movements. The results of that assessment indicate that most ASEAN Member States have been liberal in their capital account regimes.

To further support the region's finance integration initiatives, the "Combined Studies on Assessing the ASEAN Financial Landscape and Developing Milestones for Financial and Monetary Integration" has been commissioned with funding support from the Asian Development Bank. The studies aim to undertake a comprehensive assessment of financial sector regimes in ASEAN, and to develop milestone blueprints toward achieving financial and monetary integration for ASEAN 5 and the Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (BCLMV) countries by 2015.

ASEAN also continued to implement programmes under the ASEAN-World Bank partnership that established the Infrastructure Financing Network which serves as a forum for policy dialogue, networking, and capacity building for infrastructure development and financing. To enhance regional surveillance capacity of the ASEAN Secretariat, the Finance Ministers endorsed the operational structure and preliminary budget of the new Macroeconomic and Finance Surveillance Office (MFSO). The MFSO is expected to be operational by the second half of 2010.

Cooperation within the ASEAN+3 finance process gained momentum. An enlarged US\$120 billion swap arrangement under the multilateralisation of the Chiang Mai Initiative (CMIM) took effect in March. The CMIM signifies the most significant collective response of ASEAN, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea to the global financial crisis. To support the implementation of CMIM, an independent regional monitoring and surveillance unit, called ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), will be established in Singapore early next year. In May, the ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers launched the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) to improve the quality of bond issuance, especially corporate bonds, thus allowing qualified private sector enterprises to participate in and benefit from regional bond market development. CGIF is expected to start operations before the end of 2010.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

Established	1979, meets annually
Last Meeting	31 st AMAF, 10 November 2009, Bandar Seri Begawan
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF)

Over the past year, the region was faced with new and renewed challenges, including the financial crisis and the growing impact of climate change. The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) has responded timely to this challenges.

Embracing food security continue to be a high regional priority in line with the objectives of the World Food Summit and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The implementation of the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and the Strategic Plan of Action on Food Security (SPA-FS) has made a good progress through strengthened cooperation with Dialogue Partners, international and civil organisations by carrying out awareness programme, research studies, and technical assistance. In support of ensuring food security within the process of the ASEAN community building, the ASEAN and Plus Three countries agreed to the establishment of a permanent mechanism under the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR). The APTERR Agreement is expected to be signed at the 10th AMAF Plus Three Meeting in late 2010 in Cambodia.

Responding to the impact of climate change, ASEAN has made a timely move towards developing a regional strategic framework covering crops, livestock, forestry and fisheries sectors. AMAF endorsed the “ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security” which will be undertaken through mitigation and adaptation measures and a cross-sectoral coordination mechanism to address the impact of climate change ultimately ensuring stable food supply in the region.

Enhancing the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry products continue to progress under the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint through the development of standards and guidelines. During the past year, ASEAN completed the development of: (i) seven ASEAN Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs); (ii) ASEAN Standards for Young Coconut, Banana, Garlic, and Shallot; (iii) ASEAN Criteria for Accreditation of Milk Processing Establishment; (iv) ASEAN Guidelines on Phased Approach to Forest Certification; and (v) ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for Legality of Timber. As part of the efforts to control

and prevent animal diseases in the region, the Veterinary Biologics Assay Division (VBAD) Pakchong, Thailand was designated as the ASEAN Animal Vaccine Testing Laboratory for eight animal vaccines. To strengthen the joint bargaining position and trade promotion for eleven agricultural and forestry products, the “Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on ASEAN Co-operation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme” was signed by the Ministers on 11 November 2009.

ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)

Established	1980, meets annually
Last Meeting	27 th AMEM, 29 July 2009, Mandalay, Myanmar
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)

To date, the ASEAN energy cooperation has achieved significant milestones in seeking strategies and actions for ensuring greater energy security and sustainable energy development in the region through the guidance of the ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation (APAEC). The current APAEC, adopted at the 27th AMEM in July 2009 in Mandalay, Myanmar, is in its third cycle, and is being implemented for the period of 2010 until 2015.

The implementation of the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP) project advanced further with a total length of approximately 2,300 km ongoing eight bilateral gas pipeline interconnection projects. The TAGP aims to interconnect the gas pipeline infrastructure of ASEAN Member States and to enable gas to be transported across the borders of the Member States.

The construction of the ASEAN Power Grid (APG), a flagship programme mandated in 1997 by the Heads of States/Government under the ASEAN Vision 2020 towards ensuring energy security in the region, is progressing well with four ongoing interconnection projects and additional eleven projects, which are planned for interconnection until 2015. The MOU on ASEAN Power Grid has entered into force in June 2009. For the period of 2010-2012, APG will work on the completion of the key bilateral connections by 2011, namely Udon Thani (Thailand)-Nabong (Lao PDR) and Lao PDR-Cambodia.

Significant increase of activities have been undertaken in the ASEAN energy efficiency and conservation cooperation sector as well as in renewable energy. They cover numerous institutional capacity building programmes, increasing private sector involvement in ASEAN energy efficiency and conservation (EE&C) and renewable energy (RE)

programmes, and in expanding markets for EE and RE products. The APAEC 2010-2015 sets target for ASEAN to pursue the aspirational goal of reducing regional energy intensity of at least 8% by 2015 based on 2005 levels and to achieve 15% collective target for regional renewable energy in the total power installed capacity by 2015.

In coal sector, due to the increasing demand of fuel for electricity generation as well as in the industrial sector, more coal power projects are moving forward, with increasing preference to use clean coal technologies.

ASEAN energy cooperation with its Dialogue Partners has been progressive. Joint programmes under the ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit (EAS) energy cooperation frameworks have strengthened to mutually seek the mitigation of the economic impacts of increasing energy costs. Formal consultations with the European Union towards cooperation partnership in the energy sector has been established and ASEAN is working towards formalisation of its dialogue with Russia and the US.

ASEAN, in addition, maintain its institutional coordination and cooperation with the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), ASEAN Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE) and the Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA) in the implementation of various energy cooperation projects and activities.

The 28th AMEM will be held in Viet Nam on 22-23 July 2010.

ASEAN Ministers on Minerals (AMMin)	
Established	2005, meets at least once in three years
Last Meeting	Inaugural AMMin, 4 August 2005, Kuching, Malaysia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM)

Through the AMMin, ASEAN pursued joint projects and activities to build capacities and develop policies and programmes in trade and investment promotion/facilitation, minerals database development, environmentally-friendly mining and mineral processing. These initiatives were undertaken pursuant to the Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals and the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (2005-2010).

In a move to foster closer cooperative partnership with China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, and other regional/international organisations in research and development in mineral resource development and geosciences, and technology transfer, ASEAN launched the ASEAN+3 Consultative Meeting on Minerals Cooperation (ASOMM+3) in June 2007 in conjunction with the 8th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM) and the meetings of the four ASOMM working groups (on minerals information and database; trade and investment in minerals; sustainable mineral development; and capacity building in minerals) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Among the completed projects through the ASOMM+3 consultations were: the Recovery and Recycling Training Programme of Minerals and Metals for ASEAN Member Countries; the Development of an ASEAN Minerals Information and Database System; the ASEAN Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility in Mining Industry; and the Seminar on the Rules and Regulations for Minerals Resources Development in ASEAN.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)	
Established	1980, meets annually (including informal meetings)
Last Meeting	13 th AMMST, 6 November 2009, Singapore
Senior Officials	Committee on Science and Technology (COST)

During the period under review, the AMMST welcomed the efforts of the ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST) to formally establish science and technology (S&T) cooperation with Japan through the ASEAN-Japan Cooperation Committee on Science and Technology (AJCCST) and with the European Commission (EC) through the ASEAN-EC Dialogue Meeting on Science and Technology.

The Ministers noted with appreciation the concerted efforts by the lead countries in finalising the draft roadmaps for the flagship programmes in Early Warning Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction; Biofuels; Development and Application of Open Source Systems; Functional Food; and Climate Change. The Ministers also noted the efforts to finalise the roadmap on Health.

The Ministers endorsed the vision statements of the flagship programmes roadmaps and tasked the respective lead countries, in consultation with Member States, to work on a clear implementation plan for each of the roadmaps to ensure that the 2015 targets are

achieved. The Ministers reiterated that the implementation of the cost-sharing mechanism as reflected in APAST (2007-2011) is essential for the execution of the flagship programmes implemented by other sectoral bodies and coordination of efforts among relevant sectoral bodies should also be pursued.

The Ministers have tasked the ASEAN Secretariat to explore the possibility of convening appropriate Committees of the Whole to discuss cross-cutting interventions and activities under the flagship programmes.

The need to undertake a study on the state of S&T development in ASEAN in order to determine the S&T capacities of Member States as well as identify possible technology niches in each Member State has been identical.

ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)	
Established	2001, meets annually
Last Meeting	9 th TELMIN, 16 October 2009, Vientiane
Senior Officials	ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM); ASEAN Telecommunications' Regulators Council (ATRC)

ASEAN has made significant advances in information and communication technology (ICT) cooperation and development and contributed at various levels to the ASEAN community building process.

The ASEAN ICT Master Plan will serve as a guiding principle for ICT cooperation and partnership in the region. The ICT Master Plan is scheduled to be launched by the 10th TELMIN in November 2010, in Kuala Lumpur.

Acknowledging the importance of high-speed, high-capacity broadband connections as an essential element in the information society which will bring wide economic and social benefits, the 9th TELMIN held in October 2009 issued the "Vientiane Declaration on Promoting the Realisation of Broadband across ASEAN". The

Declaration emphasised the promotion of and coordination on broadband policy and practice within all sectors in the region in order to make a full and effective use of the ICT networks. Key initiatives are being implemented, such as ASEAN Internet Exchange, broadband provision in the Universal Service Obligation, network security, the ASEAN Cyberkids Camp and the ICT applications for sustainable development, e.g. Data and SMS Roaming Charges, and Green ICT.

The ICT cooperation with Dialogue Partners (China, the European Union, India, Japan and the Republic of Korea) is progressing well at all levels. The areas of mutual interest cover a broad range such as rural communications, spectrum policy, ICT for industry/SME, e-farmers, tele-education and tele-health, etc. The first contribution of US\$100,000 from Japan has been received by ASEAN to implement ICT projects of mutual interest.

The regional ICT regulatory framework is reviewed annually with an aim to develop a responsive and enable environment for trade and investment in the region. The ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Work Plan in 2010 has set a substantive agenda for ASEAN ICT regulators to jointly collaborate amongst themselves and with the industry and Dialogue Partners, especially on information security and resources management (e.g. frequency, digital dividend and infrastructure sharing). Initial discussions have been made toward regulatory aspects of new media and measure to maintain a safe and positive use of the internet. The ATRC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for telecommunication equipment is progressing well. Amendment to the ATRC MRA is being drafted to include Standard Equivalence for Telecommunications Equipment.

The ASEAN ICT Fund, which was set up in 2005, is being effectively utilised to support ICT projects and activities. There have been a total of 21 projects supported by the Fund since 2007. The first batch of the seconded officials to the ASEAN ICT Centre has successfully completed their tasks in supporting implementation of TELSOM Projects. The second batch of AICTC officials will take over in November 2010.

The 10th TELMIN Meeting will be held in Malaysia in November 2010.

ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)	
Established	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	15 th ATM, 10 December 2009, Ha Noi
Senior Officials	Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)

Transport is a key sector in achieving connectivity among Member states and is important in supporting the realization of the three-pillars of the ASEAN Community. In the past year, transport development and connectivity took on greater significance in the context of strengthened cooperation for economic recovery in the face of the global economic crisis.

The goal of opening-up ASEAN skies achieved a significant milestone with the entry into force in October 2009 of the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on Air Services and the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalisation of Air Freight Services. The implementation of these air agreements mean unrestricted access to all ASEAN capital cities for passenger services and to all ASEAN cities for cargo services. The scope of air passenger services is also expected to further expand to other ASEAN cities through the conclusion and endorsement in principle by the 15th ATM of the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalisation of Passenger Air Services (MAFLPAS). The commitment to broaden and deepen the liberalisation of air transport ancillary services in the region saw further progress with the conclusion and signing of the Protocol to implement the 6th Package of Air Transport Services Commitments under the AFAS.

To advance the goal of seamless transport of goods, the ASEAN Transit Transport Coordinating Board convened its inaugural meeting in November 2009. This is an important step to speed up the completion of all necessary regulatory and procedural foundations for the implementation of the three transport facilitation agreements – the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit, ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport, and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport.

To address maritime safety, ASEAN maritime transport authorities also signed a memorandum of understanding on Cooperation Relating to Marine Casualty and Marine Incident Safety Investigations to serve as framework for strengthening cooperation and mutual assistance of ASEAN Member States in marine safety investigation.

The development of the ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan (ASTP) 2011-2015 also commenced this year. The ASTP will define the sector's priorities in the next five years and the long term vision for ASEAN transport cooperation beyond 2015 as well as support the development of the ASEAN master plan on regional connectivity.

Cooperation with Dialogue Partners continued to strengthen. The Manila Action Plan to implement ASEAN-Japan cooperation in environmental improvement in the transport sector and transport statistics progressed in identifying and defining specific cooperation initiatives. The development of an ASEAN-China transport cooperation through implementation of the Strategic Plan for ASEAN and China Transport Cooperation and ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Agreement also pressed on, with ongoing efforts to conclude an MOU on ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism and an ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement. Transport cooperation with the Republic of Korea commenced formally, with the convening of the First ATM-ROK Meeting.

Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)	
Established	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	13 th M-ATM, 24 January 2010, Bandar Seri Begawan
Senior Officials	Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)

Notwithstanding the global economic slowdown in 2009, ASEAN tourism performed well and continues to grow. The record of total international visitor arrivals into ASEAN in 2009 was in positive growth of 0.1% compared to 2008, with more than 65.6 million arrivals. Intra-ASEAN travel was the major contributor, with 47% share or 30.8 million total arrivals in 2009.



The ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (ATSP) 2011-2015 is being finalised for adoption by the ASEAN Tourism Ministers in January 2011, with the major role to identify key principles of ASEAN tourism integration towards the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015 and to address the many opportunities and challenges to the industry.

Further to the adoption of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Tourism Professionals, the MRA follow-up implementation requirements, including capacity development, were endorsed by the Ministers. In expediting the implementation, the first ASEAN Tourism Professional Monitoring Committee (ATPMC) meeting would be held in mid 2010 in Indonesia.

The ASEAN Youth Travellers Year in 2009 was conducted through a tactical youth travellers campaign and several youth related events, including the ASEAN Youth Tourism Ambassador Project in Thailand, the ASEAN Family Rally in Thailand, the 1st ASEAN Plus Three Youth Tourism Students Summit in June 2009 in Indonesia and the 1st ASEAN Youth Football Cup in Thailand.

The new ASEAN tourism marketing strategy initiated by ASEANTA using “Southeast Asia: Feel the Warmth” as the tagline, was launched in March 2010. This strategy, utilising a dynamic and interactive website (www.SoutheastAsia.org), highlights multi-destination travel within ASEAN Member States.

The ASEAN Promotional Chapter for Tourism (APCT) in Sydney conducted its joint activities through the production of promotional materials and participation in international tourism events in Australia in 2009. In further expanding the ASEAN joint marketing efforts in major source markets, APCTs in Mumbai and Dubai were established.

The workshop on ASEAN Tourism Corridor Development held in Phnom Penh on 21 July 2009 identified the ASEAN Tourism Development Corridors based on the available/planned special zone/corridors in the respective ASEAN Member States as well as in ASEAN sub-regions.

In providing recognition to hotels that fulfilled the ASEAN Green Hotel Standards, the Second ASEAN Green Hotel Award was held in January 2010 in Bandar Seri Begawan, with 155 awardees.

The ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) 2010 was held on 21-28 January 2010 in Bandar Seri Begawan with the theme “ASEAN, the Heart of Green: Ten destinations, One Conservation Vision” was attended

by more than 370 international buyers and more than 750 sellers in ASEAN. The ATF 2011 will be convened in Phnom Penh on 15-21 January 2011 under the theme “ASEAN, a World of Wonders and Diversity”.

ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)	
Established	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	11 th Ministerial Meeting on AMBDC, 16 August 2009, Bangkok
Senior Officials	AMBDC Steering Committee Meeting

The AMBDC provides a critical and important link to the development cooperation framework of the Mekong riparian states. The AMBDC's overall objectives are to advance ASEAN integration by enhancing economically sound and sustainable development of the Mekong Basin; encourage a process of dialogue and common project identification to achieve economic partnerships for mutual benefit; and strengthen interconnections and economic linkages between ASEAN Member States and Mekong riparian countries.

To date, there are 46 projects being implemented in the areas of infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, forestry and minerals, industry, tourism, human resource development, and science and technology.

Ministers recognised the importance of the involvement of countries, particularly the Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) countries, at every stage in the conceptualisation and formulation of projects to ensure that activities are tailored to their specific needs and serve the objectives of the ASEAN Economic Community.

Ministers continue to place priority on the AMBDC's flagship project, the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL), and noted its progress of activities.

Ministers also noted the Study to Realign the AMBDC Process with the ASEAN Economic Community and agreed in principle to give priority to three areas of development cooperation under the new AMBDC framework: (i) Trade and Investment; (ii) Human Resource Development; and (iii) Transport Infrastructure since these areas are the most crucial in supporting the ASEAN Economic Community objectives.



**ASEAN
Socio-Cultural Community
(ASCC)**

ASEAN's determination to realising the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) by 2015 remains strong and focused. The 11 ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and their subsidiary bodies under the purview of the ASCC have already developed the necessary work plans in support of the implementation of various actions in order to achieve the objectives set forth in the ASCC Blueprint. In the past year, ASEAN has made significant progress in a number of areas which have direct impact on the livelihood and welfare of its peoples.

ASEAN's effort to build disaster-resilient nations and safer communities received a boost when the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response entered into force on 24 December 2009. The Agreement also paved the way in setting up an ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management and an ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief Fund.

In order to help realise the ASEAN Leaders' vision for an ASEAN Community resilient to climate change as well as supporting national and global efforts to combat climate change, ASEAN continued to show its strong efforts through the development and implementation of various new policies, strategies and programmes. As regards ASEAN's continued commitment to address climate change, the ASEAN Leaders issued the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Joint Response to Climate Change at the 14th ASEAN Summit held in Ha Noi on 9 April 2010.

The year under review also saw another milestone of ASEAN in its efforts to promote and protect the rights of women and children. Following the adoption of its Terms of Reference, the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children was established on 7 April 2010 on the occasion of the 3rd ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Meeting which was held back-to-back with the 16th ASEAN Summit.

As the 16th ASEAN Summit in April 2010 reiterated the need to develop a regional pandemic preparedness plan as called for in the ASCC Blueprint, ASEAN supported by several Dialogue Partners and the UN is preparing an unprecedented Multi-sectoral Pandemic Preparedness and Response Table Top Exercise in August 2010. It will involve key personnel from different sectors of each ASEAN Member State (civil and defence representatives); other regional and international organisations and observers from other regional organisations. Its objective is to improve the multi-sectoral whole of society capabilities of ASEAN both individually and collectively to prepare for and respond to a severe pandemic with potentially devastating effects on the region.

Recognising the need to develop a strategic approach to raise the competitiveness of its peoples, ASEAN Leaders adopted the Cha-Am Hua Hin Declaration on Strengthening Cooperation on Education to Achieve an ASEAN Caring and Sharing Community at the 15th ASEAN Summit on 24 October 2009. The implementation of the Declaration will further strengthen the education sector's role in the political, economic and socio-cultural pillars of an ASEAN Community that is people-centred and socially responsible.

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council

Established	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	3 rd Meeting of ASCC Council, 7 April 2010, Ha Noi

The ASCC Council oversees and coordinates activities of 11 ASEAN sectoral ministerial bodies in the socio-cultural community area. Its main mandate is to ensure the implementation of the relevant decisions of the ASEAN Summit and coordinate the work of different sectors under its purview in order to realise the objectives of the ASCC. To help operationalise the work of the ASCC Council, the Rules of Procedure of the ASCC Council was endorsed at the 1st ASCC Council Meeting held on 24 August 2009 in Bangkok.

Following its 1st Meeting, the ASCC Council had convened the 2nd and 3rd Meetings on 22 October 2009 in Cha-am Hua Hin, Thailand, and on 7 April 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, respectively. The three Meetings reviewed and provided strategic guidance for the implementation of the ASCC Blueprint. The Meetings also considered possible deliverables at the ASEAN Summits arising from priority areas identified by the ASCC Council.

The ASCC Council is assisted by the Senior Officials Committee for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOCA). SOCA comprises senior official representatives of Member States and their task is to prepare for the meetings of the ASCC Council. Its main task is to come up with policy recommendation for the consideration of the Council and report on the progress of implementation of the ASCC Blueprint. SOCA usually meets one day prior to the ASCC Council.

In an effort to enhance public awareness, shape public perceptions and generate greater participation of the general public in building the ASCC by 2015, the ASCC Council Meeting adopted the ASCC Communication Plan at its third Meeting. The Communication Plan would also encourage all Member States to embark on sustained activities to promote and bring the community-building efforts to the national level.

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)

Established	1989, meets once in 18 months
Last Meeting	10 th AMRI, 5 November 2009, Vientiane
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI)

ASEAN's efforts to promote the ASEAN awareness through the information sector is being implemented through recurring projects such as the ASEAN-in-Action (AiA) radio programme and ASEAN Television News (ATN) exchange. Both projects are into their 16th year of implementation. These two projects have allowed the audience in ASEAN to be updated on current affairs in the region. The ATN in particular has extended beyond the ASEAN region to Europe through the provision of ATN news to Eurovision. ASEAN awareness was also raised with the convening of the 4th ASEAN Quiz at the national and regional levels. The information sector also produced a DVD of ASEAN Pop Songs and an ASEAN Computer Game.

In the area of ASEAN digital broadcasting cooperation, the 10th AMRI agreed to adopt a phased approach towards Analogue Switch-off over a period of time from 2015 to 2020, depending on the readiness of the Member States. In order to meet the demand of digital content, the Ministers called for more collaboration among ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Dialogue Partners, such as China, Japan, the Republik of Korea and the European Union, to co-produce digital content and promote the exchange of content on digital terrestrial TV deployment and capacity building. Further action was taken by the 8th ASEAN Digital Broadcasting Meeting held on 24-25 November 2009 in Ha Noi, during which they agreed to develop guidelines on digital switch-over to facilitate the Member States in moving the agenda on digitisation.

The cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus Three countries in the information sector has entered a new level with the convening of the 1st Conference of the AMRI+3 back-to-back with the 10th AMRI. At the Meeting, the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information noted that information and media cooperation between ASEAN and Plus Three countries would promote greater understanding and strengthen community building in the region. The Ministers explored ways in which ASEAN and the Plus Three countries could collaborate in the information sector, including in digital broadcasting, co-productions in digital content and media exchanges. As a follow-up to the Meeting, a work plan is being developed to enhance cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus Three countries through information and media for 2010-2015.

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)	
Established	2003, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	4 th AMCA Meeting, Clark, the Philippines, 25-26 March 2010
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting for Culture and Arts (SOMCA)

ASEAN continues to enhance cooperation in the areas of culture and arts. The 4th AMCA endorsed the Work Plans of the Working Groups set up by SOMCA that focuses on human resources development; the protection, preservation and promotion of ASEAN cultural heritage; and, the development of small and medium-sized cultural enterprises.

In order to raise ASEAN awareness in the region, various activities have been implemented, such as the Best of ASEAN Performing Arts, a series of cultural events showcasing the richness and diversity of performing arts in the region. The series has reached its half way mark; Myanmar and Malaysia performed in the period under review.

The ASEAN Festival of Arts is another event to raise ASEAN awareness. Held in conjunction with the 4th AMCA, the theme of the 4th ASEAN Festival of Arts is "The Best of ASEAN". Ministers witnessed performances ranging from plays, exhibits, dance performances, musical shows, films or books.

The ASEAN City of Culture was inaugurated in Clark, Pampanga, the Philippines in March 2010, coinciding with the hosting of the 4th AMCA. For the next two years, the Philippines will showcase ASEAN's rich cultural heritage through cultural programmes and festivals. The broad objective of the ASEAN City of Culture initiative is to strengthen ASEAN identity and raise the profile of ASEAN in the region and internationally, to celebrate ASEAN arts and culture and promote the growth of the region's creative industries, and to promote people-to-people engagement through practitioners, next generation artists and the public, cultivating long-lasting friendship among the peoples of ASEAN.

Steady progress was also achieved in engagement with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and the Plus Three Countries in the areas of culture and arts, including the finalisation of the Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the Governments of the Member States of ASEAN and Russian Federation and the development of an ASEAN Plus Three Work Plan containing concrete programmes and projects to steer cultural cooperation between the ASEAN Member States and the Plus Three countries.

The next SOMCA and AMCA meetings are scheduled to be held in 2012 in Singapore.

ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)	
Established	2006, meets annually
Last Meeting	5 th ASED Meeting, 28 January 2010, Cebu City, the Philippines
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOMED)

As ASEAN moves towards the establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015, ASEAN utilises education as a means to raise the competitiveness of individual Member States as well as ASEAN as a region. At the 5th ASED Meeting, the Ministers welcomed the adoption of the Cha-Am Hua Hin Declaration on Strengthening Cooperation on Education to Achieve an ASEAN Caring and Sharing Community by the ASEAN Leaders during the 15th ASEAN Summit on 24 October 2009. The implementation of the Declaration is expected to strengthen the education sector's role in the political, economic and socio-cultural pillars of an ASEAN Community that is people-centred and socially responsible. In that context, the five year work plan is currently being drawn up, taking into consideration the activities of ASEAN and the ASEAN University Network (AUN) and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) and its regional centres.

Various projects on community building for primary and secondary school levels have also been initiated and convened in 2009. Towards the development of a common curriculum framework on ASEAN for reference by primary and secondary school teachers, there is a need to develop cost effective technology applications for the project to reach both teachers and students in ASEAN Member States and beyond. The ASEAN Student Exchange Programme conducted its ninth programme in June 2009 in Singapore to strengthen network and regional collaboration among school principals. The 2nd Malaysia-ASEAN School Linkage Programme was convened in June 2009 in Kuala Lumpur and Terengganu, Malaysia. The ASEAN Primary School Sport Olympiad (APSSO), led by Indonesia, was conducted successfully for the third time in November 2009 in Jakarta, where young ASEAN students competed in athletics, badminton, chess, football and table tennis.

Numerous university-level forums have also been convened. 118 university students from ASEAN and 30 university students from Japan attended the Japan-ASEAN Student Conference that was held on 13-19 November 2009 in Japan. A Sendai Joint Statement was issued following the conference. The 11th AUN Educational Forum and Young Speakers Contest was hosted by the Universitas Indonesia on 17-24 June 2009 under the theme “Global Economic Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities for ASEAN”.

The ASEAN University Network, which comprises 22 leading universities in ASEAN, has initiated the ASEAN Credit Transfer System, which aims to enhance and facilitate student mobility among AUN member universities. The system is scheduled for implementation in AUN member universities in 2010 and is expected to be open to non-AUN member universities in 2011. Meanwhile, more quality assessment exercises under the AUN Actual Quality Assessment have been held to maintain, improve and enhance teaching, research and overall academic standards among member universities.

In short, all the above-mentioned initiatives have served as fora to strengthen networking among ASEAN schools and universities, teachers and students, and contribute to the development of ASEAN education cooperation, youth leadership and competitiveness of young people.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)

Established	2004, meets as necessary
Last Meeting	1 st AMMDM, 7-8 December 2004, Phnom Penh
Senior Officials	ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)

The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), which entered into force on 24 December 2009, is ASEAN’s response to the need to establish a regional disaster management framework. It contains provisions on disaster risk identification, monitoring and early warning, prevention and mitigation, preparedness and response, recovery, technical cooperation and research, mechanisms for coordination, and simplified customs and immigration procedures in times of emergency. The Agreement also provides for the setting up of an ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) and an ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (ADMER) Fund.

Work is progressing on the implementation of several provisions under the Agreement. Standby arrangements and standard operating procedures, annual exercises, training and capacity building, disaster information sharing and communication network, rapid assessment team, have been set up or put into practice. A five-year Work Programme has also been developed to continue the work that has been done in the past and to translate the provisions in the Agreement into concrete actions. In addition, good practices and lessons learnt from the Cyclone Nargis experience will be used and institutionalised to provide reference for the implementation of AADMER in the future.

The annual ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (code-named ARDEX) is conducted to test the national government’s capabilities in responding to disasters as well as collaboration between ASEAN Members States in assisting the affected country using the Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations (SASOP). The SASOP has been validated through the annual ARDEX and was activated subsequent to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar in May 2008. Through SASOP, the ACDM for the first time deployed an ASEAN-Emergency Rapid Assessment Team (ERAT) to conduct assessments in the cyclone-affected areas. The ACDM, in coordination with the ASEAN Defence Senior Officials (ADSOM), is currently finalising the remaining chapter under SASOP, i.e. Chapter VI on the Facilitation and Utilisation of Military Assets and Capacities.

Anticipating the entry into force of AADMER, the ACDM had developed a Work Programme to guide the implementation of AADMER in the next five years. The AADMER Work Programme was adopted by the 15th Meeting of the ACDM in March 2010 as a rolling plan. The AADMER Work Programme will be launched to the partners and relevant stakeholders through a Partnership Conference in May 2010.

At the 15th ASEAN Summit in October 2009, the Leaders tasked the ACDM “to ensure a fully operational AHA Centre”. In view of this, the ACDM set up a Task Force, comprising the ACDM Chair and Vice Chair, Indonesia as Host Government, Interim AHA Centre and the ASEAN Secretariat, to fast-track the setting up and operationalisation of the AHA Centre. The Task Force is currently developing the operational, structure and legal details for the AHA Centre, including the requirements to ensure that the AHA Centre can serve as the operational engine of AADMER.

As in previous years, ASEAN, in collaboration with the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, organised joint activities to commemorate the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management in conjunction with the International Day for Disaster Reduction in October 2009. The regional drawing competition was targeted for school children with the theme of 'Safe Hospital, Hospitals in ASEAN Safe from Disaster'.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)	
Established	1981, meets once in three years, annual informal meetings in between
Last Meeting	11 th AMME, 29 October 2009, Singapore
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)

The ASEAN Environment Ministers met in Singapore on 29 October 2009 on the occasion of the 11th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment to review ongoing regional cooperation that addresses emerging environmental issues as well as discuss and adopt activities to implement the environment sustainability component of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2009-2015. At this meeting, the Ministers adopted the Singapore Resolution on Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change in response to the 2007 ASEAN Summit Declaration on Environmental Sustainability and the 2009 ASEAN Summit Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the 5th Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

The Ministers endorsed the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Climate Change Initiative (ACCI) and established an ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change to implement the ACCI and to promote closer and deeper regional cooperation on climate change.

The Ministers launched the Fourth ASEAN State of the Environment Report 2009, which outlines the status and trends of environmental quality in the region, the challenges faced and measures taken. The Report serves as a useful reference for all ASEAN partners in addressing regional and global environmental issues.

The Ministers, at the 11th AMME, approved the Mount Kitanglad Range Natural Park in the Philippines as the 28th ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP). The AHP is an ASEAN environmental flagship initiative that aims to establish a regional network of national protected areas conserving critical representative ecosystems in ASEAN.

The Ministers adopted the ASEAN Mechanism to Enhance Surveillance Against Illegal Desludging and Disposal of Tanker Sludge at Sea, to coordinate efforts among ASEAN Member States in controlling tanker desludging activities and in promoting proper disposal of the tanker sludge at approved disposal facilities.

As part of the implementation of the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan 2008-2012 adopted by the Ministers in 2008, the ASEAN Plus Three Youth Forum 2010: Creating a Climate for Change was held on 22-25 April 2010 in Brunei Darussalam in conjunction with Earth Day 2010 celebration. The Forum provided an opportunity to exchange experiences, network and discuss ways and means to advocate to other youths and stakeholders the importance of achieving a climate-resilient ASEAN region through environmental protection.

Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	
Established	2003, meets at least once every year
Last Meeting	COP-5, 29 October 2009, Singapore
Senior Officials	Committee under COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

Despite the weakening of the El Niño phenomena, the southern ASEAN region experienced an increase in hotspots from March to April 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. The northern ASEAN region also experienced severe fires and transboundary smoke haze pollution in the dry season of January to April 2010, mostly caused by slash-and-burn activities.

ASEAN continued to implement concrete on-the-ground activities to address land and forest fires in the region. The Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution, comprising the five ASEAN Member States most affected by the haze – Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand has met eight times since its establishment in November 2006.

The MSC Member States assisted Indonesia in enhancing its capacity to deal with land and forest fires in fire-prone districts/regencies. Indonesia has further strengthened the national and provincial level activities through its Plan of Action in Dealing with Transboundary Haze Pollution, including the formulation of a new action plan to realise its commitment of 26% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, and 20% hotspots reduction every year beginning 2010, using the 2006 levels as baseline. Singapore and Malaysia have been implementing projects in Jambi

Province and Riau Province respectively. The MSC Member States agreed to explore MSC Joint Collaboration Projects in other fire-prone areas in Indonesia following the success of these bilateral projects.

The Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (TWG Mekong), comprising Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam, agreed to set targets on hotspots reduction and air quality for the Mekong sub-region. The TWG also strengthened their cooperation in obtaining comprehensive air quality data for the whole sub-region, whereby Thailand sent its mobile air quality monitoring units to be stationed in Lao PDR and Myanmar during dry seasons.

The COP endorsed the regional work programme to implement the Haze Agreement. A four-year project on Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatland Forests in Southeast Asia, with a grant of US\$4.3 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) is being implemented since July 2009. The project will promote sustainable use of peatlands and alternative livelihoods, and help reduce poverty among local communities while preventing land and forest fires as peatlands are a major source of smoke haze in the region.

ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)	
Established	1980, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	9 th AHMM, 9-10 October 2008, Manila
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)

ASEAN Regional Health Cooperation has focused on communicable diseases including emerging infectious diseases, HIV and AIDS and pandemic preparedness. Enhancing food safety, pharmaceutical development, traditional medicine, and tobacco control were also addressed. In line with ASCC Blueprint, the ASEAN Work Plan on Health Development (2010-2015) is being developed to also cover on other regional health issues including non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, and primary health care. Main achievements are highlighted below.

ASEAN has established key building blocks towards a sustainable regional system for prevention, surveillance and response to diseases through the ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Programme. The networks and mechanisms developed through the Programme contributed to building trust among the ASEAN Member States and have facilitated a more efficient communication in a public health emergency, such as the time of the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) outbreak.

ASEAN has also been conducting various activities on multi-sectoral pandemic preparedness and response (PPR) involving both the health and the essential non-health service sectors since 2007, led by the ASEAN Technical Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (ATWGPPR) and supported by the ASEAN-US Technical Assistance and Training Facility. This period of 2009-2010 highlights ASEAN's thrust to integrate PPR into the disaster management structures and systems of ASEAN Member States and promote the whole-of-society approach to ensure continuity of businesses and essential services during a severe pandemic. In addition, a new partnership to address pandemic preparedness was forged in 2009 with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) Network for Public Health.

In the area of HIV and AIDS, ASEAN is completing the Third ASEAN Work Programme on HIV and AIDS (AWP III) for 2006-2010 with strong support from partners such as UNAIDS, UNDP, USAID and the Commonwealth Secretariat. This year, ASEAN will develop the Fourth Work Programme on HIV and AIDS, which will address the principles of cross sectoral collaboration and promotion of south to south cooperation; access to affordable prevention, treatment, care and support; and cross-border issues.

Noting the increasing trend of tobacco consumption in ASEAN, ASEAN has established the ASEAN Focal Points on Tobacco Control, with the aim to better address tobacco control issues in the region.

Acknowledging the importance of traditional medicines, ASEAN issued the Bangkok Declaration with a view to promote the integration of safe and quality traditional, complementary and alternative medicines into the national healthcare system.

ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	
Established	1975, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	21 st ALMM, 24 May 2010, Ha Noi
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)

The ASEAN cooperation in the field of labour continued to focus on areas relating to industrial relations, occupational safety and health, and migrant workers. In implementing its labour cooperation activities, ASEAN maintains its partnership with Dialogue Partners such as China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, and the US, as well as the international organisations such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM). In addition, the support from international civil society organisation was also mobilized.

In its efforts to promote sound industrial relations, a number of seminars have been undertaken. In addition, the ASEAN Labour Ministers adopted the ASEAN Guidelines on Good Industrial Relations Practices, which was developed through a tripartite consultation involving labour officials, workers and employers associations.

Under the ASEAN-Occupational and Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) programme, ASEAN continues to facilitate exchange of relevant OSH information, the sharing of training expertise, promotion of the development and harmonisation of the OSH standards and guidelines. The activities in the past year include the improvement of the ASEAN-OSHNET Website, finalisation of the ASEAN Guidelines on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Hazardous Chemicals, training programmes for ASEAN safety and health officers, and the 3rd ASEAN-OSHNET Plus Three Policy Dialogue on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems. The ASEAN-OSHNET would take an upscale approach that is more action oriented with the aim of raising the OSH standards in ASEAN.

In order to improve ASEAN's capacity in the areas of labour market information and analysis (LMIA), the establishment of knowledge sharing networks for strengthening LMIA between and among Member States, and a review of the draft Country Decent Work Profiles prepared by the ILO, have been recommended.

Also, efforts to implement ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers continues by implementing activities such as the annual ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour and ASEAN Workshop on Eliminating Recruitment Malpractices. The drafting of an instrument on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers is continuing.

The ASEAN Labour Ministers adopted the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme (2010-2015) which will serve as a guideline for labour cooperation to support the realisation of the ASEAN Community by 2015 and the vision of the ASEAN Labour Ministers. The new ALM's Work Programme consists of four specific strategic priorities, namely legal foundation for labour rights; institutional capacities; social partnership; and labour markets and workforce development.

ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)

Established	1997, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	6 th AMRDPE, 27 May 2009, Ha Noi
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

Responding to the global financial crisis, a rapid regional assessment on its social implications to ASEAN Member States was conducted last year to serve as an input for ASEAN in considering the appropriate regional strategic response. Regional and country reports have also been published.

In 2009, the ASEAN government officials were engaged in dialogue with civil society and other stakeholders on responses to the crisis in the areas of social protection, labour markets, health, education, migration and poverty reduction among others. To name a few, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development of China jointly organised the Conference on the Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in the Asia and Pacific in Ha Noi, in September 2009. The Conference also served as the 4th ASEAN+3 High Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction and the 3rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

The Regional Conference on the Impact of Financial and Economic Crisis on Vulnerable Sectors of the Region: Civil Society Voices and ASEAN was convened in Jakarta in July 2009. It was organised by the Asia Partnership for Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia (AsiaDHRRA), an ASEAN-accredited civil society organisation (CSO), together with the Asian Farmers Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA) and the Union Network International-Asia Pacific Regional Organizations (UNI-APRO).

The Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE) and the ASEAN Heads of Statistics Offices Meeting (AHSOM) are currently working towards the development of a regional database on poverty and well-being in ASEAN Member States. A common set of indicators is being considered to better gauge the characteristics of poverty and vulnerability in the region and allow cross-country comparison of progress toward poverty reduction goals.

In an attempt to promote community-driven activities and people-to-people interactions aimed at narrowing the development gap in the region, numerous projects have been planned by the SOMRDPE, including the ASEAN Rural Youth Volunteers Movement, led by Indonesia, and the ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Programme, led by Malaysia. Thailand also plans to organise regional workshops aimed at sharing the best practices on “Baan Mankong” Secure Housing Programme and Grassroots Economic Development and Poverty Alleviation Programmes.

The ASEAN Volunteers Programme (AVP) is currently being planned to promote people-to-people interactions and ASEAN awareness in the region. The AVP would be a cross-sectoral effort in the areas of rural development, humanitarian relief, cultures and others. The first deployment of ASEAN volunteers is scheduled in Indonesia.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)	
Established	1979, meets in three years
Last Meeting	6 th AMMSWD, 6 December 2007, Ha Noi
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)

The ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) was inaugurated on 7 April 2010 in Ha Noi, on the occasion of the 3rd ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting, which was held back-to-back with the 16th ASEAN Summit. The Terms of Reference of the ACWC was agreed upon by the AMMSWD prior to the 15th ASEAN Summit in 2009. On the international front, all ASEAN Member States have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

Numerous activities have been completed over the years to implement the Strategic Framework and Plan of Action for Social Welfare, Family and Children (2007-2010). The ASEAN Social Work Consortium (ASWC) is currently being set up following the adoption of its Terms of Reference at the 6th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) in Singapore in January 2010. The Consortium aims to promote collaboration and networking among social work educators, practitioners, and schools of social work in the region.

The ASEAN GO-NGO Forum for Social Welfare and Development was institutionalised as a platform for a dialogue and the strengthening of collaboration between governmental and non-governmental organisations following the adoption of the Terms of Reference in January 2010. Several fora have been held since 2006 and the last was one held in Singapore in January 2010.

The First ASEAN Children’s Forum, visioning the “regional voice” of children in the region, is scheduled for October 2010 in Manila, the Philippines.

Meanwhile, several projects with ASEAN Dialogue Partners continued to be implemented. The 7th ASEAN-Japan High Level Meetings on Caring Societies was successfully convened in early September 2009 in Tokyo. Both sides shared good practices and lessons learnt in strengthening the collaboration between social welfare, health and medical sectors for children with disabilities.

The Phase III (2009-2011) of the ASEAN-ROK Home Care for Older People in the ASEAN Countries Project is still ongoing. The Exchange Visit in Davao, Philippines, in April 2010 was the most recent activity.

The Project on Capacity Development in Disability and Development for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia and Viet Nam (CLMV) Government Officers, which is coordinated by the Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development (FASID), is concluding this year. A wrap-up seminar to evaluate the implementation of national action plans on disabilities of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam was held in Kuala Lumpur, in March 2010.

Various capacity building projects for relevant stakeholders in ASEAN Member States on issues concerning children, persons with disabilities, violence against women and older people have been planned for this year onwards.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)	
Established	1992, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	AMMY VI, 25 June 2009, Bangkok
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)

The activities/projects to tap the youth’s potential in ASEAN community building have continued and intensified over the past few years. The emphasis is still on social and leadership development, entrepreneurship and raising ASEAN awareness and identity.

The 15th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting with the theme of “ASEAN Community Building through Youth Volunteerism” was held in Nay Pyi Taw in October 2009. On this occasion, accomplished young individuals from ASEAN Member States were recognised and presented the ASEAN Youth Awards for their efforts in volunteerism. The Meeting noted the importance of youth volunteerism in building a better community for the future.

The Youth Development Initiatives was organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, in November 2009, of which the primary objective is to facilitate discussions and deliberations on matters pertaining to youth development perspectives.

The ASEAN Regional Conference on Youth Who are at Risk of HIV Infection was a joint effort between the health and youth sectors. Jointly organised by the Lao PDR Revolutionary Youth Union and the ASEAN Secretariat, it was held on 9-10 February 2010 in Vientiane, with the aim to discuss issues related to young people and HIV, involving young people in identifying key regional activities for HIV responses. Since there is no formal platform in ASEAN dealing with Youth-HIV and AIDS issues, the Conference is a major step in sharing good practices on youth HIV and AIDS and its related areas that will pave the way for closer cooperation between the SOMY and ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA) on youth-HIV related matters.

Various youth exchange programmes continue to be implemented between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners to foster better understanding and friendship among youths. For the first time, the ASEAN+3 Youth Caucus was held from 19 to 27 June 2009 and the Ministers at the 6th AMMY held a dialogue with the youth representatives. While recognising the cultural diversities across the region, the youths believe that with the commitment, support and cooperation of all stakeholders, the region can move towards greater integration as a community.

The ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneurs Association (ACYEA) was launched at the sidelines of the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd China-ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Forum on 15 December 2009. The third Forum, which will be held in Viet Nam in 2010, will be celebrated with the signing ceremony of the ACYEA Charter.

The China-ASEAN Youth Camp 2010 was held on April 2010 in Guangxi and Guizhou, China. This is the fifth time that the camp has been held as one of the initiatives of the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit during the 15th Anniversary of China-ASEAN Dialogue Relations in October 2006, aimed at

promoting mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation among ASEAN and China youths.

The implementation of the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Programme has been ongoing, with the sponsorship of Japan. Over 6,000 youths from the East Asia Summit countries are expected to be engaged under the Programme until 2012.

ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)	
Established	1980 (former name: ASEAN Conference on Reform in the Civil Service, ACRCS), meeting every two years
Last Meeting	15 th ACCSM, 28-30 October 2009, Vientiane
Senior Officials	Preparatory Meeting of the ACCSM

The 15th ACCSM adopted the Operationalisation of the ACCSM Work Plan (2008-2012). Taking into account the recent developments in ASEAN, the ACCSM agreed to review the Operationalisation of the ACCSM Work Plan every two years. In supporting ASEAN to achieve an ASEAN Community by 2015, the 15th ACCSM agreed in principle to extend the ACCSM Work Plan up to 2015 from 2012 taking into consideration the relevant ASEAN Community Blueprints and the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan 2 (2009-2015). The ACCSM has identified four priority areas to implement the Work Plan, namely enhancing workforce competencies, building institutional capacity, strengthening leadership and reviewing of the ASEAN Resource Centres (ARC). The ACCSM has been actively implementing a significant number of projects and activities under the priority areas.

The ASEAN Plus Three Inaugural Meeting of the Civil Service Matters (ACCSM+3) was held on 30 October 2009 in Vientiane, back-to-back with the Main Meeting of the 15th ACCSM. At this Meeting, ASEAN and the Plus Three countries exchanged views and ideas on how to forge cooperation among the ASEAN Plus Three countries in civil service matters. The collaboration among the ASEAN Plus Three countries in civil service matters is very timely, especially since ASEAN has entered into a new era with the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and as ASEAN embarks on establishing an ASEAN Community by 2015.

The activities planned to be undertaken in 2010 include the convening of the 15th ACCSM Technical Meeting and Informal Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Civil Service on 28-29 October 2010 in Luang Prabang, Lao PDR and a Forum on Good Governance on 27 October 2010 in Lao PDR. The ACCSM+3 also will convene the Technical Meeting of the ACCSM+3 and Informal Meeting of the ASEAN+3 Heads of Civil Service back-to-back with the 15th Technical Meeting of the ACCSM and Informal Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Civil Service in October in Luang Prabang.

The ACCSM has also scheduled its main activities to be implemented in 2011-2012 under the chairmanship of Malaysia. This includes the Preparatory Meeting for the 16th ACCSM in April 2011 in Langkawi; the Main Conference of the 16th ACCSM in October 2011 in Kuala Lumpur/ Putrajaya; and the Informal and Technical Meeting of the 16th ACCSM in October 2012 in Malacca.

ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)	
Established	1976 (former name: ASEAN Sub-Committee on Women)
Last Meeting	8 th ACW, 2-3 November 2009, Bandar Seri Begawan
Senior Officials	ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)

Significant efforts have been made to promote gender equality and address violence against women. Regional Conference on Legislating and Programming towards an Integrative Approach to Gender-based Violence and HIV/AIDS was successfully convened in Manila, in December 2009. Relevant agencies and civil society organisations exchanged views on HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence legislations in ASEAN Member States by using CEDAW as the framework. A publication on good practices in addressing gender-based violence will be developed as a follow-up action.

The establishment of an ASEAN women entrepreneurs network is currently being planned under the coordination of Viet Nam.

A Regional Workshop on Tourism and Service Skill Development for Women and Youth, which is part of the series of capacity-building activities under the Project of Skill Development Promotion for the Advancement of Women, is scheduled for the second half of 2010 in Thailand. The Workshop aims at promoting the sharing of best practices in advancing the capacity of young female entrepreneurs in tourism industry.

A preliminary meeting of the ASEAN Ministers responsible for women issues to explore the possibility of establishing an ASEAN ministerial body on women is scheduled for 2011 in Indonesia.

The ASEAN Confederation of Women's Organisations (ACWO), an ASEAN-accredited entity, held a dialogue with the ACW in November 2009 in Brunei Darussalam. "Womenomics" was adopted as the ACWO's framework for development strategy to promote the economic empowerment of women in the region.

The ASEAN+3 Committee on Women (ACW) was formalised following the approval of its Terms of Reference in 2009. The ACW+3 convened its First Meeting in November 2010 in Brunei Darussalam to discuss future collaborative projects, among others.

One of the activities with ASEAN Dialogue Partners implemented last year was the Second ASEAN+3 Human Security Symposium on Women and Poverty Reduction in Tokyo, in November 2009. Relevant government agencies and NGOs shared their experiences in their efforts to reduce feminisation of poverty, including community-based programmes and to prevent and eliminate violence against women.



ASEAN Calendar of Meetings

June 2009-May 2010

ASEAN SUMMIT		
23-25 October 2009	15 th ASEAN Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand
8-9 April 2010	16 th ASEAN Summit	Ha Noi
ASEAN COORDINATING COUNCIL (ACC)		
21 July 2009	4 th ASEAN Coordinating Council Meeting	Phuket, Thailand
1-3 March 2010	Joint Preparatory Meeting (JPM) for the ACC	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam
8 April	6 th Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)	Ha Noi
ASEAN POLITICAL-SECURITY COMMUNITY		
21 July 2009	2 nd ASEAN Political-Security Community Council (APSC) Meeting	Phuket, Thailand
1-2 October 2009	4 th Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Community (4 th ASCCO)	Jakarta
ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)		
13-14 July 2009	14 th High Level Panel on ASEAN Human Rights Body (HLP on AHRB)	Bangkok
18 July 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Phuket, Thailand
18-19 July 2009	ASEAN Directors-General Preparatory Meeting	Phuket, Thailand
18 July 2009	3 rd Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN	Phuket, Thailand
19 July 2009	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting with the High Level Panel (HLP) on the ASEAN Human Rights Body	Phuket, Thailand
19 July 2009	Meeting with Working Group for ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism	Phuket, Thailand
19 July 2009	ASEAN Directors-General Informal Consultations with ASEAN Permanent Representatives	Phuket, Thailand
19 July 2009	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting with High Level Legal Experts Group (HLEG) on the ASEAN Charter	Phuket, Thailand
20 July 2009	15 th High Level Panel on ASEAN Human Rights Body (HLP on AHRB)	Phuket, Thailand
20 July 2009	42 nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (42 nd AMM)	Phuket, Thailand
20-21 August 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Jakarta
26 August 2009	ASEAN Informal Ministerial Meeting	New York
28-30 August 2009	15 th High Level Panel on ASEAN Human Rights Body (HLP on HRB)	Jakarta
9-11 September 2009	16 th High Level Panel on ASEAN Human Rights Body (HLP on HRB)	Singapore
26 September 2009	ASEAN Informal Ministerial Meeting	New York
7-9 October 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting	Bangkok
8 October 2009	Joint Consultative Meeting (JCM)	Bangkok
23 October 2009	Launching of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	Hua Hin, Thailand
23-25 October 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting	Hua Hin, Thailand
23-25 October 2009	ASEAN Coordinating Council	Hua Hin, Thailand
13 January 2010	ASEAN Directors-General Meeting	Da Nang, Viet Nam
13 January 2010	ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting	Da Nang, Viet Nam
13-14 January 2010	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting Retreat	Da Nang, Viet Nam
13-14 January 2010	3 rd Meeting of ASEAN Political Security Council	Da Nang, Viet Nam
1-2 March 2010	ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam
28 March-1 April 2010	1 st Meeting of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	Jakarta
6 April 2010	ASEAN Senior Officials' Preparatory Meeting (Prep SOM)	Ha Noi
SEANWFZ Commission		
19 July 2009	Meeting of the Executive Committee of the SEANWFZ Commission	Phuket, Thailand
21 July 2009	Meeting of the SEANWFZ Commission	Phuket, Thailand
ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)		
24 August 2009	Working Group on Establishing ADMM-Plus	Bangkok
25 August 2009	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials Meeting (ADSOM) Working Group Retreat	Bangkok
1-2 November 2009	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials Meeting (ADSOM) Retreat	Bangkok
3 November 2009	ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Retreat	Bangkok
1 April 2010	Working Group on Establishing ADMM-Plus	Ha Noi
2 April 2010	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials Meeting (ADSOM) Working Group	Ha Noi
27-28 April 2010	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials Meeting (ADSOM)	Ha Noi
11-12 May 2010	4 th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)	Ha Noi
ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)		
9-11 June 2009	12 th High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting	Vientiane
29 June-1 July 2009	13 th High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
15-17 July 2009	14 th High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting	Phuket, Thailand

18-20 August 2009	15 th High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting	Jakarta
4-7 October 2009	16 th High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
18-20 October 2009	17 th High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting	Hua Hin, Thailand
22 October 2009	High Level Legal Expert Group (HLEG) Meeting with ASEAN Foreign Ministers	Hua Hin, Thailand

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)

2-11 June 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug (ASOD) Training Workshop on Illicit Drugs Controlled Delivery	Jakarta
12-16 June 2009	Controlled Illicit Drug Delivery Training	Semarang, Indonesia
29 June-2 July 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials on Drugs (ASOD) Work Plan in Combating Illicit Drugs	Ha Noi
30 June-4 July 2009	9 th Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)	Yangon
27 July 2009	17 th Heads of Specialist Anti-Trafficking Units (HSU) Meeting	Manila
26 September-2 October 2009	30 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Drugs (ASOD)	Phnom Penh
26 September-2 October 2009	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drugs (ASOD) Plus 1 Consultations (Pakistan/India)	Phnom Penh
17 November 2009	7 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes (AMMTC)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
16 November 2009	4 th Working Group on Counter Terrorism	Siem Reap, Cambodia
16-19 November 2009	3 rd Meeting of DGICM	Manila
27-29 January 2010	Partnership Forum on Transnational Organized Crime	Bangkok
5 February 2010	3 rd SOMTC WG TIP	Manila
25 February 2010	5 th SOMTC WG on CT	Bali, Indonesia
29 March-1 April 2010	Seminar on ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism	Koh Sammi, Thailand
21 April 2010	SOMTC Coordination Meeting	Jakarta

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

10-11 June 2009	ARF workshop on Biological Threat Reduction	Manila
24-26 June 2009	3 rd ARF Peacekeeping Experts Meeting	Siem Riep, Cambodia
1-3 July 2009	Inaugural ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament	Beijing
22 July 2009	ARF Defense Officials' Dialogue	Phuket, Thailand
23 July 2009	16 th ASEAN Regional Forum	Phuket, Thailand
16-18 September 2009	9 th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DSR)	Honolulu, USA
3-6 November 2009	13 th ARF Heads of Defence/Universities/Colleges/Institutions Meeting (HDUCIM)	Bangkok
9-11 November 2009	ARF Inter-sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	New Delhi
19-20 November 2009	ASEAN Regional Forum Seminar on Measures to Enhance Maritime Security	Brussels
14-15 December 2009	4 th ARF Experts and Eminent Persons Meeting	Bali
17 February 2010	Meeting of ARF Disaster Relief Exercise (DiREx) Potential Co-Sponsors	Tokyo
17-20 March 2010	ARF Inter-sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Nha Trang, Viet Nam
11-12 March 2010	4 th ARF Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting	Bangkok
29-30 March 2010	2 nd ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Maritime Security (ISM on MS)	Auckland, New Zealand
27-28 April 2010	ARF Cybercrime Capacity-Building Conference	Bandar Seri Begawan
28-30 April 2010	8 th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (ISM on CTTC)	Bandar Seri Begawan
18 May 2010	ARF Defense Officials' Dialogue	Da Nang, Viet Nam
19 May 2010	7 th ARF Security Policy Conference	Da Nang, Viet Nam
20 May 2010	ARF Senior Officials' Meeting	Quang Nam, Viet Nam
21 May 2010	The Preparatory Meeting for the ARF Disaster Relief Exercise	Quang Nam, Viet Nam

COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO ASEAN (CPR)

5 January 2010	1/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
6 January 2010	1/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
15 January 2010	2/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
19 January 2010	3/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting on AFRP	Jakarta
20 January 2010	2/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
20 January 2010	3/2010 CPR Meeting with the ASEAN Secretariat	Jakarta
21 January 2010	4/2010 CPR Working Group on AFRP	Jakarta
8 February 2010	5/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
10-11 February 2010	2/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
10 February 2010	4/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
5 March 2010	6/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta

8-12 March 2010	CPR WG on Financial Experts Meeting	Jakarta
12 March 2010	5/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
22 March 2010	7/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
24 March 2010	6/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
19 April 2010	8/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
12 April 2010	CPR Meeting with EU, Germany, Belgium and Spain	Jakarta
22 April 2010	1/2010 Sub-Committee on Development Cooperation (1 st SCDC) Meeting (CPR WG and ASEAN Secretariat)	Jakarta
4 May 2010	CPR-1 st Quarterly Budget Review	Jakarta
5 May 2010	7/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
17 May 2010	9/2010 CPR Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
8-11 May 2010	CPR Working Group and CPR Meeting	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
19 May 2010	8/2010 CPR Meeting	Jakarta
19 May 2010	3 rd Meeting between CPR and ASEAN Secretariat	Jakarta

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

22 October 2009	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN Economic Community Council (2 nd AEC Council)	Hua Hin, Thailand
7 April 2010	3 rd Meeting of ASEAN Economic Community Council (3 rd AEC Council)	Ha Noi

ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)

10-11 June 2009	9 th Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PFPWG) and Related Meetings	Bangkok
23-25 June 2009	12 th ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC) and Related Meetings	Kuala Lumpur
29 June-1 July 2009	9 th Rubber-based Product Working Group (RBPWG) and Related Meetings	Siem Reap, Cambodia
30 June-2 July 2009	58 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS 58)	Bagan, Myanmar
6-7 July 2009	16 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (16 th HLTF-EI)	Singapore
7-8 July 2009	Joint Consultative Meeting on Trade Facilitation	Singapore
8-10 July 2009	24 th Working Group on Standards and MRAs (WG 1) and Related Meetings	Vientiane
13-15 July 2009	18 th Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (WG 2) and Related Meeting	Vientiane
27-31 July 2009	11 th Traditional Medicine and Health Supplements Product Working Group (TMHS PWG) and Related Meetings	Bali, Indonesia
13-16 August 2009	41 st ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (41 st AEM) and Consultations with Dialogue Partners	Bangkok
5-9 October 2009	34 th ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and Related Meetings	Jakarta
28-30 October 2009	10 th Medical Device Product Working Group (MDPWG) and Related Meeting	Vientiane
11-12 November 2009	11 th Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE) Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
10-12 November 2009	59 th Meeting of The Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS 59)	Vientiane
23-26 November 2009	12 th Traditional Medicine and Health Supplements Product Working Group (TMHS PWG) and Related Meetings	Siem Reap, Cambodia
1-3 December 2009	13 th ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC) and Related Meetings	Chiang Mai, Thailand
11-15 January 2010	10 th Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PFPWG) and Related Meetings	Jakarta
18-20 January 2010	10 th Automotive Product Working Group (APWG) and Related Meetings	Chiang Mai, Thailand
27-29 January 2010	19 th Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (WG 2) and Related Meetings	Ha Noi
11-15 January 2010	10 th Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PFPWG) and Related Meetings	Jakarta
20 January 2010	Senior Economic Officials Meeting 1/41 and Related Meetings	Da Nang, Viet Nam
1-4 February 2010	25 th Working Group on Standards and MRAs (WG 1) and Related Meetings	Ha Noi
2-5 February 2010	19 th Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (WG 2) and Related Meetings	Ha Noi
5-6 February 2010	17 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (17 th HLTF-EI)	Brunei Darussalam
23-24 February 2010	13 th Working Group on Legal Metrology (WG 3)	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
26 February-1 March 2010	16 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Retreat	Putra Jaya, Malaysia
9-11 March 2010	60 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Brunei Darussalam
7 April 2010	ASEAN Senior Economic Officials' Preparatory Meeting	Ha Noi
8 April 2010	Informal Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers (Informal AEM) and Meeting of the ASEAN Economic Community Council (AEC)	Ha Noi
19-23 April 2010	11 th Medical Device Product Working Group (MDPWG) and Related Meetings	Jakarta
20-22 April 2010	10 th Rubber-based Product Working Group (RBPWG) and its Related Meetings	Selangor, Malaysia
11-13 May 2010	61 st Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Pattaya, Thailand

10-12 May 2010	9 th Joint Sectoral Committee on Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE) and Related Meetings	Bangkok
24-26 May 2010	11 th Automotive Product Working Group (APWG) and Related Meetings	Nay Pyi Taw
ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council		
4-6 July 2009	31 st Rules of Origin Task Force (ROOTF)	Singapore
7-8 July 2009	2 nd Joint Consultative Session on ASEAN Trade Facilitation	Singapore
9-11 July 2009	Meeting of the Legal Experts on the ATIGA (MLE)	Singapore
9-11 July 2009	55 th Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Singapore
13 August 2009	23 rd AFTA Council Meeting	Bangkok
14-17 November 2009	32 nd ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROOTF)	Kuala Lumpur
18-20 November 2009	Meeting of the Legal Experts on the ATIGA (MLE)	Kuala Lumpur
18-20 November 2009	56 th Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Kuala Lumpur
14-17 January 2010	33 rd ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROOTF)	Hoi An, Viet Nam
18-19 January 2010	Meeting of the Legal Experts on the ATIGA (MLE)	Hoi An, Viet Nam
18-20 January 2010	57 th Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Hoi An, Viet Nam
14-16 March 2010	34 th ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROOTF)	Jakarta
17 March 2010	5 th CCCA-CCC Joint Consultation on Self Certification	Jakarta
18-20 March 2010	Meeting of the Legal Experts on the ATIGA (MLE)	Jakarta
18-20 March 2010	58 th Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Jakarta
22 April 2010	1 st Meeting of ASEAN Plus Working Group on Rules of Origin (WGROO)	Jakarta
3-5 May 2010	35 th ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROOTF)	Bali, Indonesia
6 May 2010	6 th CCCA-CCC Joint Consultation on Self Certification	Bali, Indonesia
7-8 May 2010	Meeting of the Legal Experts on the ATIGA (MLE)	Bali, Indonesia
7-9 May 2010	59 th Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Bali, Indonesia
10-11 May 2010	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Working Group on Tariff Nomenclature (1 st AP-WGTN)	Bali, Indonesia
ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council		
22-24 June 2009	2 nd Special Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Singapore
16-17 July 2009	20 th Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (WGFDIS) Meeting	Melaka, Malaysia
21-24 July 2009	43 rd Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Halong Bay, Viet Nam
14 August 2009	AEM-12 th ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council Meeting	Bangkok
1-4 September 2009	44 th Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Jakarta
6-8 October 2009	45 th Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Tagaytay, Philippines
16-18 January 2010	46 th Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Da Nang, Viet Nam
3-5 March 2010	47 th Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
21-23 April 2010	48 th Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI) Meeting	Penang, Malaysia
ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)		
15-16 June 2009	Meeting of the Taskforce on Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM)	Bangkok
3 July 2009	23 rd Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation	Kuala Lumpur
17 August-11 September 2009	Regional Economic and Finance Monitoring Training	Manila
1-2 September 2009	Credit Guarantee and Investment Mechanism Technical Working Group Meeting	Beijing
14-16 September 2009	Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation (WC-CAL), Working Committee Financial Services Liberalisation (WC-FSL), and ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting Working Group (AFDM-WG)	Tagaytay City, Philippines
3-4 October 2009	Informal ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting and IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings Policy Seminars	Istanbul, Turkey
7-9 October 2009	12 th ASEAN Insurance Regulators' Meeting and Related Meeting	Vientiane
23 October 2009	Working Lunch with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC)	Hua Hin, Thailand
5-6 November 2009	National Asset Liability Management	Singapore
19-20 November 2009	25 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation	Bali, Indonesia
26 November 2009	ACMF Meeting with the Group of Experts in the ACMF Implementation Plan	Singapore
2-3 December 2009	Asian Bond Markets Initiative Conference on "Gearing Up Regulatory Framework and Regional Cooperation – For New Era of Growth in Asian Bond Markets"	Kuala Lumpur
8-9 December 2009	Regional Workshop on the Project of ASEAN Assessment on the Social Impact on Global Financial Crisis	Bangkok

5-6 January 2010	Consultation Meeting with the Office of Regional Economic Integration	Manila
13 January 2010	Working Committee on Capital Market Development	Singapore
26-27 January 2010	ASEAN Infrastructure Finance Mechanism (AIFM) Task Force Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
1 February 2010	Inception Meeting for Financial Landscape/Milestones Studies	Seoul
25 February 2010	3 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Capital Market Forum (ACMF)	Bangkok
2-5 March 2010	AFDM-Working Group (AFDM-G) and Related Meetings	Ha Noi
16-17 March 2010	Meeting with ADB Consultant on ASEAN Surveillance Report	Manila
19 March 2010	2 nd ASEAN Financial Integration Seminar	Manila
5-8 April 2010	14 th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)	Nha Trang, Viet Nam
17 May-11 June 2010	Training Course on Regional Economic and Financial Monitoring	Seoul
17-26 May 2010	Country Consultations for Macroeconomic and Finance Surveillance Office (MFSO)	Ha Noi, Singapore, Manila

ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

12 October 2009	FAO Workshop on "Global Practice and HACCP"	Singapore
7-8 November 2009	Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the 31 st ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (31 st AMAF) Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
10 November 2009	31 st ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (31 st AMAF) Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan

ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)

3 July 2009	Special Meeting of the APAEC Drafting Committee	Bangkok
27 July 2009	Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) of the 27 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting	Mandalay, Myanmar
28-30 July 2009	ASEAN Energy Business Forum	Mandalay, Myanmar
29 July 2009	27 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)	Mandalay, Myanmar
2 February 2010	12 th Meeting of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) Governing Council	Nay Pyi Taw
3-4 February 2010	Special Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)	Nay Pyi Taw

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin)

17 November 2009	10 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM)	Bangkok
2 March 2010	7 th ASOMM Working Group Meeting on Sustainable Mineral Development (WGSDM)	Bangkok
2 March 2010	7 th ASOMM Working Group Meeting on Trade and Investment in Mineral (WGTIM)	Bangkok
2 March 2010	7 th ASOMM Working Group Meeting on Mineral Information and Database (WGMID)	Bangkok
2 March 2010	7 th ASOMM Working Group Meeting on Capacity Building in Mineral	Bangkok

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)

25-26 June 2010	The Expert Meeting on Utilisation of ICT Research and Education Networks for Higher Education in Asia and the Pacific	Bali, Indonesia
6-8 July 2010	Tokyo Climate Conference: Better Climate Information for a Safe and Sustainable Society	Tokyo, Japan
27 July-1 August 2009	Training Course on the Application of Technologies and Products of Buildings Integrated with Solar Energy System	Kunming, China
21-23 October 2009	11 th ASEAN Food Conference	Bandar Seri Begawan
28-29 October 2009	Workshop to Finalise the Roadmaps for the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology	Manila
1-5 November 2009	58 th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST)	Singapore
6-7 November 2009	13 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)	Singapore
11-13 November 2009	The 4 th International Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Forum and International Working Group (IWG) on ETV Meeting	Singapore
16-19 November 2009	The International Symposium and Earthquake and Precursors, Japan-Indonesia Seismic Network (JISNET) Workshop, and The 5 th Task Force Meeting on Establishment of Monitoring Network of Tsunami Early Warning in South East Asia	Bukit Tinggi, Padang, Indonesia
27-31 December 2009	17 th National Children Science Congress (NCSC)	Ahmedabad, India
26-29 January 2010	16 th Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF-16)	Bangkok
5-8 April 2010	The Southeast Asia Cooperation on ICT Research (SEACOOP Project) Meetings	Singapore
10-12 April 2010	32 nd Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Meteorology and Geophysics (SCMG)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
17-21 May 2010	59 th COST and related Meetings	Vientiane
17-18 May 2010	8 Sub-Committee Meetings + 15 th ABAPAST Meeting + 16 th ABASF Meeting (back-to-back with COST Meeting)	Vientiane

ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)

15-17 July 2009	Special Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
27-29 July 2009	15 th ASEAN Telecom Regulators Council (ATRC) Meeting	Chiang Rai, Thailand
12-13 August 2009	ITU-ASEAN Mobile Commerce Forum	Jakarta
17-18 August 2009	AHA Centre ICT Gap Analysis	Singapore

4-5 September 2009	2 nd ASEAN TELSOM Leaders Retreat	Kuala Lumpur
15-16 October 2009	9 th TELMIN and related Meetings with Dialogue Partners	Vientiane
6-12 December 2009	ASEAN Cyberkids Camp 2009	Kuala Lumpur
8-10 March 2010	ASEAN TELSOM Joint Working Group/Working Groups and Related Meetings with Dialogue Partners (China/Japan/ROK/EC/India)	Bandar Seri Begawan
5-6 April 2010	4 th TELSOM Leaders Retreat on ASEAN ICT Master Plan	Phnom Penh
26-28 April 2010	ASEAN Telecommunications and Regulators Council Working Groups (ATRC WG) Meeting	Indonesia
ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)		
11-14 August 2009	18 th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam
30 September 2009	6 th Forum on the Operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport	Singapore
30 September-1 October 2009	18 th ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group (TFWG) Meeting	Singapore
2 October 2009	1 st Joint Meeting of the Transport Facilitation Working Group (TFWG) and the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group (CPTFWG) on the Implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT)	Singapore
28-29 October 2009	15 th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group (LTWG) Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
5-6 November 2009	1 st ASEAN Transit Transport Coordinating Board (TTCB) Meeting	Jakarta
7-8 December 2009	28 th Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Ha Noi
8 December 2009	Special NTOs-STOM Consultation	Ha Noi
10 December 2009	15 th ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) Meeting	Ha Noi
9-10 February 2010	STOM Experts Group Meeting on ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan (ASTP) 2011-2015	Jakarta
17 March 2010	7 th Forum on the Operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport	Boracay Island, Philippines
17-19 March 2010	19 th ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group Meeting (TFWG)	Boracay Island, Philippines
22-25 March 2010	21 st Air Transport WG and Related Meetings	Singapore
6 April 2010	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Multisectoral Road Safety Special Working Group (MRSSWG)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
7-8 April 2010	17 th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group (LTWG) Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
20-22 March 2010	19 th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)		
28-30 July 2009	ASEAN Regional Healthy Tourism Workshop	Phuket, Thailand
21 January 2010	11 th Meeting of the Special Working Group on ASEAN Tourism	Bandar Seri Begawan
22 January 2010	31 st ASEAN NTOs Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
24 January 2010	13 th ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
26 January 2010	ASEAN Tourism Conference 2010	Bandar Seri Begawan
ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY		
22-24 August 2009	1 st ASCC Council Meeting	Bangkok
6-7 October 2009	Senior Officials Committee for the ASCC Council (SOCA)	Bangkok
15 December 2009	6 th Coordinating Conference on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (6 th SOC-COM)	Jakarta
ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)		
1-3 July 2009	44 th Meeting of the COCI	Tagaytay, Philippines
3 November 2009	Senior Officials Meeting for the 10 th Conference of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (SOMRI)	Vientiane
5 November 2009	10 th Conference of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)	Vientiane
ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)		
1-3 July 2009	44 th Meeting of the Committee on Culture and Information (COCI)	Tagaytay, Philippines
14 December 2009	Best of ASEAN Performing Arts – Myanmar	Jakarta
11 March 2010	Best of ASEAN Performing Arts – Malaysia	Jakarta
23 March 2010	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Culture and Arts (SOMCA)	Clark City, Pampanga, Philippines
25 March	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)	Clark City, Pampanga, Philippines
ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)		
28-29 July 2009	25 th Meeting of the AUN Board of Trustees	Phnom Penh
6 November 2009	16 th ASEAN University Network/Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (16 th AUN/SEED-Net) Steering Committee Meeting and Year 2009 Annual Meeting	Ha Noi

24 November 2009	4 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (4 th SOMED)	Bangkok
28 January 2010	5 th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (5 th ASED)	Cebu City, the Philippines
ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)		
15 June 2009	Informal Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) at the Second Session of Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction	Geneva, Switzerland
2 July 2009	6 th Meeting of the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force for the Victims of Cyclone Nargis (AHTF)	Jakarta
27-31 July 2009	ASEAN Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Training Course	Yangon
17-18 August 2009	Workshop on ASEAN-Japan Cooperation Project "Capacity Building for Local Government Officials on Disaster Management"	Bangkok
17-20 August 2009	AHA Centre ICT Gap Meeting, OSA-Map Training and ACDM Working Group Consultation on Risk Assessment, Monitoring and Early Warning	Singapore
10-11 September 2009	Meeting of the Regional Review Committee (RRC) of the 2009 ASEAN Day for the Disaster Management (ADDM) and International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR)'s Regional Drawing Competition	Phuket, Thailand
24-25 September 2009	ACDM Working Group Consultation on Prevention and Mitigation	Bangkok
5-6 October 2009	Drafting Meeting for the Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations (SASOP) Chapter VI	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
14 October 2009	2009 ASEAN Day on Disaster Management (ADDM) and International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR)	Bangkok
5 November 2009	Informal ACDM Session: "Drawing Inputs for the Recovery Strategy under the AADMER Work Programme"	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
19-20 November 2009	ASEAN Workshop on Civil Military Relations: "Complementarity without Compromise"	Jakarta
25 November 2009	Post-Nargis and Regional Partnership Conference	Bangkok
30 November-1 December 2009	14 th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)	Bandung, Indonesia
17-18 November 2009	ACDM Working Group Consultation on Preparedness and Response	Singapore
27 January 2010	Viet Nam Country Consultation on AADMER Partnership and Resource Mobilisation	Ha Noi
11 February 2010	Workshop with Vulnerable Sectors: Preparatory Meeting for the Philippines Country Consultation on AADMER Partnership and Resource Mobilisation	Quezon City, Philippines
15 February 2010	AADMER Orientation for Cambodia Government Stakeholders: Preparatory Meeting for the Cambodia Country Consultation on AADMER Partnership and Resource Mobilisation	Phnom Penh
17 February 2010	1 st Meeting of ACDM Task Force on the Establishment of the ASEAN Co-ordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)	Jakarta
18 February 2010	ASEAN Secretariat's Workshop on DRR Drivers and AADMER: Prospects and Perspectives of Non-Governmental Organisation	Jakarta
22 February 2010	Indonesia Country Consultation on AADMER Partnership and Resource Mobilisation	Jakarta
22-23 February 2010	ACDM Working Group Consultation on Recovery Component of the AADMER Work Programme	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
24-25 February 2010	Cambodia Country Consultation on AADMER Partnership and Resource Mobilisation	Phnom Penh
3 March 2010	Philippines Country Consultation on AADMER Partnership and Resource Mobilisation	Manila
8 March 2010	7 th Meeting of ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force for Victims of Cyclone Nargis (AHTF)	Ha Noi
10 March 2010	2 nd Meeting of the ACDM Task Force on the Establishment of AHA Centre	Singapore
11-12 March 2010	15 th Meeting of the ACDM, 4 th ACDM Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting, and Special Session on East Asian Summit (EAS)	Singapore
8 April 2010	Global Launching of the One Million Safe Schools and Hospitals and Pledging Session of ASEAN Member States, and ASEAN Forum on Safe Hospitals	Manila
19-20 April 2010	Meeting of ACDM Working Group Chairs and Lead-Shepherd Countries	Quezon City, Philippines
20-21 April 2010	3 rd Meeting of the ACDM Task Force on the Establishment of AHA Centre	Quezon City, Philippines
23-24 April 2010	ASEAN-Emergency Rapid Assessment Team (ERAT) Workshop	Singapore
26-28 April 2010	Regional Workshop on Preparedness in Human Remains Management and Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Following Mass Fatalities	Jakarta
5-7 May 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Seminar on Urban Disaster Emergency Management	Beijing
18-19 May 2010	16 th Meeting of the ACDM	Makati City, Philippines
20 May 2010	AADMER Partnership Conference	Makati City, Philippines
ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)		
15-17 June 2009	19 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Jakarta
29 June-1 July 2009	10 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME)	Singapore
7 July 2009	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE)	Bandar Seri Begawan
16-17 July 2009	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESOC)	Vientiane
20-21 July 2009	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)	Vientiane

23-25 July 2009	13 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA)	Nay Pyi Taw
3-4 August 2009	10 th Governing Board and 9 th Project Steering Committee Meetings of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Hua Hin, Thailand
4 August 2009	Special Meeting on ASEAN Climate Change Initiative (ACCI)	Hua Hin, Thailand
5-6 August 2009	20 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Environment (ASOEN)	Hua Hin, Thailand
6-7 September 2009	Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (SMME) and other related meetings	Hua Hin, Thailand
29 October 2009	11 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)	Singapore
3-4 March 2010	4 th Special Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Manila
5-6 March 2010	11 th Governing Board and 10 th Project Steering Committee Meetings of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Manila
31 March-1 April 2010	1 st Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC)	Bangkok
27-29 April 2010	ASEAN Workshop on the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity	Singapore
27-28 May 2010	20 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Vientiane

Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

2-3 June 2009	Workshop and Third Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (TWG Mekong)	Ha Noi
4 June 2009	4 th Meeting of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-4)	Ha Noi
18 August 2009	8 th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (TWG-southern)	Singapore
19 August 2009	8 th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Singapore
28 October 2009	5 th Meeting of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-5)	Singapore
29 October 2009	5 th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP-5)	Singapore
25-26 February 2010	5 th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (TWG Mekong)	Vientiane
29 April 2010	9 th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (TWG-southern)	Balikpapan, Indonesia
30 April 2010	9 th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Balikpapan, Indonesia

ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)

3-4 June 2009	Pandemic Preparedness Pilot Assessment in Indonesia	Banten and Jakarta
22-24 June 2009	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN Technical Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (TWG-PPR)	Bangkok
2-3 July 2009	Workshop on Advocacy and Costing Comprehensive MSM and HIV Response	Bangkok
9-11 July 2009	Regional Consultation and Influenza A(H1N1) and Strengthening Country Capacity for Pandemic Preparedness	Bangkok
22 July 2009	Meeting on ASEAN-WHO Cooperation for Highly Pathogenic Emerging Diseases	Bali, Indonesia
6-7 October 2009	1 st ASEAN Tobacco Control Focal Point Meeting	Bangkok
13-15 October 2009	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Expert Group on Food Safety (AEGFS)	Singapore
3-5 November 2009	25 th Meeting at ASEAN Working Group on Pharmaceutical Development	Singapore
9-11 November 2009	17 th Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on HIV/AIDS (ATFOA)	Bandar Seri Begawan
17-19 November 2009	Regional Consultation on Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) HIV Care and Support	Bangkok
24-26 November 2009	WHO-ASEAN Meeting on Public Health Measures at International Points of Entry (POE)	Manila
7-9 December 2009	SOMHD Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
10-11 December 2009	WHO-ASEAN Planning Meeting	Kuala Lumpur

ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)

25-26 June 2009	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers' Instrument Drafting Team (ACMW-DT)	Bali, Indonesia
30-31 July 2009	2 nd ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour	Bangkok
28 September 2009	2 nd Meeting of the SLOM Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance the Competitiveness of ASEAN	Chiang Rai, Thailand
29-30 September 2009	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW)	Chiang Rai, Thailand
5-6 October 2009	3 rd Meeting of ACMW's Instrument Drafting Team	Kuala Lumpur
14 October 2009	Meeting of the Project on Managing International Labour Migration in ASEAN	Manila

30 November-1 December 2009	ASEAN Seminar on Tripartism and Social Dialogue and Measures to Address the Economic Downturn	Singapore
31 March-1 April 2010	Regional Social Dialogue for Growth, Employment and Sound Industrial Relations in the Service Sector: Sharing Experiences from ASEAN and the EU	Ha Noi
2-4 April 2010	Capacity Building Workshop on Labour Market Information and Analysis in ASEAN	Bandar Seri Begawan
21-22 April 2010	11 th ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network Coordinating Board Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
29-30 April 2010	ASEAN Workshop on Eliminating Recruitment Malpractices	Singapore
30 April 2010	Towards an ASEAN Roadmap for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016 Experts' Meeting	Jakarta
10-11 May 2010	Consultation Workshop to Review and Finalise the Draft ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme (2010-2015)	Jakarta
18-19 May 2010	3 rd Meeting of the ACMW	Ha Noi
19 May 2010	2 nd Consultation Workshop to Review and Finalise the Draft ASEAN Labour Ministers' Work Programme (2010-2015)	Ha Noi
20-21 May 2010	ASEAN Preparatory Senior Labour Officials Meeting (PrepSLOM) for the 21 st ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting	Ha Noi
24 May 2010	21 st ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	Ha Noi
25 May 2010	2 nd ASEAN Human Resource Conference	Ha Noi

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)

11 January 2010	4 th ASEAN Government-Non-Government Organisation Forum (4 th Go-NGO) Forum	Singapore
12-13 January 2010	6 th ASEAN Government-Non Government Organisation Forum (6 th Go-NGO) Forum	Singapore
14 January 2010	5 th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Social and Development (5 th SOMSWD)	Singapore

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)

23-26 June 2009	AMMY VI and Related Meetings	Bangkok
5-7 October 2009	15 th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting (15 th AYDM) and ASEAN Youth Award	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)

28-30 October 2009	15 th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)	Vientiane
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ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)

10-12 June 2009	1 st Meeting of the Working Group for the Establishment of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Woman and Children (WG-ACWC)	Ha Noi
17-19 August 2009	2 nd Meeting of the Working Group that will work towards the establishment of an ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children	Bangkok
1-2 October 2009	Special Meeting between ACW, SOMSWD and WG-ACWC	Bangkok
2-4 November 2009	8 th ASEAN Committee on Women Meeting (8 th ACW)	Bandar Seri Begawan
30 March 2010	Consultation Session Between the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) and ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)	Jakarta

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

ASEAN Plus Three

25-26 June 2009	13 th ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Working Group Meeting	Republic of Korea
3-4 July 2009	13 th ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General (DG) Meeting	Republic of Korea
21 July 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting	Phuket, Thailand
22 July 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM+3)	Phuket, Thailand
23-25 July 2009	Medium-Term Strategic Planning Workshop for the ASEAN+3 EID Programme	Bali, Indonesia
27-28 July 2009	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Workshop on Human and Animal Health Collaboration for Emerging and Neglected Zoonoses	Bali, Indonesia
28 July 2009	8 th SOME Plus Three Consultation on Energy	Mandalay, Myanmar
29 July 2009	6 th ASEAN Plus Three Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM+3)	Mandalay, Myanmar
5-7 August 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Research Group Kick-off Meeting and Taskforce Meeting on Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation	Pusan, Republic of Korea
7 August 2009	6 th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Environment (SOME)	Hua Hin, Thailand
8 August 2009	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Leadership Programme on Sustainable Production and Consumption	Hua Hin, Thailand
10-12 August 2009	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Regional Workshop on Healthy Tourism	Phuket, Thailand
14-15 September 2009	1 st Regional Meeting on ASEAN Plus Three Partnership Laboratories (APL)	Singapore
17-20 September 2009	1 st ASEAN Plus Three Techmat	Ha Noi
19-22 September 2009	Japan's Proposal on Second ASEAN+3 Human Security Symposium on Women and Poverty Eradication	Japan

7-8 September 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Workshop on Strengthening Rabies Programme	Ha Noi
22-27 September 2009	1 st ASEAN + CJK Workshop on Human Resource Development for Rural Communications – Developing Rural Communications and Bridging the Digital Divide	Xi'an, China
26 September-2 October 2009	5 th Meeting of Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) Plus Three Working Group on Narcotics	Phnom Penh
28 September 2009	Consultative Meeting for Phase 3 of the ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Diseases Programme	Manila
28-30 September 2009	4 th ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction, and Asia-wide Regional Conference, Seminar and High-Level Meeting on “The Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific”	Ha Noi
9 October 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting	Bangkok
12-23 October 2009	4 th ASEAN Plus Three Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural HRD	Beijing-Gansu-Shaanxi, China
13-14 October 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Regional Workshop on Gender and Social Issues	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
20-22 October 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Finance Meeting on Credit Guarantee and Investment Mechanism Technical Working Group Meeting	Guangzhou, China
20-22 October 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Finance Meeting on Asian Bond Markets Initiative Taskforce Meeting	Guangzhou, China
20-22 October 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Finance Meeting on Asian Bond Markets Initiative Steering Group Meeting	Guangzhou, China
24 October 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand
30 October 2009	8 th ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM)	Singapore
30 October 2009	9 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (9 th AMAF+3)	Bandar Seri Begawan
12-14 October 2009	10 th TELSOM and related Meetings with Dialogue Partners (China, Japan, Korea, EU)	Vientiane
28 October 2009	Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)-9 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (9 th AMAF+3)	Bandar Seri Begawan
2-4 November 2009	1 st ASEAN Plus Three Committee on Women Meeting (1 st ACW+3)	Bandar Seri Begawan
2-4 November 2009	14 th ASEAN Plus Three DGs Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
4 November 2009	Senior Officials Meeting for the 1 st Conference of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information (SOMRI+3)	Vientiane
6 November 2009	1 st Conference of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI+3)	Vientiane
4-6 November 2009	Exercise Sharing and Evaluation Workshop on ASEAN+3 Exercise Management Training Program	Bangkok
9 November 2009	Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)-9 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (9 th AMAF+3)	Bandar Seri Begawan
11 November	9 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (9 th AMAF+3)	Bandar Seri Begawan
16-19 November 2009	4 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes Plus three (AMMTC+3)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
18 November 2009	3 rd ASOMM Plus Three Consultations	Bangkok
18-20 November 2009	3 rd Programme Coordination Group (PCG) Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three EID Programme	Kuala Lumpur
25-27 November 2009	ASEAN Plus Three Taskforce on Credit Guarantee and Investment Mechanism (CGIM) and Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation	Pusan, Republic of Korea
25-27 November 2009	Formal ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Pusan, Republic of Korea
25-27 November 2009	Informal ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Pusan, Republic of Korea
10-16 January 2010	1 st ASEAN Plus Three Teachers' Training and Students' Camp for the Gifted in Science	Busan, Republic of Korea
18-22 January 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Final Regional Workshop on Clean Development Mechanism	Seoul
23 January 2010	ASEAN National Tourism Organisation Plus Three Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
25 January 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
27 January 2010	4 th Working Group Meeting on the Development of Oilstockpiling Roadmap for ASEAN Plus Three	Ha Noi
28 January 2010	7 th ASEAN Plus Three Energy Security Forum	Ha Noi
28 January 2010	8 th ASEAN Plus Three Oil Stockpiling Forum	Ha Noi
29 January 2010	7 th ASEAN Plus Three Oil Market Forum	Ha Noi
9 February 2010	6 th ASEAN Plus Three Natural Gas Forum	Brunei Darussalam
10 February 2010	5 th ASEAN Plus Three Natural Gas Business Dialogue	Brunei Darussalam
11-13 February 2010	3 rd ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network Plus Three Policy Dialogue on Occupational Safety and Health Management System	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
2-5 March 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Seminar on Urban Youth Work IV	Singapore
4 March 2010	3 rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM) Plus Three Consultation	Bangkok
15 March 2010	6 th ASEAN Plus Three New and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Forum	Tokyo
16 March 2010	9 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy Plus Three Energy Policy Governing Group (SOME+3 EPGG)	Tokyo
18-19 March 2010	Ad Hoc Working Group on ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation in Education	Bangkok
22 March-9 April 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Civilian Nuclear Energy Working Level Training Course	Seoul

24 March 2010	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials on Culture and Arts (SOMCA+3)	Clark City, Pampanga, Philippines
26 March 2010	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA+3)	Clark City, Pampanga, Philippines
17-24 April 2010	3 rd 10 Plus Three Media Cooperation Forum	Shanghai, Tianjin, Beijing, China
1-3 May 2010	13 th ASEEAN Plus Three Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM) and Related Meetings	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
21 May 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM+3)	Ha Noi
24 May 2010	ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM+3)	Ha Noi
ASEAN-Australia		
22 July 2009	ASEAN-Australia Ministerial Meeting (AMM+Australia)	Phuket, Thailand
1 October 2009	1 st Joint Planning and Review Committee Meeting of AADCP II	Jakarta
16-19 November 2009	5 th Meeting of DGIEM Plus Australia Consultation	Manila
9 February 2010	2 nd Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC) of AADCP II	Jakarta
18-19 March 2010	23 rd ASEAN-Australia Forum	Singapore
ASEAN-Canada		
18-19 June 2009	6 th ASEAN-Canada Dialogue	Canada
22 July 2009	ASEAN-Canada Ministerial Meeting (AMM+Canada)	Phuket, Thailand
24-25 March 2010	4 th ASEAN-Canada Informal Coordinating Mechanism (ICM) Meeting	Jakarta
ASEAN-China		
15-17 June 2009	32 nd ASEAN-China Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)	Kuala Lumpur
24-26 June 2009	15 th ASEAN-China Senior Officials Consultation and ASEAN-China Senior Officials Meeting on Document of Conduct	China
30 June-4 July 2009	7 th Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus China Consultation (SOMTC+China)	Yangon
July 2009	ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting (AMM+China)	Phuket, Thailand
22-23 July 2009	8 th Meeting of ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) Task Force III on Law Enforcement	Singapore
22-23 July 2009	8 th Meeting of ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) Task Force IV on Alternative Development	Singapore
22-23 July 2009	ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs Working Group (ACCORD WG) on Amphetamine-Type Stimulants (ATS) Related Crime	Singapore
28-30 July 2009	China-ASEAN Workshop on Cleaner Production Technology and Product Policy	Beijing
1-10 August 2009	2 nd China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week	Guiyang, China
5-6 August 2009	8 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force I on Civil Awareness	Jakarta
5-6 August 2009	8 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force II on Demand Reduction	Jakarta
11-14 August 2009	China-ASEAN e-Commerce Workshop	Beijing
9-11 September 2009	China-ASEAN High Level Seminar on Social Insurance	Zhongshan City, China
26 September-2 October 2009	6 th Meeting of ACCORD Joint Task Force	Phnom Penh
28-30 September 2009	3 rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction	Ha Noi
20-23 October 2009	6 th CAEXPO	Nanning, China
21-23 October 2009	5 th Meeting of ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism	Beijing
21-25 October 2009	China-ASEAN Forum on Television Exchanges and China TV Week	Guangxi, China
24 October 2009	ASEAN-China Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand
28-30 October 2009	8 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force III on Law Enforcement	Singapore
28-30 October 2009	8 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force IV on Alternative Development	Singapore
28-29 October 2009	China-ASEAN Summit Forum on Traditional Medicines	Nanning, China
4 November 2009	3 rd Meeting of the Working Group on the Economic Cooperation (WGEC) for ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
4-5 November 2009	33 rd Meeting of the ASEAN-China Trade Negotiations Committee (AC-TNC)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
10-12 November 2009	Seminar on Road Plan, Design, Construction, Maintenance and Management between China and ASEAN Member States	Kunming, China
15-20 November 2009	4 th ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Seminar	China
16-19 November 2009	1 st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes Plus China (AMMTC+China)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
19-20 November 2009	3 rd ASEAN-China Working Group Meeting on Regional Air Services Arrangements	Beijing
9 December 2009	8 th STOM+China	Ha Noi
11 December 2009	8 th ATM+China	Ha Noi
3-5 March 2009	34 th Meeting of the ASEAN-China Trade Negotiations Committee (AC-TNC)	Brunei Darussalam
23-25 March 2010	4 th China-ASEAN Media Cooperation Seminar	Beijing

30-31 March 2010	3 rd ASEAN-China Rectors' Conference	Kuala Lumpur
26-28 April 2010	16 th ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Consultation (ACSOC)	Hue City, Viet Nam
11-14 May 2010	4 th ASEAN-China Working Group Meeting on Regional Air Services Arrangements	Hangzhou, China
25-26 May 2010	ASEAN-China JCC Meeting	Jakarta
ASEAN-EU		
19 June 2009	Working Meeting on the 2010 Energy Work Plan under the ASEAN-European Union Senior Officials Dialogue on Energy Cooperation	Brussels
22 July 2009	ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AMM+EU)	Phuket, Thailand
2-3 February 2010	ASEAN-EU SOM	Bandar Seri Begawan
24-25 February 2010	4 th ASEAN-Canada Informal Coordinating Mechanism (ICM)	Jakarta
25 May 2010	ASEAN-EU SOM	Madrid
26-27 May 2010	18 th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting	Madrid
ASEAN-India		
22 July 2009	ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting (AMM+India)	Phuket, Thailand
12-15 October 2009	23 rd Meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade Negotiating Committee (AINTC)	New Delhi
24 October 2009	ASEAN-India Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand
1-3 December 2009	ASEAN-India Workshop and Annual Meeting on Surface Engineering (AISE)	India
10-11 December 2009	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN-India Working Group on Science and Technology (AIWGST)	India
27 December 2009- 1 January 2010	17 th ASEAN-India Science Children Congress	India
25 January 2010	ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
12 February 2010	ASEAN-India Core Group Meeting	Jakarta
6 May 2010	17 th ASEAN-India WG Meeting	Jakarta
7 May 2010	12 th ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Jakarta
ASEAN-Japan		
16 June 2009	7 th ASEAN-Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) Leaders Conference	Hakodate-City, Japan
30 June-4 July 2009	6 th Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Japan Consultation (SOMTC+Japan)	Yangon
14 July 2009	3 rd Inter-Sessional Meeting (ISM) in ASEAN-Japan Counter Terrorism - Dialogue	Tokyo
22 July 2009	ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting (AMM+Japan)	Phuket, Thailand
28 July 2009	10 th SOME-METI Consultation on Energy	Mandalay, Myanmar
6 August 2009	3 rd ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Environment Cooperation (AJDEC)	Hua Hin, Thailand
10-12 August 2009	3 rd Inter-Sessional Meeting and 4 th ASEAN-Japan Counter Terrorism Dialogue	Hon Tam Resort, Viet Nam
17-18 August 2009	Workshop on ASEAN-Japan Cooperation Project "Capacity Building for Local Government Officials on Disaster Management"	Bangkok
31 August- 3 September 2010	7 th ASEAN and Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies: "Towards an Inclusive Society"	Tokyo
5-9 October 2009	ASEAN-Japan Training Workshop on Climate Applications in ASEAN	Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
16 October 2009	Technical Meeting on ASEAN-Japan Project for the Stockpile of Antivirals and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Singapore
24 October 2009	ASEAN-Japan	Hua Hin, Thailand
16-19 November 2009	1 st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes Plus Japan (AMMTC+Japan)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
24-25 November 2009	4 th ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Experts Meeting	
26 November 2009	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) Joint Committee	Manila
26 November 2009	1 st Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin (SC-ROO)	Manila
3-4 February 2009	2 nd Regional Seminar of the ASEAN-ILO/Japan Industrial Relations Project (AIJPIR)	Kuala Lumpur
9 December 2009	8 th STOM+Japan	Ha Noi
11 December 2009	7 th ATM+Japan	Ha Noi
1-9 February 2010	7 th ASEAN-Japan Transport Policy Officials Training Program	Tokyo
3-4 February 2009	2 nd Regional Seminar of the ASEAN-ILO/Japan Industrial Relations Project (AIJPIR)	Kuala Lumpur
4-5 March 2010	ASEAN-Japan Experts Group Meeting on Environment	Jakarta
23 March 2010	ASEAN-Japan Seminar on Utilization of ICT for Environment Conservation	Kuala Lumpur
29-31 March 2010	2 nd ASEAN-Japan Information Security Policy Meeting	Bangkok
12 April 2010	ASEAN-Japan JMC Meeting	Jakarta
12-13 April 2010	3 rd Inter-Sessional Meeting of the ASEAN-Japan CT Dialogue	Tokyo
23 April 2010	4 th Industrial Relation Team Meeting of the AIJPIR	Bangkok
18-19 May 2010	8 th ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference	Nara, Japan

20 May 2010	3 rd Meeting of Project Cooperation Committee of the AIJPIR	Ha Noi
22 May 2010	3 rd Working Group of ASEAN-Japan HRD Collaboration on Planning and Evaluation	Ha Noi

ASEAN-Republic of Korea

1-2 June 2009	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit	Jeju Island, Republic of Korea
5 June 2009	20 Years of Friendship: ASEAN-Republic of Korea Cultural Night	Jakarta
24-26 June 2009	ROK-ASEAN Training of Trainers Workshop on Home Care for Older People	Seoul
29 June-3 July 2009	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Broadcasting Cooperation Workshop	Seoul
30 June-4 July 2009	4 th Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Republic of Korea Consultation (SOMTC+ROK)	Yangon
22 July 2009	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Ministerial Meeting (AMM+ROK)	Phuket, Thailand
30 July 2009	3 rd ASEAN-Republic of Korea Eminent Persons Group (EPG)	Vientiane
24-25 August 2009	1 st Inter-sessional Meeting of ASEAN-Republic of Korea Eminent Persons Group (EPG)	Ha Noi
14-15 September 2009	6 th Informal Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC) Meeting	Seoul
16-18 September 2009	4 th ASEAN-ROK Eminent Persons Group (EPG)	Seoul
24 October 2009	ASEAN-Korea Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand
16-19 November 2009	1 st ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes Plus Republic of Korea (AMMTC+ROK)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
9 December 2009	1 st STOM+ROK	Ha Noi
11 December 2009	1 st ATM+ROK	Ha Noi
8-10 March 2010	11 th Meeting of ASEAN-Korea Sub-Committee on Rules of Origin (AKSTROO)	Manila
9-11 March 2010	9 th Meeting of ASEAN-Korea Working Group on Economic Cooperation	Manila
10-12 March 2010	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN-Korea Implementing Committee (AK-IC)	Manila
25-26 March 2010	12 th ASEAN-ROK Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC)	Jakarta
5-10 April 2010	ASEAN-ROK Workshop on Green ICT	Seoul

ASEAN-New Zealand

22-23 July 2009	ASEAN-New Zealand Ministerial Meeting (AMM+New Zealand)	Phuket, Thailand
30 March 2010	ASEAN-New Zealand Open-Ended WG Meeting	Jakarta
29 April 2010	11 th ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Management Committee (JMC) Meeting	Jakarta

ASEAN-Russian Federation

19-21 June 2009	ASEAN Russia JPMC/JCC	Manila
22 July 2009	ASEAN-Russia Ministerial Meeting (AMM+Russia)	Phuket, Thailand
25-26 November 2009	ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting/JPMC/Working Group for the 2 nd ASEAN-Russia Summit	Nay Pyi Taw
22-25 March 2010	2 nd ASEAN-Russia Working Group for the 2 nd ASEAN-Russia Summit	Moscow
22-25 March 2010	9 th ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee	Moscow
19-20 April 2010	2 nd ASEAN-Russia Working Group Meeting	Jakarta

ASEAN-US

10-11 June 2009	22 nd ASEAN-US Dialogue	Washington DC
17 March 2010	2 nd ASEAN-US Working Group Meeting	Jakarta
14-16 April 2010	2 nd ASEAN-US Joint Cooperation Committee	Jakarta
27 April 2010	2 nd ASEAN-US JCC Meeting	Jakarta
14-15 May 2010	23 rd ASEAN-US Dialogue	Manila

ASEAN-CER (Australia and New Zealand)

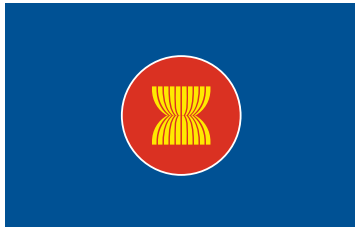
1-2 December 2009	Informal Meeting of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) Joint Committee (FTA-JC)	Sidney, Australia
24-25 May 2010	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) Committee on Trade in Goods	Manila
24-25 May 2010	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) Sub-Committee on Rules and Origin (SC-ROO)	Manila
24-25 May 2010	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) Joint Committee (FTA JC)	Manila

EAST ASIA SUMMIT

23-24 June 2009	10 th Meeting of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force	Bangkok
21 July 2009	Ad-Hoc Consultations among East Asia Summit Senior Officials	Phuket, Thailand
22 July 2009	East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Informal Consultations	Phuket, Thailand

28 July 2009	11 th Meeting of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF)	Mandalay, Myanmar
29 July 2009	3 rd EAS Energy Ministers Meeting	Mandalay, Myanmar
7 August 2009	Officials Meeting for the East Asia Summit (EAS) Environment Ministers Meeting (OM for EAS OMM)	Hua Hin, Thailand
1-2 October 2009	EAS Summit Workshop on Trade Finance	Bangkok
9 October 2009	Ad Hoc Consultations Among East Asia Summit Senior Officials	Bangkok
25 October 2009	4 th East Asia Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand
31 October 2009	2 nd Official Meeting for East Asian Summit (EAS) Environment Ministers Meeting	Singapore
2-4 March 2010	EAS High-Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities	Singapore
17 March 2010	12 th Meeting of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force	Tokyo
OTHER MEETINGS		
3-6 June 2009	13 th High Level Panel on ASEAN Human Rights Body	Nay Pyi Taw
7-10 June 2009	Workshop on ASEAN Defence Establishments and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Cooperation on Non-Traditional Security (Humanitarian and Disaster Management)	Bangkok
15 June 2009	ASEAN Secretariat-The Nippon Foundation Project on Leprosy and Human Dignity	Jakarta
13-17 July 2009	8 th Subcommittee of the Tokyo Defense Forum	Tokyo
16-17 June 2009	ASEAN Workshop on Management and Security of Ammunition Stockpiles and Surplus Destruction	Phnom Penh
23-25 June 2009	14 th Meeting on the Production of ASEAN Reference Substances	Bangkok
29-30 June 2009	1 st ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting	Manama, Bahrain
14-15 July 2009	Training on Foreign Affiliates Statistics (FATS)	Melaka, Malaysia
30-31 July 2009	READI Workshop: Spectrum Management for Electronic Communication	Chiang Rai, Thailand
1-6 August 2009	ASEAN Secretariat Supervision and Monitoring and Supervision, Recruitment of AHTF Office Project Staff, field visit to Labutta the new ASEAN Volunteer's Projects	Yangon
19-21 August 2009	2 nd ASEAN Museum Director's Symposium – "Community Partnership: The Role of ASEAN Museums in the 21 st Century"	Singapore
24-26 August 2009	Regional Project Coordinating Committee Meeting for Asia Regional Trafficking in Persons (ARTIP)	Viet Nam
26-29 August 2009	ASEAN Regional Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and their Uses	Seam Reap, Cambodia
31 August-1 September 2010	Meeting with Bangkok Governor's Officials on "Cool ASEAN, Green Capitals" Initiative	Bangkok
31 August-2 September 2010	Conference on Traditional Medicines in ASEAN Countries	Bangkok
9-12 September 2009	5 th Meeting of the Networking on East Asian Cultural Heritage (5 th NEACH)	Nara, Japan
17-18 September 2009	Asian ASEM Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	New Delhi
25 September 2009	ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting	New York
25 September 2009	ASEAN-MERCOSUR Ministerial Meeting	New York
10-12 September 2009	Final National Sustainable Development Strategy and Action Plans (NSDS) Workshop	Bangkok
21-25 September 2009	Training Course of IT Equipment Testing and Certification System for ASEAN	Seoul
15-17 October 2009	ASEAN-ACTO-COMIFAC Collaboration Meeting	Buenos Aires
19 October 2009	Seminar on "Development of the Corporate Credit Information Database and Credit Guarantee System" under the ASEAN Plus Three Research Group	Bali, Indonesia
28-29 October 2009	Workshop to Finalise the Roadmaps for the APAST Flagship Programmes	Manila
10-15 November 2009	21 st APEC Ministerial Meeting and Its Related Meetings	Singapore
1-2 December 2009	International Conference and ASEAN-India Annual Review Workshop on Thermally Sprayed-Coating	Bandung, Indonesia
14-15 January 2010	ADB Regional Forum on the Impact of Global Economic and Financial Crisis	Manila
21-22 January 2010	Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility Technical Working Group Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
24-25 January 2010	ASEM-SOM	Madrid
2 February 2010	Wrap Up meeting of Researchers/Research Institutes under the ASEAN Plus Three Research Group	Tokyo
17-25 March 2010	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Fund Advisory Fund (FAG)	Lao PDR
22-25 March 2010	Southeast Asia Water Forum	Manila
5-6 May 2010	ASEM-SOM	Phnom Penh
24-26 May 2010	11 th Automotive Product Working Group (APWG) and Related Meetings	Nay Phi Taw
25 May 2010	24 th ASEAN Foundation BOT	Jakarta
31 May-1 June 2010	2 nd ASEAN-GCC Foreign Ministerial Meeting	Singapore

ASEAN Flag and Emblem



The ASEAN Flag represents a stable, peaceful, united and dynamic ASEAN. The colours of the Flag – blue, red, white and yellow – represent the main colours of the flags of all the ASEAN Member States.

The blue represents peace and stability. Red depicts courage and dynamism. White shows purity and yellow symbolises prosperity.

The stalks of padi represent the dream of ASEAN's Founding Fathers for an ASEAN comprising all the countries in Southeast Asia bound together in friendship and solidarity. The circle represents the unity of ASEAN.

The specification of Pantone Colour adopted for the colours of the ASEAN Flag are:

Blue : Pantone 19-4053 TC
Red : Pantone 18-1655 TC
White : Pantone 11-4202 TC
Yellow : Pantone 13-0758 TC

For the printed version, the specifications of colours (except white) will follow those for the colours of the ASEAN Emblem, i.e.:

Blue : Pantone 286 or Process Colour 100C 60M 0Y 6K
Red : Pantone Red 032 or Process Colour 0C 91M 87Y 0K
Yellow : Pantone Process Yellow or Process Colour 0C 0M 100Y 0K

The ratio of the width to the length of the Flag is two to three and the size specifications for the official flags are:

Table Flag : 10 cm x 15 cm
Room Flag : 100 cm x 150 cm
Car Flag : 10 cm x 30 cm
Field Flag : 200 cm x 300 cm



The ASEAN emblem represents a stable, peaceful, united and dynamic ASEAN. The colours of the emblem – blue, red, white and yellow – represent the main colours of the crests of all the ASEAN Member States.

Blue represents peace and stability. Red depicts courage and dynamism. White shows purity and yellow symbolises prosperity.

The ten stalks of padi represent the dream of ASEAN's Founding Fathers for an ASEAN comprising all the ten countries in Southeast Asia bound together in friendship and solidarity. The circle represents the unity of ASEAN.

The specification of Pantone Colour adopted for the colours of the ASEAN emblem are:

Blue : Pantone 286
Red : Pantone Red 032
Yellow : Pantone Process Yellow

For four-colour printing process, the specifications of colours will be:

Blue : 100C 60M 0Y 6K (100C 60M 0Y 10K)
Red : 0C 91M 87Y 0K (0C 90M 90Y 0K)
Yellow : 0C 0M 100Y 0K

Specifications in brackets are to be used when an arbitrary measurement of process colours is not possible.

In Pantone Process Colour Simulator, the specifications equal to:

Blue : Pantone 204-1
Red : Pantone 60-1
Yellow : Pantone 1-3

The font used for the word "ASEAN" in the emblem is lower-case Helvetica in bold.

ASEAN Anthem

Soprano

The ASEAN Way

Lyricist : Payom Valaiphatchra

Music: Kittikhun Sodprasert
& Sampao Triudom
Arr.: Kittikhun Sodprasert

Allegretto Maestoso ♩=100

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Raise our flag high, sky high Em-brace the pride in our
mp

9 heart A-SEAN we are bonded as one Look - in out to the world. For

B

14 peace, our goal from the ve - ry start And pros - pe ri ty to last. We
mf *po co a po co cresc.*

C

18 dare to dream we care to share. To - ge - ther for A - SEAN we
f *mf*

22 dare to dream we care to share for it's the way of A - SEAN
f rit. *ff*

