



Becoming One ASEAN



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Foreword by the Secretary-General



On 8 August 2007, ASEAN will turn forty. It is certainly a time for celebration. But perhaps it is also a time for some introspection and for those of us in ASEAN to assess how ready we are, after four decades of evolution, to achieve our ambitious goal of becoming one ASEAN.

By one ASEAN we mean a cohesive ASEAN Community with one vision and one identity. From this, we have spelt out more specific goals such as establishing ASEAN as a single market and promoting ASEAN as a single tourist destination. Clear measures were laid out in the Vientiane Action Programme of 2004 and we have been making progress in some key areas. Of note, we signed a counter-terrorism convention and concluded other important accords in the past year. We are now working to draft the ASEAN Charter and also put in place a blueprint to accelerate ASEAN's economic integration.

However, becoming one ASEAN requires more than just implementing measures and activities. We are aware of some of the prevailing structural challenges and issues of perception that exist and could hinder ASEAN's goal of becoming one community.

First, coordinating the different ministerial sectors of cooperation in ASEAN has not always been easy. This is not surprising as ASEAN has expanded, from having one ministerial body in 1967 to twenty-eight in 2007, complete with numerous supporting committees and working groups. ASEAN officials have begun to work more closely together through newly-established committees to coordinate the work of the ASEAN Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. The drafters of the ASEAN Charter are also looking to revise the organisational structure of ASEAN to make it more efficient and effective.

Second, for ASEAN to remain successful and relevant, the officials and the people need to have shared goals for ASEAN and work in partnership such that all of them can benefit from regional integration. This is the foundation of a people-centred

ASEAN. ASEAN officials have focussed on implementing initiatives that improve the well-being of the ASEAN people, be it in promoting economic development, improving regional cooperation in disaster management or holding activities such as people-to-people exchanges that allow the direct participation of the people. ASEAN officials have also held more dialogue sessions with the private sector and civil society groups to better understand their concerns.

Third, more than sixty per cent of ASEAN citizens were not born when ASEAN was established. We do not want young people – the future of ASEAN – to think of ASEAN as something they only read about in history books. They should be able to feel connected to ASEAN in their daily lives. To this end, we chose "ASEAN and Young People" as the theme for ASEAN's 39th Anniversary and worked to engage the younger generation. We hope that they will become more aware of and feel more invested in ASEAN's community-building goals. I have been heartened to discover that as we are reaching out, there are also some young people who have taken the initiative to engage ASEAN and promote ASEAN on their own. One good example is the annual US-ASEAN Film Festival in Washington, D.C., which is organised by a few enterprising young Southeast Asians working and studying in the United States.

So while ASEAN is turning "40" this year, it is really the number "1" that is the magic figure which should be, for good reason, foremost on our minds. The ASEAN Leaders believe that by 2015, ASEAN will be one community. I am optimistic as well. With some hard work on our part, we will have a critical mass of people, be they government officials or members of the public, whatever their age or gender, who believe in one ASEAN.

That would be a fitting fortieth birthday gift for ASEAN.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ong Keng Yong". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line underneath.

Ong Keng Yong

The 12th ASEAN Summit

The 12th ASEAN Summit, held on 13 January 2007 in Cebu, Philippines, produced substantive outcomes that will generate momentum in ASEAN's community-building efforts.

Most notably, the ASEAN Leaders agreed to shorten the target date for the establishment of an ASEAN Community from 2020 to 2015. The Leaders also expressed their intention to sign the ASEAN Charter, currently being drafted, at the 13th ASEAN Summit in Singapore. Through the Cebu Declaration Towards One Caring and Sharing Community, the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism, the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, and the ASEAN Commitment on HIV and AIDS, the ASEAN Leaders have further strengthened political/security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation in the region.

The ASEAN Leaders also held Summits with their counterparts from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and India on 14 January 2007. Each of these Summit meetings reviewed existing cooperation and provided direction for future collaboration in an effort to further enhance and consolidate the respective dialogue relations. The 10th ASEAN Plus Three Summit was also held on the same day. ASEAN Plus Three cooperation, the main vehicle through which the East Asian community will be realised, has made steady progress with the implementation of seventeen Short-term and nine Medium and Long-term recommendations of the 2002 East Asia Study Group, including the feasibility study for an East Asia Free Trade Area, which has been completed.

Building upon the inaugural East Asia Summit (EAS), the participating countries of the 2nd EAS identified five priority areas for cooperation, namely, energy, finance, education, natural disaster mitigation and avian influenza. The Leaders also signed the Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security on 15 January 2007. *



"...the strengthening of ASEAN integration through the accelerated establishment of an ASEAN Community will reinforce ASEAN's centrality and role as the driving force in charting the evolving regional architecture."

Cebu Declaration on the Acceleration of the Establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015



The 2nd East Asia Summit



Opening of the 12th ASEAN Summit



(Top and above) Leaders at the 12th ASEAN Summit

Agreements and Declarations from the 12th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits

- ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism
- Cebu Declaration on the Blueprint of the ASEAN Charter
- Cebu Declaration Towards One Caring and Sharing Community
- Cebu Declaration on the Acceleration of the Establishment of an ASEAN Community by 2015
- ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers
- ASEAN Commitments on HIV and AIDS
- Cebu Declaration on East Asian Energy Security



One Caring and Sharing Community



ASEAN Leaders meet with the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly

ASEAN's Year in External Relations

June 2006-May 2007

European Union

- ASEAN and the EU celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations in 2007 and plan a commemorative summit for November 2007.
- ASEAN and the EU agree in May 2007 to launch FTA negotiations.
- The Nuremberg Declaration on an EU-ASEAN Enhanced Partnership is adopted in March 2007.

Russian Federation

- Russia contributes US\$500,000 to the ASEAN-Russian Federation Dialogue Partnership Financial Fund.
- ASEAN and Russia celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations in 2006.

Pakistan

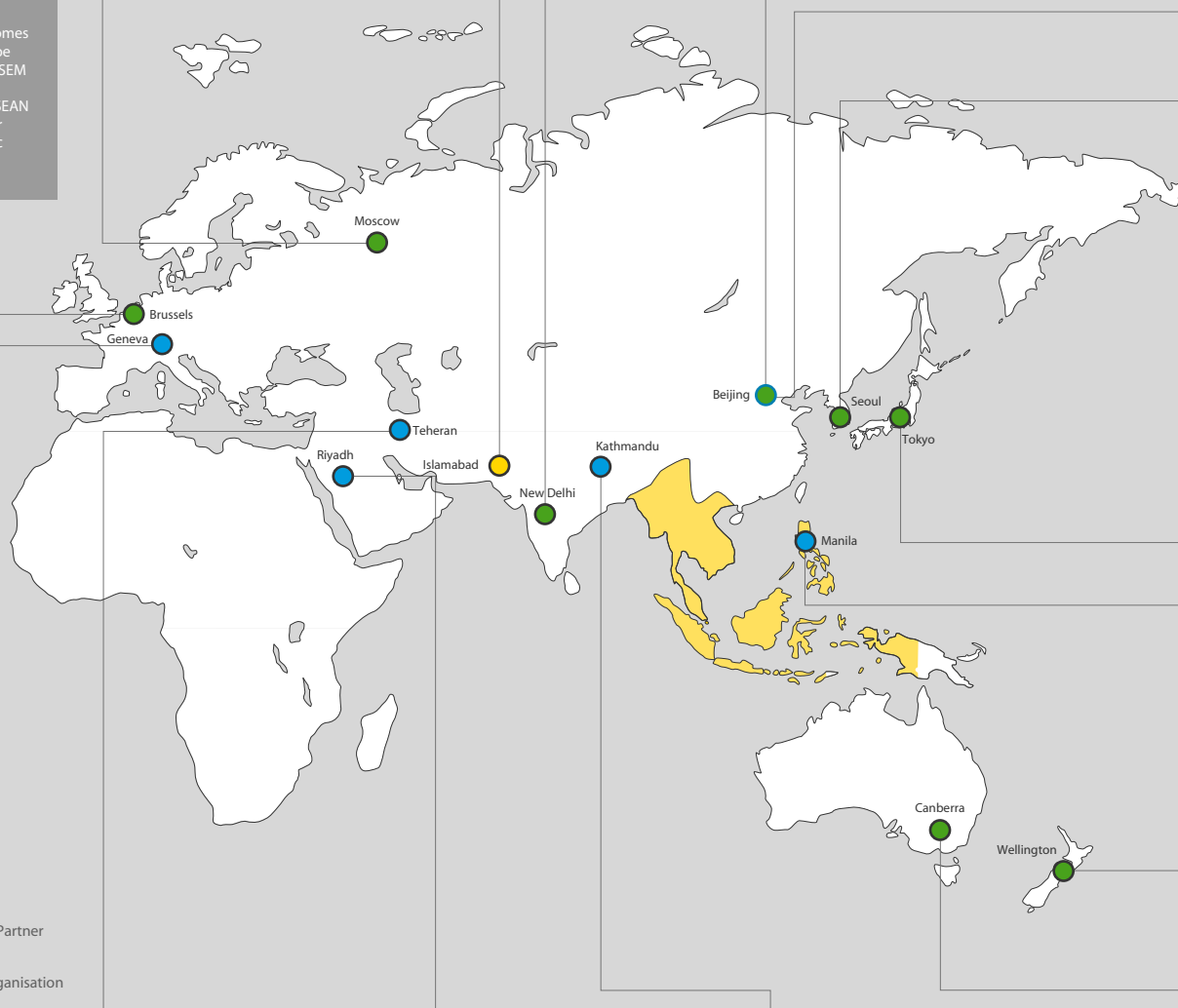
- ASEAN and Pakistan will undertake a joint feasibility study for an ASEAN-Pakistan Free Trade Agreement.

India

- India contributes US\$2.5 million to the ASEAN-India Fund in January 2007 and fulfils US\$700,000 of its US\$1 million pledge to the ASEAN Development Fund.
- Progress is made in the ongoing negotiations for the ASEAN-India FTA.
- ASEAN and India implement activities under the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity.
- ASEAN and India agree to launch a dialogue on an open skies agreement.

ASEAN's Participation at Regional Fora

- The ASEAN Secretariat becomes a member of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) at the 6th ASEM Summit held in 2006.
- The Secretary-General of ASEAN continues to be an observer at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).



- ASEAN Dialogue Partner
- ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner
- International/Regional Organisation

World Health Organisation (WHO)

- The WHO provides ASEAN with technical assistance on emerging infectious diseases, especially on TRIPS safeguards and access to antivirals and diagnostic reagents.

Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO)

- The ASEAN and ECO Secretariats sign an MOU in January 2006 to forge cooperation in areas such as trade and investment, narcotics control, SMEs and tourism.

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

- The ASEAN-GCC Annual Ministerial Meeting in September 2006 discusses the possibility of formalising the ASEAN-GCC partnership.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

- The ASEAN and SAARC Secretariats have revised their work plan to incorporate new activities.

China

- ASEAN and China hold a Commemorative Summit to mark the 15th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations in Nanning, China, in October 2006.
- Progress is made in the ongoing negotiations for the ASEAN-China FTA with ASEAN and China signing the Agreement on Trade in Services in January 2007.
- ASEAN and China adopt a plan of action on ICT cooperation and sign an MOU on agricultural cooperation in January 2007.

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)

- The ASEAN and SCO Secretariats are exploring ways to implement the MOU signed in 2005.

Republic of Korea (RoK)

- ASEAN and the RoK make progress in executing the Plan of Action to implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Cooperation Partnership.
- The deadline to conclude the Agreements in Trade in Services and Investment under the ASEAN-RoK FTA is extended to November 2007.

Canada

- ASEAN and Canada celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations in 2007.
- ASEAN and Canada start work on a Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA).

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- ASEAN is accorded observer status at the UN in December 2006.

United States of America

- ASEAN and the US celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations in 2007 and plan to hold a Commemorative Summit.
- Under the ASEAN-US Enhanced Partnership, ASEAN and the US implement several cooperative activities that support the Vientiane Action Programme.

Japan

- Japan contributes a further US\$247.5 million to the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) for youth exchange programmes in East Asia and ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership projects.
- 500,000 courses of Tamiflu and personal protective equipment are stockpiled in Singapore through JAIF funding.
- Progress is made in the ongoing negotiations for the ASEAN-Japan FTA.
- The ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism Dialogue is launched in June 2006.

Australia

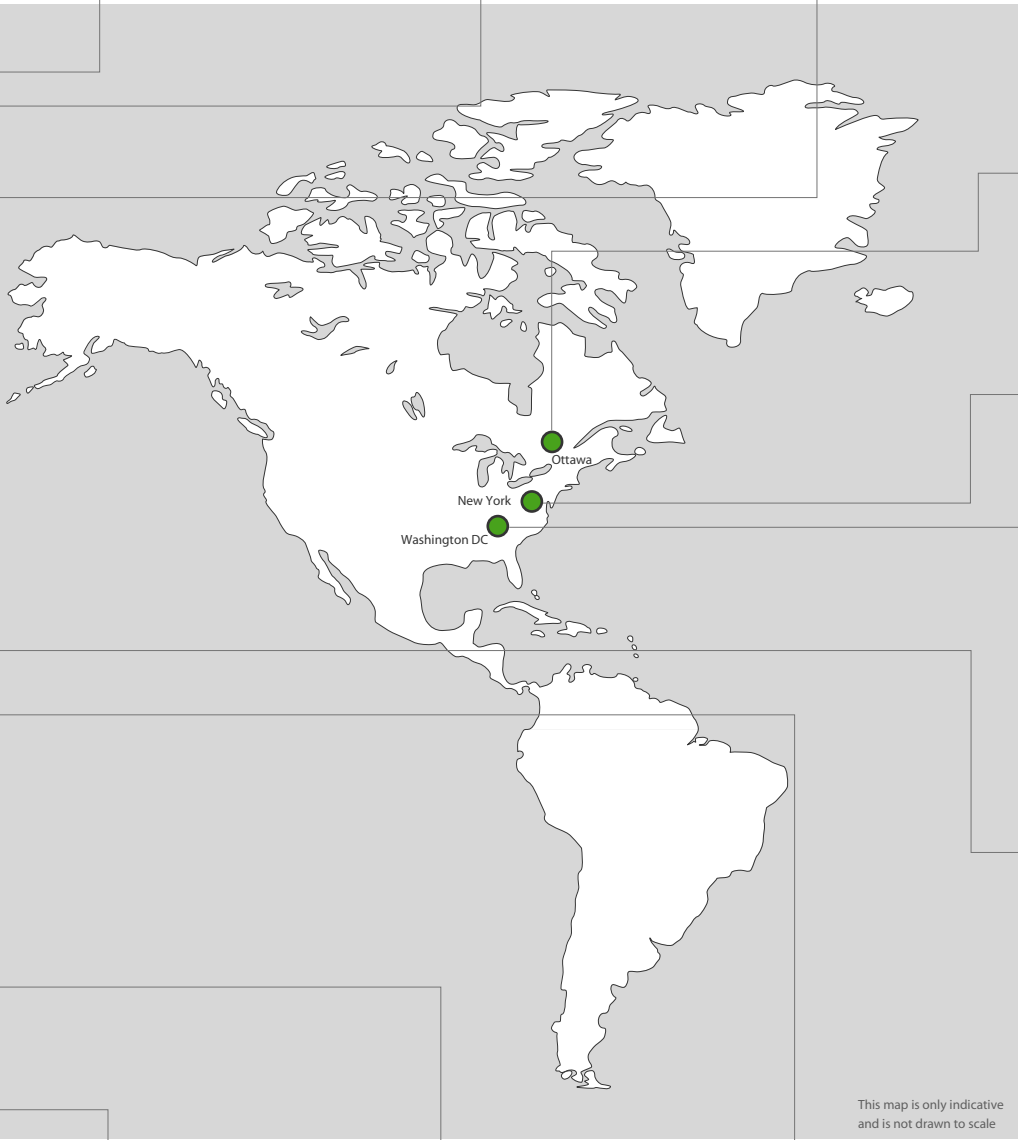
- The Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership and its Plan of Action are being finalised.
- Progress is made in the ongoing negotiations for the ASEAN-Australia New Zealand FTA.

New Zealand

- Progress is made in the ongoing negotiations for the ASEAN-Australia New Zealand FTA.
- ASEAN and New Zealand adopt the ASEAN-New Zealand Framework for Cooperation 2006-2010 in July 2006.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- The ASEAN Secretariat and ADB sign an MOU in August 2006 and are exploring specific areas of cooperation, particularly in trade and investment.



The ASEAN Charter

Having a Charter is actually not a new idea for ASEAN. Back in the early 1970s, the five founding Member Countries of ASEAN (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand) did consider the possibility of developing some form of a constitutional document to formalise the establishment of ASEAN. This was in recognition of the fact that ASEAN was created out of a political rather than legal document, the ASEAN Declaration that was signed in Bangkok on 8 August 1967. However, the discussions in the early 1970s did not result in a constitution.

Now, as the Association approaches its fortieth year, the ASEAN Charter is about to become a reality. The Charter is being drafted in the form of a treaty, which will require ratification from all signatory States before it can enter into force. It will serve as the Constitution of ASEAN.

In effect, the Charter will formalise the establishment of ASEAN as a full-fledged inter-governmental organisation, moving it from its current state as a loosely-organised regional entity. The ASEAN Member Countries have already agreed that the ASEAN Charter will confer ASEAN with a legal personality as an inter-governmental organisation, one that is separate from each Member Country. With the Charter, ASEAN Member Countries will have a framework to operate efficiently under a rules-based environment. ASEAN decisions and agreements will become legally binding. The Charter will be instrumental in making ASEAN more effective as ASEAN steps up the pace of regional integration and community building.

A High Level Task Force was set up in January 2007 to draft the ASEAN Charter. In their drafting, the Task Force has been guided by four major sources: the Report of the Eminent Persons Group on the ASEAN Charter; directives from ASEAN Leaders; existing commitments in the ASEAN milestone documents and agreements since 1967; and guidance from the ASEAN Foreign Ministers. The Task Force has also held dialogue sessions with representatives of civil society, the private sector, parliamentarians and senior officials from various ASEAN bodies to hear their views on the Charter.

The Charter is scheduled to be signed by the Heads of State or Government of the Member Countries when they meet for the 13th ASEAN Summit in November 2007 in Singapore. The Charter will be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations. *

“...an ASEAN Charter will serve as a firm foundation in achieving one ASEAN Community by providing an enhanced institutional framework as well as conferring a legal personality to ASEAN.”

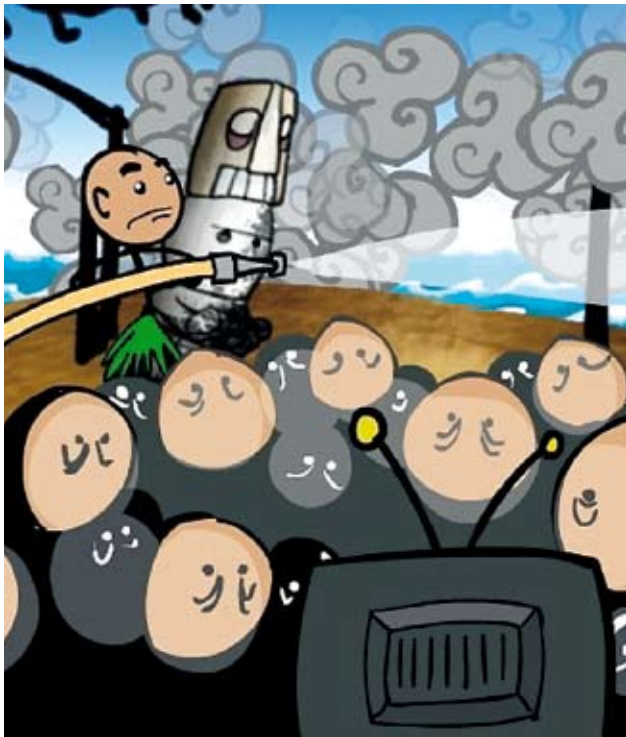
Cebu Declaration on the Blueprint of the ASEAN Charter

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Note: The Chair of the High Level Task Force is synchronised with the ASEAN Chair. The Philippines has served as the Chair since January 2007. In August 2007, Singapore will take over as the Chair.

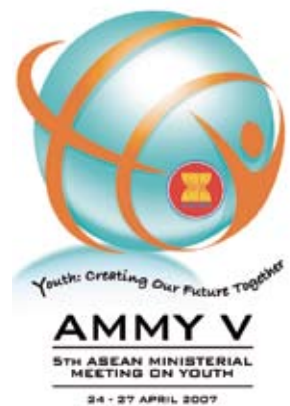
Engaging ASEAN's Youth



Winning entry at the ASEAN New Media Arts Contest, 2007

Youth camps, quiz competitions, traditional arts, new media arts, the ASEAN Schools Tour, rock concerts, pen-pals, the ASEAN Environment Year, youth symposiums, exchange visits...

For any young Southeast Asian, there are just more and more ways to be a part of ASEAN. *



ASEAN Quiz, 2006

"...promote the increased involvement of ASEAN youth and students at national and regional level activities, so that they can make valuable contributions to the achievement of the ASEAN Community."

Cebu Declaration Towards One Caring and Sharing Community



ASEAN Rocks! Concert, 2007



ASEAN Environment Year, 2006

Anniversary Celebrations

ASEAN Member Countries observed ASEAN's 39th anniversary in August 2006 and launched the year long celebration of ASEAN's 40th birthday in January 2007. *

“Promote ASEAN identity building in support of an ASEAN Community by undertaking initiatives and activities to increase the level of ASEAN awareness and “we feeling” among the peoples of ASEAN.”

Cebu Declaration Towards One Caring and Sharing Community



ASEAN Food Festival, 2006, Myanmar



ASEAN Lecture, 2006, Malaysia



ASEAN Night, 2006, Cambodia



Launch of Postcards Across ASEAN, 2007, Singapore



ASEAN Badminton Match, 2006, Lao PDR



Display of ASEAN Flags, 2006, Viet Nam



ASEAN Youth Camp, 2007, Thailand



Opening of CinemASEAN, 2007, Indonesia



Seminar on Empowering Young Women, 2007, Brunei Darussalam



Campus Visits, 2006, Philippines

The ASEAN Security Community

Engaging Stakeholders

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The ASEAN Leaders recognise the importance of engaging stakeholders in the region so that ASEAN can truly be owned by them. As a first step, ASEAN has increased its interactions and consultations with civil society organisations (CSOs) in the region. Most recently, the Leaders met CSO representatives and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council during the 12th ASEAN Summit in January 2007.

The High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter conducted consultations with various stakeholders at both the national and regional levels in order to be able to consider their views in the process of drafting the ASEAN Charter.

Officials of ASEAN Member Countries have also participated in seminars, roundtable discussions and workshops organised by CSOs such as the Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism. This is to ensure that decisions and commitments made by ASEAN benefit the people of the region.

In moving ASEAN's political cooperation initiatives forward, ASEAN endeavours to increase regular contacts and meetings with stakeholders like the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), as well as ASEAN-ISIS and the academia. In this way, ASEAN hopes to give more room to the people in the region to be involved in certain aspects of policy formulation and monitoring the implementation of decisions and commitments agreed to by the Member Countries.

The ultimate goal is that ASEAN can further foster the sense of ownership among its peoples, and promote trust and confidence building among all stakeholders that will eventually lead ASEAN to become a more people-centred organisation. *



ASEAN Leaders meet with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council



39th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, Kuala Lumpur



ASEAN Leaders signed a declaration on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers in January 2007

ASEAN SECURITY COMMUNITY

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)

Established	: 1967, meets annually, with informal meetings and retreats in between
Last Meeting	: 39 th AMM, 25 July 2006, Kuala Lumpur
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

The AMM, supported by the ASEAN Standing Committee (ASC) and the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), oversees ASEAN's community-building efforts, external relations, strategic policy and development cooperation. The AMM implements the decisions of the ASEAN Leaders, working with other sectoral bodies in ASEAN. The AMM is also responsible for the management of ASEAN's institutional and organisational affairs through the ASC.

Political and Security Cooperation

The ASEAN SOM continued to be engaged with the key issue of preserving ASEAN's centrality in the evolving regional strategic architecture, particularly concerning ASEAN Plus Three cooperation, the ASEAN Regional Forum and the East Asia Summit.

Cooperation on regional security also made progress with France and Timor Leste acceding to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in January 2007. This brings to twelve the number of non-regional States that have acceded to the 1976 Treaty. In addition, the European Union and the United Kingdom have expressed their interest to accede to the TAC.

The highlights of ASEAN's external relations in the past twelve months can be found on pages 4-5.

The Vientiane Action Programme (VAP)

Since the implementation of the VAP in December 2004, steady progress has been made. As of April 2007, a total of 200 projects have been completed and 142 projects are on-going. These projects are implemented in support of establishing the

ASEAN Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community under the Bali Concord II.

The 5th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Development Planning (SOMDP) was convened in July 2006 in Kuala Lumpur to discuss how Member Countries can incorporate the implementation of the VAP into their respective national development plans. This will be an important step in facilitating ASEAN's community-building efforts.

ASEAN officials also recognised that the successful implementation of the VAP activities required tighter coordination among the different sectors in ASEAN. To this end, the ASEAN Secretariat, working with the ten ASEAN National Secretariats, convened the ASEAN Security Community Coordinating Conference (ASCCO) in September 2006 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Conference (SOC-COM) in November 2006 and May 2007. These conferences served as platforms for all ASEAN sectoral bodies responsible for implementing activities in the security and socio-cultural pillars to meet and coordinate their work.

As a concrete expression of ASEAN's commitment to implement the VAP, ASEAN Member Countries will make an equal contribution of US\$100,000 each to the ASEAN Development Fund (ADF) before the end of 2007. Malaysia and Thailand have already fulfilled their contributions. Malaysia has also made an additional voluntary contribution of US\$500,000. To date, three Dialogue Partners have contributed to the ADF, namely, Australia (AU\$1.3 million), China (US\$1 million) and India (US\$700,000).

Development Cooperation

Development cooperation to narrow the development gap in ASEAN is largely pursued through the implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) programme. As of 31 May 2007, 96 projects have been completed, 20 are on-going and 18 are in the pipeline.

The scope of the IAI Work Plan has now been expanded to seven areas: energy; human resource development; information and communications technology; regional economic integration; tourism; poverty reduction and improvement in the quality of life; and projects of general coverage.

ASEAN is looking at new strategies to narrow the development gap, taking into consideration the challenges arising from the Leaders' decision to establish the ASEAN Community by 2015, and incorporating the needs of the sub-regions such as BIMP-EAGA (Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area) and the IMT-GT (Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle).

Streamlining of ASEAN Meetings and Work

With the deepening and broadening of cooperation among its Member Countries, following the decision of the ASEAN Leaders to accelerate the pace of community building, more sectoral bodies have been established and institutionalised. The working relationships, formalities and other rules and regulations have multiplied. The High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter is working to improve ASEAN's organisational structure to improve coordination and efficiency to further community building in ASEAN.

Other Portfolios under the Purview of the AMM

- **Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM).** To facilitate intra-ASEAN travel, the Framework Agreement on Visa Exemption was signed at the 39th AMM. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers also issued a Statement on Assistance by ASEAN Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of ASEAN Member Countries in Crisis Situations.
- **ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW).** The 5th Meeting of the ACW held in November 2006 in Singapore emphasised women's participation in leadership and decision making, and the importance in continuing efforts to implement the work plan of the ASEAN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women and the ACW's work plan on Women's Advancement and Gender Equality. A number of activities were completed in the last year including the ASEAN High-Level Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming in November 2006 and a Regional Workshop on Gender Sensitive and Coordinated Violence Against Women (VAW) Services also in November 2006.
- **ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM).** The ACCSM is carrying out several activities through the ASEAN Resource Centres, such as the development of an online database system, personnel testing system and personnel information management system, as well as

capacity building programmes for civil servants in the areas of information technologies, case studies development, leadership skills and personnel management. The ACCSM has also started preparations for holding a Regional Seminar on Civil Service Accountability and Good Governance. *

¹ *The Chair of the ASEAN Standing Committee is also the Foreign Minister chairing the AMM. The committee includes the Directors-General of the ten ASEAN National Secretariats and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.*

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)

Established	: 2006, meets annually (except between the 1 st and 2 nd meetings)
Last Meeting	: 1 st ADMM, 9 May 2006, Kuala Lumpur
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Defence Senior Officials Meeting (ADSOM)

Following the 1st ADMM on 9 May 2006, the ADSOM has been established to meet in between the ministerial meetings to follow up on the decisions of the ADMM. The 1st ADSOM was held on 25-26 January 2007 in Manila.

The ADSOM has agreed on a draft Protocol to the Concept Paper on the Establishment of the ADMM which outlines the existing military-to-military arrangements which would fall under the purview of the ADMM, the organisational structure of ASEAN defence dialogue and cooperation, and an indicative annual calendar. The ADSOM has also agreed on a draft ADMM Three-Year Work Programme that will contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN Security Community Plan of Action and the Vientiane Action Programme. Both the draft Protocol and Work Programme will be considered at the next ADMM.

At the invitation of Indonesia, an ADMM Retreat was held on 23-24 March 2007 in Bali, Indonesia, under the chairmanship of the Philippines. At the Retreat, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to contribute to the establishment of the ASEAN Security Community as an integral pillar of the ASEAN Community by 2015. They agreed that defence cooperation should move beyond confidence-building measures and advance towards more concrete, practical and tangible cooperative activities. They also affirmed that ASEAN defence

cooperation should not be inward-looking and that ASEAN should play a pivotal role in the broader Asia-Pacific region.

The 2nd ADMM is scheduled to be held in November 2007. *

ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM)

Established : 1986, meets once every 36 months
Last Meeting : 6th ALAWMM, 19-20 September 2005, Ha Noi
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM)

To further enhance legal cooperation in the region, ASEAN will begin work on an ASEAN Extradition Treaty. Following the 11th ASLOM on 28-29 January 2007 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, an ASLOM Working Group has been established to work out a model ASEAN Extradition Treaty.

As all Member Countries have now signed on to the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters among ASEAN Member Countries, ASLOM will recommend to the ALAWMM that this treaty be elevated to an ASEAN Treaty.

These initiatives, along with the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism, will contribute towards strengthening legal cooperation in the region as envisaged in the Vientiane Action Programme. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)

Established : 1997, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : 5th AMMTC, 29 November 2005, Ha Noi
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)

Since the last AMMTC meeting in 2005, ASEAN officials have been strengthening coordination among the relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies responsible for combating transnational crime; developing a more detailed action plan on counter-terrorism; educating the public on its role in the fight against terrorism;

and improving information exchange and the sharing of intelligence in the region.

In January 2007, ASEAN cooperation in counter-terrorism reached an important milestone with the signing of the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism by the ASEAN Leaders during the 12th ASEAN Summit in Cebu, Philippines. The legally-binding Convention will deepen cooperation among ASEAN law enforcement agencies and relevant authorities to counter terrorism. The Convention provides the legal basis for the Member Countries on their obligations to establish state jurisdiction, extend mutual legal assistance, either extradite or prosecute perpetrators of terrorist acts, and penalise and criminalise terrorist acts. Efforts are being made to facilitate its early ratification and entry into force.

Short and long term studies and projects in the area of trafficking in persons were implemented. These focussed on the criminal justice response to trafficking in persons, improved data collection and developed the Practitioner Guidelines and Curriculum for the ASEAN Anti Trafficking Training for Front Line Law Enforcement Officials in dealing with trafficking cases. A detailed work plan to implement the ASEAN Declaration Against Trafficking in Persons, particularly Women and Children, has also been developed. Anti-Trafficking Specialist Units have been established to conduct special investigations on trafficking cases as well as to establish networks among ASEAN Member Countries in combating trafficking in persons. Training for investigators, prosecutors and judges on methods to deal with trafficking cases were also conducted.

Attaining the 2015 Drug-Free ASEAN goal continues to be a priority for ASEAN. While there has been satisfactory progress towards stemming the flow of natural drugs, there are concerns over the increasing challenge of controlling synthetic drugs including ATS and Ketamine. The ASEAN-China Cooperative Operation in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) continued to provide impetus to ASEAN's efforts in combating the drug menace through joint activities in the areas of civic awareness, rehabilitation and treatment, law enforcement, and alternative development for illicit crops replacement. Joint activities are also being planned for precursor control mechanism and compulsory drug treatment and rehabilitation. *

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

Established	: 1994, meets annually
Last Meeting	: 13 th ARF, 28 July 2006, Kuala Lumpur
Senior Officials	: ARF Senior Officials Meeting (ARFSOM)

The ARF continued to address the situation in the Korean Peninsula, the most serious security issue in the region. At the 13th ARF, the Ministers emphasised that the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula was essential in maintaining peace and stability in the region. The Ministers reaffirmed their support for the Joint Statement on the Denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula adopted on 19 September 2005 at the Six-Party Talks in Beijing and stressed the importance of its early implementation. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) was urged to re-establish its moratorium on missile testing. An informal discussion among some ARF participants on the situation in Northeast Asia was also held on 28 July 2006 in Kuala Lumpur.

In line with the ARF Statement on Promoting People-Centred Approach to Counter Terrorism, the ARF has broadened its discussions on counter terrorism to include inter-cultural dialogues and will adopt counter terrorism strategies that promote greater tolerance and understanding aimed at winning the "hearts and minds" of the people. The Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime held on 2-4 May 2007 in Singapore was focussed on promoting inter-civilisational dialogue and exploring the role of multilateral institutions, community organisations and the media in combating terrorism.

Other highlights:

- An ARF maritime security shore exercise was held in January 2007 in Singapore to promote confidence, understanding and familiarity among ARF maritime agencies and create capacity for interoperability.
- An ARF workshop on UNSCR 1540 Implementation was held in February 2007 in San Francisco, USA, to exchange information on national action plans and international cooperation on export controls and law enforcement to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons and their means of delivery.
- China continued its initiative to develop general guidelines to establish a basic framework for disaster relief cooperation among the ARF participants.
- An ARF peacekeeping experts meeting was held at the Peacekeeping Training Centre in March 2007 in Port Dickson, Malaysia, to contribute towards building a network, confidence and interoperability among regional peacekeepers, and enhance the regional peacekeeping capacity.
- The ARF Experts and Eminent Persons (EEPs) convened on 5-6 February 2007 in Manila to follow up on their agreement at their first meeting on 29-30 June 2006 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, to mobilise the EEP resources to deliberate on salient regional security issues such as the Northeast Asia security dilemma and disarmament. *

The ASEAN Economic Community

Engaging Stakeholders

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ASEAN Talks Business



AEC Coordinating Conference



The agriculture sector features in the AEC Blueprint

In line with a people-centred approach to community building, the various stakeholders important to the building of the ASEAN Economic Community, or AEC, have been involved in the formulation of an AEC Blueprint, which will serve as a coherent master plan guiding the establishment of the AEC by 2015 as mandated by the ASEAN Leaders. The Blueprint will help establish a single market and production base in ASEAN characterised by a highly competitive economic region with equitable economic development and a region fully integrated into the global economy. The Blueprint is expected to be signed at the 13th ASEAN Summit in November 2007.

To promote greater awareness of the AEC, the “ASEAN Talks Business” conference was held at the ASEAN Secretariat on 17 April 2007 where more than fifty business leaders attended. The conference updated the business community on ASEAN’s plan towards establishing an AEC by 2015 and discussed issues and concerns related to economic integration from the perspective of the private sector.

In addition, the 2nd ASEAN Services Forum was held on 9-10 May 2007 in Singapore with the theme “Raising the Competitiveness of ASEAN Services Industry”. Experts from the government, private sector and international organisations exchanged views on the role of services liberalisation in integrating ASEAN, enhancing the economic competitiveness of the services industry and turning ASEAN into a logistics and outsourcing hub.

An AEC Coordinating Conference (ECOM) was organised at the ASEAN Secretariat on 7-8 June 2007 to discuss the measures and strategic schedule for implementing the AEC Blueprint among relevant stakeholders. The conference brought together more than eighty participants from the ASEAN senior officials bodies as well as the private sector and other organisations.

A communications plan is being drafted to promote and explain the AEC, the Blueprint and its benefits to all stakeholders, including ASEAN government officials, the business community and the general public. *

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)

Established	: 1975, meets annually
Last Meeting	: 38 th AEM, 22 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

The AEM's pace of work has increased significantly following the ASEAN Leaders' decision at the 12th ASEAN Summit in January 2007 to speed up the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by five years to 2015. Closer economic integration will better equip ASEAN to face the challenge of global competition and the AEM, with support from the ASEAN Secretariat, has been developing the AEC Blueprint with clearly-defined measures, actions and timelines for achieving ASEAN economic integration by 2015. The AEC Blueprint is expected to be ready for endorsement at the 13th ASEAN Summit in November 2007 in Singapore.

Since the 38th AEM Meeting, progress has been made in specific areas of ASEAN's economic integration agenda.

Priority Sectors for Integration

Phase Two of the Roadmap for Integration of the Eleven Priority Sectors was launched with the signing of the ASEAN Framework (Amendment) Agreement for the Integration of the Priority Sectors and the ASEAN Sectoral Integration (Amendment) Protocol for Priority Sectors on 8 December 2006. The second phase includes revised sector-specific measures and target dates for more effective implementation. The Roadmap for the twelfth sector, logistics, is under development and aims to improve the quality of the logistics services in ASEAN and reduce transaction costs. The Roadmap for Logistics is expected to be signed at the 39th AEM Meeting in August 2007.

Trade Facilitation

Trade facilitation has been identified as a strategy that will enable ASEAN to reduce trade transaction costs and enhance the region's competitiveness, and thereby contribute towards making ASEAN one seamless market for goods, services and investment. In line with this, economic officials have

been developing a comprehensive trade facilitation work programme based on an integrated and holistic approach. Under the work programme, Member Countries will commit to the implementation of trade facilitation measures by 2015. Depending on the sector and the complexity of the measures, the timelines in the work programme range from short-term, medium-term to long-term. The work programme is expected to be finalised for endorsement at the 39th AEM Meeting.

Customs Cooperation

Significant progress has been made in ASEAN e-Customs in the standardisation of information parameters for customs clearance and application of customs automation for cargo clearance and customs management at various levels by Member Countries. The revised ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2007/1 is ready for implementation by the Member Countries in 2007. The implementation of the ASEAN Cargo Processing Model is in progress as well as the testing of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document for effective activation in 2007.

The Protocol to establish and implement the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) was signed by the ASEAN Finance Ministers on 20 December 2006. The ASW Steering Committee was established and there are two working groups to assist Member Countries on legal, regulatory and technical matters as they develop their respective National Single Windows (NSWs). The NSW is the basis of the ASW. The ASW will be operational in Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand by 2008, and in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam by 2012.

Standards and Conformance

The Agreement on the Application of the ASEAN Conformity Mark, a voluntary third-party certification mark, is being drafted for the endorsement of the 39th AEM Meeting. Continuous efforts are being taken to implement the ASEAN Common Technical Dossiers (ACTD) and ASEAN Common Technical Requirements (ACTR) for pharmaceutical/medicinal products by 31 December 2008. The ASEAN Sectoral Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Inspection of Manufacturers of Medicinal Products has been finalised. A common submission dossier template (CSDT) for approval of medical devices in ASEAN has been established.

Necessary national efforts on the harmonisation of standards, technical regulations and establishment of MRAs in conformity assessment procedures for the eleven priority sectors are ongoing.

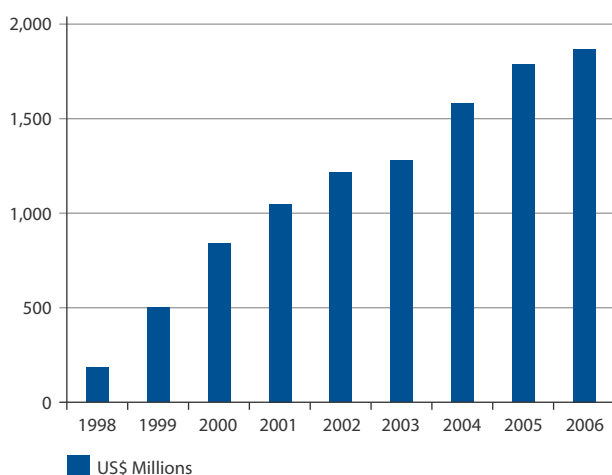
Services Integration

The fourth round of negotiations on the liberalisation of trade in services was concluded with the signing of the Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) on 8 December 2006. The principles, strategies and modalities for liberalisation of services, with flexibilities, towards the ultimate objective of realising a free flow of services by 2015, are being finalised. Four services sectors – air transport, tourism, healthcare and e-ASEAN – will be given high priority for liberalisation. Parameters for the fifth round of AFAS negotiations are being prepared. The MRA on Nursing Services was signed on 8 December 2006 and six Member Countries are ready to implement the MRA. Negotiations for the MRAs for services sectors such as architecture, accountancy, surveying and medical practitioners are also being carried out.

Industrial Cooperation

145 out of 211 applications for arrangements under the ASEAN Industrial Cooperation Scheme (AICO), which are expected to generate over US\$1.8 billion in business transactions per year, were approved in April 2007.

AICO Related Transactions



Source: The ASEAN Secretariat

Underlining the continued relevance of AICO for the region, the waiver of the 30 per cent national equity requirement for applications has been extended until 31 December 2009.

Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SME)

The activities under the ASEAN Policy Blueprint for SME Development (APBSD) 2004-2014 that were implemented during the year include, among others, a study on the Establishment of ASEAN Trading Firms Network for SMEs in the Food Processing Industry, and Phase I of the Pilot Survey and Benchmarking of SME Capabilities, Dynamism and Competitiveness in (Selected) Priority Sectors in ASEAN.

Intellectual Property

ASEAN has started work on new areas of Intellectual Property (IP) rights such as Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources, and Cultural Traditional Expressions to foster additional IP asset creation and commercialisation in the region. These activities were supplemented by the promotion of IP awareness and IP business development services, branding activities, networking of regional research and development, and capacity-building programmes. Efforts to simplify and harmonise various procedures and regulations to monitor TRIPS compliance, to exchange policy experiences and other information, and to enhance IP-related coordination in ASEAN continue to be carried out.

Cooperation in Statistics

ASEAN stepped up its cooperation in harmonising statistics through the: (i) adoption of the ASEAN Common Industrial Classification (ACIC); (ii) development of a framework and system of indicators for the ASEAN Baseline Report and ASEAN Community progress monitoring; (iii) formulation of strategic programmes for the harmonisation of international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS) and statistics of international trade in services (SITS); and (iv) integration of statistics into ASEAN's policy dialogue and decision processes through the SEOM and AEM. Some future initiatives will include, among others, the harmonisation of statistical concepts, definitions, and other classifications; information and technology sharing, and cooperation on the 2010 World Population Census, 1993 System of National Accounts, social indicators, and labour and informal sector statistics under the ASEAN-ILO Cooperation Agreement; and the establishment of the ASEAN Statistical Service or ASEANstats.

Dispute Settlement Mechanism (DSM)

Several procedural aspects of the Enhanced DSM Protocol were developed and completed, including the Special Service Agreement (SSA) for the engagement of members of the DSM panels and Appellate Body, the ancillary ASEAN Administrative Guidelines for Requesting the Establishment of SSA and the ASEAN General Conditions Applicable to Panel and Appellate Body members under the SSA. The Working Procedures for the ASEAN Compliance Body were also developed and finalised. *

ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council

Established	: 1992, meets annually
Last Meeting	: 20 th AFTA Council Meeting, 21 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

As of August 2006, 98.46 per cent of all ASEAN-6¹ products have been placed on the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Inclusion List (IL), 99.77 per cent of which have tariffs ranging from 0-5 per cent. This was attributed to Malaysia's reduction of tariffs on Completely-Knocked-Down (CKD) and Completely-Built-Up (CBU) automobiles to 5 per cent and the Philippines' reversion to CEPT rates for petrochemical and certain plastic products. Tariffs were eliminated for 65.09 per cent of IL products of the ASEAN-6. The average tariff under the CEPT scheme for the ASEAN-6 in 2006 is down to 1.74 per cent compared to 12.76 per cent in 1993.

The CLMV countries² are not far behind the ASEAN-6 with 90.96 per cent of their products being moved into the IL. Tariffs on 76.86 per cent of these items have already been brought down to the 0-5 per cent tariff band. A large factor was the transfer of Viet Nam's remaining items on the Sensitive List (SL) into the IL on 1 January 2006. Viet Nam now has no products in the Temporary Exclusion List (TEL) and SL. Lao PDR also has no products in the TEL and only 1.9 per cent of products remaining in the SL (to be phased into the IL by 2008). The TEL products of Myanmar and Cambodia would be phased into the IL by 2007. The average CEPT rate of the CLMV countries is now 4.65 per cent, a reduction from 5.28 per cent in 2005.

A significant achievement was also made in reviewing the General Exclusion (GE) List, which was reduced from 2045 to 812 tariff lines or 0.77 per cent of total tariff lines. The review aims to institute further improvements in the GE Lists to be more consistent with the CEPT Agreement.

The 20th AFTA Council Meeting endorsed the Work Programme on Elimination of Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs). The Work Programme aims to remove Non-technical Barriers by 2010 for Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, by 2012 for Philippines, and by 2015 with flexibilities up to 2018 for the CLMV countries.

As part of the initiative to facilitate intra-ASEAN trade, the AFTA Council endorsed the Product Specific Rules of Origin, which will be implemented as a co-equal alternative rule to the 40 per cent ASEAN value-added rule, for iron and steel products. Subsequent to this, the AFTA Council also endorsed the Product Specific Rules for the Priority Integration Sector Products, consisting of 1,453 items. *

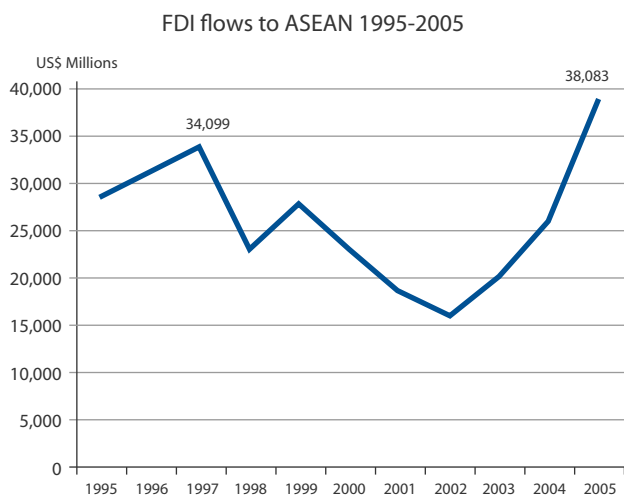
¹ The ASEAN-6 countries are Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

² The CLMV countries are Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam.

ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council

Established	: 1998, meets annually
Last Meeting	: 9 th AIA Council Meeting, 21 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur
Senior Officials	: Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)

ASEAN FDI Flows for 2005 reached US\$38 billion, representing a 48 per cent year-on-year increase from 2004. The increase notably surpasses the growth rate of ASEAN FDI Flows in pre-crisis 1997, indicating that ASEAN growth is back on track and the region is an attractive investment destination.



Source: The ASEAN Secretariat, ASEAN FDI Database, 2006, BOP Basis

Preliminary data indicates that FDI for the first quarter of 2006 will be US\$14 billion, a substantial 90 per cent increase compared to the US\$7.4 billion figure for the first quarter of 2005. The AIA Council is optimistic that the growth in FDI flows into ASEAN would continue to be promising in 2006.

The major sources of investment into ASEAN in 2005 were the United States of America, United Kingdom, Japan, France and Finland. Together, these sources accounted for 48 per cent of total FDI inflows into ASEAN. The top recipients of FDI (accounting for 79 per cent of total FDI) in 2005 were financial intermediation and related services, including insurance, manufacturing, trade/commerce and services.

Other highlights:

- The 9th AIA Council meeting endorsed the Temporary Exclusion List (TEL) and Sensitive List (SL) for the services incidental to the manufacturing, agriculture, fishery, forestry, and mining and quarrying sectors of all Member Countries. These, along with the updated TEL and SL for the manufacturing, agriculture, fishery, forestry, and mining and quarrying sectors, would become an integral part of the AIA Agreement. These liberalisation measures are expected to further enhance the ASEAN investment environment.
- The Statistics of Foreign Direct Investment in ASEAN (Eighth Edition, 2006) and the ASEAN Investment Report 2006 were published.

- Several seminars and workshops were held, including: Seminar on Promotion and Facilitation Methods Towards Capacity Building for ASEAN Investment Promotion Agencies; Capacity Building Workshop for ASEAN Investment Promotion Officials; and Workshop on Enhancing Investment Climate in CLMV Countries. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

Established : 1979, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 28th AMAF, 16 November 2006, Singapore
 Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF)

The food, agriculture and forestry sectors made significant progress in 2006-07 in supporting the economic and socio-cultural goals of the ASEAN Community. While key decisions were made to facilitate and promote market integration and trade in the food, agriculture and forestry sectors, urgent regional issues such as the threat of avian influenza were also addressed due to their significant socio-economic impact.

Harmonisation of standards, assurance of food safety and the standardisation of trade certification were among the priorities that ASEAN focussed on to enhance the competitiveness of the region's food, agricultural and forestry products in international markets. The 28th AMAF further endorsed 117 Maximum Residue Limits (MRL) for 19 pesticides, the ASEAN Good Agricultural Practices for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, horticultural produce standards for mango, pineapple and durian, and an animal vaccine standard to control canine viral diarrhoea. Significant progress was made in strengthening the genetically-modified food testing network, promoting good management practices for shrimp farms, and developing a code of conduct for responsible fisheries.

Clear steps and timelines have been set toward the establishment of a regional timber certification scheme that would be acceptable to all stakeholders and the market. In line with the East Asia and the Pacific Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) process which commits members to take immediate actions to combat illegal logging and its associated

trade, the AMAF firmly supported concerted actions on information sharing, forest sector transparency and regional cooperation in improving forest law enforcement mechanisms. The AMAF also called for the active participation of Member Countries, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, civil society and the private sector to combat illegal logging.

ASEAN continued to take firm action in combating illicit wildlife trade in the region, with capacity-building activities for the ASEAN Wildlife Law Enforcement Network, CITES authorities, customs officials, and relevant law enforcement agencies of the Member Countries.

An ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund has been established, through contributions of Member Countries, for the implementation of unified and harmonised animal health programmes. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) continued to pose a pandemic threat on the poultry industry, trade and public health. Regional cooperation activities are being implemented, in line with ASEAN's three-year regional HPAI strategy, to control and eradicate the disease. *

ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)

Established : 1980, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 24th AMEM, 27 July 2006, Vientiane
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)

Steady progress has been achieved in ASEAN energy cooperation, in line with the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) 2004-2009, and the Vientiane Action Programme.

The implementation of the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline (TAGP) project continues to make progress, with natural gas being piped from the Joint Development Area in the Gulf of Siam to Malaysia through Thailand. The pipeline connecting Peninsular Malaysia and Viet Nam was completed at the end of July 2006 and the first gas went on stream in January 2007.

The Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities (HAPUA) Council has developed a Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN Power Grid (MoU on APG), expected to be signed by the 25th AMEM in 2007. The MoU aims to provide a common

framework for ASEAN cooperation on power interconnection and further enhance regional energy security and sustainability on electricity cooperation. Progress was also made in the implementation of the Lao PDR-Thailand, Cambodia-Thailand, Cambodia-Viet Nam, Sumatra-Peninsular Malaysia, and Sarawak-West Kalimantan APG projects.

The SOME is in the final stages of completing a new ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement (APSA) to replace the 1986 APSA. This new agreement, with an annex on coordinating emergency response measures, will enhance collective petroleum security and minimise risk during an emergency situation through diversification to alternative fuels and the exploration of new petroleum resources. The new APSA is expected to be adopted by the 25th AMEM.

ASEAN's energy cooperation with China, Japan and the Republic of Korea was reinforced through a series of joint programmes under the ASEAN Plus Three energy cooperation framework. The focus was on coordinated efforts to integrate alternative and renewable energy sources into the regional energy supply chain; conduct feasibility studies on oil stockpiles; maintain the stability of the energy market; and forge stronger partnerships in new and renewable energy development.

The ASEAN Centre for Energy, with assistance from the ASEAN Secretariat, played an instrumental role in coordinating and facilitating the implementation of energy programmes and activities under APAEC 2004-2009. *

ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM)

Established : 1997, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 11th AFMM, 5 April 2007, Chiang Mai, Thailand
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (AFDM)

ASEAN finance and monetary cooperation made further progress in the key areas under the Roadmap for Financial and Monetary Integration of ASEAN as well as other finance work programmes.

Financial Services Liberalisation. Efforts on financial services liberalisation have included: (i) on-going negotiations under the fourth round on financial services liberalisation to be concluded by 2007; (ii) an expanded mandate for the Working Committee on ASEAN Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) to include the facilitation of financial services liberalisation by ASEAN with its Dialogue Partners; and (iii) the development of a common ASEAN position on trade in financial services in anticipation of the free trade agreement negotiations with Dialogue Partners.

Capital Market Development. Developments in the capital market have included: (i) a three-level approach for ASEAN bond market linkages, with the adoption of information sharing, trading linkages and clearing and settlement linkages; (ii) the institutionalisation of private sector consultation; and (iii) the launch of the ASEAN Exchange Traded Fund (ETF), based on the FTSE-ASEAN 40 Index, on the Singapore Exchange in September 2006.

Capital Account Liberalisation. The ASEAN capital account liberalisation work activities included capacity-building programmes such as seminars and the exchange of views and experiences of Member Countries on capital account liberalisation. In addition, the capital account liberalisation roadmap will be reviewed to be consistent with the 2015 deadline for establishing an ASEAN Economic Community.

Insurance Cooperation. Progress made on ASEAN insurance cooperation included efforts by Member Countries to improve the information provided to the ASEAN Unified Form of Statistics as well as in observing the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS) core principles. The Blue Card Scheme for motor insurance will be implemented upon the signing of the remaining protocols under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit.

ASEAN Capital Market Forum. The harmonisation of standards under the ASEAN Capital Market Forum is aimed at creating a more interlinked ASEAN Securities Markets by 2010. These include the harmonisation of disclosure standards and a set of 'IOSCO Plus' standards for ASEAN on cross-border offers will be developed. Surveys are being conducted to determine the market impediments to greater harmonisation.

Capacity Building on Economic Surveillance. Training sessions on regional economic and financial monitoring were conducted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat between February-March and August-September 2006 under the ASEAN Surveillance Process. As part of the work programme of the ASEAN Plus Three Technical Working Group on Economic and Financial Monitoring, regional technical assistance and training programmes on early warning systems have been offered to the ASEAN Plus Three countries by the ADB. *

ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)

Established : 1996, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 8th Ministerial Meeting on AMBDC, 26 August 2006, Kuala Lumpur
 Senior Officials : AMBDC Steering Committee Meeting

The AMBDC programme remains a critical and important link in the development cooperation framework of the Mekong riparian states. The programme's overall objective is to advance ASEAN integration and promote economically sustainable development. The AMBDC Ministers agreed at their 8th Ministerial Meeting in August 2006 to synchronise initiatives with that of the ASEAN Economic Ministers with the aim of maximising the use of scarce resources through closer coordination.

In 2006, the AMBDC countries explored ways to optimise funding modalities which resulted in a streamlining of AMBDC project initiatives and a reduction of the overall funding requirements. In addition, a High Level Finance Committee comprising officials at the Vice-Minister level will be established as an additional mechanism to secure funding.

The AMBDC Ministers continue to place priority on implementing the AMBDC's flagship projects such as the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link as well as establishing highway and energy networks. Going forward, the AMBDC will be looking into the idea of expanding the core membership of the AMBDC. *

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)

In line with the Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals and the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (AMCAP) 2005-2010, ASEAN has embarked on several joint projects and activities particularly in the areas of capacity building, trade and investment, mineral database management, and environmentally-friendly mining and mineral processing. ASEAN officials are also studying the recommendations contained in the Australian-supported Study on Enhancing Minerals Trade and Investment in ASEAN.

Through the ASEAN Federation of Mining Associations (AFMA), the private sector has established a forum on private sector cooperation as the platform to foster trade and investment through joint venture projects and creative partnerships. The AFMA also agreed to develop a prioritised Strategic Plan to support the forum's roadmap for cooperation and the AMCAP. The AFMA also plans to expand its membership to cover all ASEAN Member Countries and establish a permanent secretariat to handle emerging priorities and challenges in the development of the ASEAN minerals sector.

With a view to generating higher value-added manufacturing and services activities in the minerals sector, ASEAN will foster closer cooperation with its Dialogue Partner as well as international and regional organisations in the areas of research and development in mineral resource development and geosciences, as well as technology transfer. For a start, the ASOMM's counterparts from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea were invited to the inaugural ASEAN Plus Three Consultative Meeting on Mineral Cooperation on 8 June 2007 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. Several areas of cooperation have been identified and will be followed up on in the coming year. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)

Established : 1980, meets annually (including informal meetings)
Last Meeting : 5th Informal AMMST, 28 August 2006, Kuantan, Malaysia
Senior Officials : Committee on Science and Technology (COST)

The new ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology (APAST) for the period 2007-2011 was endorsed by the ASEAN Ministers responsible for Science and Technology (S&T) in March 2007. The APAST aims to foster S&T as a key factor in sustaining economic growth, enhancing community well-being and promoting the integration of ASEAN through human resource development, research and technology development, and the provision of technical services. In line with APAST, S&T officials have identified four flagship programmes and these are in the fields of environment and disaster management, new and renewable energy, open source software systems, and food safety and security.

ASEAN's cooperation with various Dialogue Partners in S&T continued to develop:

- ASEAN and the United States of America have begun consultations on the establishment of an ASEAN-US S&T agreement. Such an agreement is expected to be signed during the ASEAN-US Commemorative Summit in September 2007.
- With India, two S&T Ministerial consultations were held in Kuantan, Malaysia, on 28 August 2006, and in New Delhi on 6 November 2006. ASEAN and India have agreed to embark on joint undertakings to harmonise the standards of a regulatory framework in relation to biotechnology products, and consider the establishment of an India-ASEAN Institute for Intellectual Property that would build human resource capacity and provide training for the ASEAN region.
- Experts meetings were convened under the framework of ASEAN Plus Three cooperation to discuss the establishment of a technology roadmap, S&T database management and a centre for the gifted in science.

- To promote and facilitate investment, technology transfer and commercialisation of technologies, ASEAN and the Republic of Korea (RoK) have established a website (www.ittin.org) under the Project on Investment and Technology Transfer Information. The website will provide information on technology offers and requests, and experts available in ASEAN Member Countries and the RoK, covering fields such as electronics, information technology, energy, biotechnology, healthcare and agriculture.

Building on the success of the 9th ASEAN Food Conference (AFC) in 2005, ASEAN will hold the 10th AFC in 21-23 August 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, focusing on the theme, "Food for Mankind". *

ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)

Established : 2001, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 6th TELMIN, 18-19 September 2006,
 Bandar Seri Begawan
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Telecommunications and IT
 Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM)

The Brunei Action Plan, "Enhancing ICT Competitiveness: Capacity Building", was adopted by the ASEAN Ministers responsible for telecommunications and information technology in Brunei Darussalam in September 2006. The action plan outlines specific areas of cooperation and measures to accelerate the integration of the e-ASEAN sector.

ASEAN continued to develop a secure and connected information infrastructure to support the region's economic growth and competitiveness. Efforts have been made to facilitate interconnectivity and technical interoperability among ICT systems, leveraging on existing national networks, and develop these into a regional information infrastructure.

The ongoing Harmonisation of Legal Infrastructure for e-Commerce in ASEAN project addresses issues of electronic transactions and electronic signatures. The project also identifies the necessary foundation for online contract formation and online dispute resolution. Currently, ASEAN is looking into issues related to the establishment of a harmonised legal, regulatory and institutional infrastructure for the mutual recognition of digital signatures.

In support of intra-region trade and investment, bilateral mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) on conformity assessment for telecommunications equipment have been concluded. The 12th ASEAN Telecommunications Regulators' Council of July 2006 agreed to amend the MRAs to cover a greater number of telecommunication equipment traded in the ASEAN region. Several Member Countries are in the advanced stages of operationalising their sectoral MRAs.

ASEAN is working together to promote the development of ASEAN content, web services and online applications industries. The ASEANConnect web portal (www.ASEANconnect.gov.my) now contains essential information and data on ASEAN ICT initiatives and activities, key ICT indicators for convergence, telecom equipment trade, conformity assessment, the digital divide and infrastructure.

In addition, an ASEAN ICT Fund has been set up to provide support for regional ICT projects and activities. A number of project proposals have been prioritised for the Fund's financial assistance. To ensure effective and efficient utilisation of the Fund, the ASEAN ICT Centre (AICTC) has been set up to assist TELSOM in assessing the suitability and feasibility of the proposed ICT projects and activities. The AICTC will function with three officials seconded from the Member Countries.

Progress has also been made in broadening and deepening relations with Dialogue Partners such as China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, India, the European Union and the United States of America, as well as international organisations like the International Telecommunication Union. *

ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting (M-ATM)

Established : 1998, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 10th M-ATM, 29 January 2007,
 Singapore
 Senior Officials : Meeting of the ASEAN National
 Tourism Organisations (NTOs)

As part of the on-going Visit ASEAN Campaign, the ASEAN NTOs have been actively promoting the Visit ASEAN Pass and its corresponding web portal (www.visitASEAN.travel) which was developed by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA).

The NTOs have also been jointly promoting ASEAN tourism beyond Southeast Asia through the re-activation of the ASEAN Tourism Promotional Chapters in Sydney, Beijing and Seoul, and the establishment of a “Common ASEAN Area” at the China International Travel Mart 2006 in Shanghai, China.

The facilitation of travel within and into the region has supported and will continue to support the development of the tourism industry. As such, the ASEAN NTOs have held regular consultations with the ASEAN Senior Transport Officials to accelerate the integration of tourism services and air travel in ASEAN. The collaboration among Member Countries to enhance cruise tourism was carried out through the re-activation of the Cruise Working Group. A new cruise portal (www.cruiseasean.com) was launched at the annual Seatrade Cruise Shipping Convention on 13 March 2007.

The ASEAN NTOs have identified the major criteria and requirements for ASEAN tourism standards particularly on green hotels and the local food and beverage services. The Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for Tourism Professionals is being finalised by the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development. The MRA aims to facilitate the mobility of tourism professionals within the region based on competency qualifications and certificates. This initiative was supported by two Australian-funded projects, namely, the Capacity Building for ASEAN MRA in Tourism project and the Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum project.

ASEAN has also developed an ASEAN Crisis Communication Manual as a common framework for the ASEAN NTOs to effectively manage communications on issues that may have an impact on tourism in the region.

ASEAN tourism officials have also been working closely with Dialogue Partners to promote ASEAN tourism. ASEAN Plus Three cooperation took a step forward with the establishment of the ASEAN-China and ASEAN-RoK Centres for trade, investment and tourism promotion. The ASEAN-Japan Centre continued to support the promotion of ASEAN tourism through the production and dissemination of promotional videos, and holding youth exchanges. ASEAN has also initiated consultations between the tourism officials of India and Russia to strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and these two countries. *

ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)

Established	: 1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	: 12 th ATM, 8 February 2007, Bangkok
Senior Officials	: Senior Transport Official Meeting (STOM)

The ASEAN Transport Ministers signed two key Protocols at the 12th ATM:

- The Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services which will cover commitments in agreed sub-sectors, namely, aircraft leasing (with and without crew) and air freight forwarding services; and
- Protocol 1 (Designation of Transit Transport Routes and Facilities) of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit which will facilitate the regional transportation of goods and provide unhindered access and movement of goods vehicles over the designated highway routes in ASEAN.

In addition, at the 22nd STOM, the Protocol to amend the 2002 ASEAN Memorandum of Understanding on Air Freight Services was signed, allowing national carriers to operate all-cargo services up to 250 tons a week in each direction, with no limitations on the frequency and aircraft type.

To enhance regional maritime safety and security, four projects under the International Maritime Organisation-ASEAN Follow Through Projects, led by Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam, have been successfully completed. Officials are now finalising the Roadmap Towards an Integrated and Competitive Maritime Transport in ASEAN to create a seamless regional marine transportation market.

Concerning the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link, the Korea International Cooperation Agency has been conducting a feasibility study on the Thailand-Myanmar Rail Link section, as well as the missing link from Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam) to Loc Ninh (Cambodia). Viet Nam will also be conducting a feasibility study for a spur link to Vientiane.

To promote regional initiatives in road safety, ASEAN has worked closely with the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the ADB-ASEAN-GRSP Road Safety Programme-Phase II.

ASEAN continued to foster cooperation with Dialogue Partners in the transport sector. In addition to negotiating an ASEAN-China maritime transport agreement to strengthen the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement, the senior air transport officials from both ASEAN and China are finalising a regional passenger and cargo air services arrangement. Under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership Programme, work on transport logistics development, port security and

new air navigation systems have resulted in concrete activities for joint implementation. The 4th ATM-Japan Meeting in February 2007 adopted a ministerial declaration to enhance transport security cooperation. ASEAN and India have forged a strong partnership in promoting transport infrastructure integration and facilitation, and in enhancing human resource development in all transport sectors. ASEAN and India will be conducting discussions on a possible open skies arrangement to strengthen business and tourism opportunities. ASEAN has also started initial consultations with the Republic of Korea on maritime transportation cooperation and the Europe Union and the United States of America on civil aviation cooperation.*



The Flags of ASEAN

The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

Engaging Stakeholders

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The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Plan of Action is the human face of ASEAN. This is so not only in terms of the subject of cooperative activities, but also in terms of engaging the broader constituency of ASEAN beyond the official circles. Social challenges have become more complex and interrelated in nature, due to globalisation and regional integration. Therefore, ASEAN has to address these challenges with a people-centred approach and by involving community-level social networks. Inter-sectoral collaboration, engaging the civil society organisations and public-private partnerships in regional actions have become an imperative.

There are eleven ASEAN sectoral ministerial meetings under the socio-cultural pillar responsible for regional efforts on rural development and poverty eradication, social welfare, labour, education, youth, health, disaster management, haze, environment, information, culture and arts. These ASEAN sectoral bodies carry out their respective work programmes and joint cooperation with a number of ASEAN Dialogue Partners, other international organisations, civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations and the private sector. Various forms of activities include collaborative regional studies, research and technology development, capacity building programmes, sharing of information and best practices, formulation of regional frameworks, people-to-people exchange programmes, online database development, networking and partnerships and promotion of public awareness of regional developments and cooperation.

To synergise various sectoral efforts in the socio-cultural pillar of the ASEAN Community, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Coordinating Conference (SOC-COM) has been established. The SOC-COM not only promotes better coordination and greater efficiency in ASEAN activities, but also instils a sense of community and a sense of being part of a higher goal beyond sectoral concerns. Autonomous bodies like the ASEAN Foundation, the ASEAN University Network, the ASEAN Business Advisory Council, and the Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organisation are also part of the SOC-COM. *



Youth Caucus at AMMY V



An ASEAN Elderly Homecare Project



Research and technology development remains a focus of ASEAN's agenda

ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)

Established	: 2003, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	: 2 nd AMCA Meeting, 3-5 August 2005, Bangkok
Senior Officials	: Senior Officials Meeting for Culture and Arts (SOMCA)

ASEAN's efforts in the area of culture and arts remained focussed on capacity building and networking. Three working groups have been set up, namely, on Human Resources Development in the Cultural Context, on Small and Medium-sized Cultural Enterprises, and on Networking on ASEAN Cultural Heritage. Regional cooperation in these areas is envisaged to contribute to economic growth with the new cultural products developed becoming a potential contributor to ASEAN's exports.

ASEAN has been reaching out to the grassroots and people of ASEAN through several cultural projects and activities organised by the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information. For example, the "Arts for All: Promoting ASEAN's Best Practice" project, provided an opportunity for the disabled to learn more about the region's arts and cultures. The "ASEAN Cultural Interaction at the Grassroots" project served as a bridging vehicle for the cultural intellectuals and specialists to have direct contact with the grassroots and promote a better understanding and appreciation of the different cultures in the region.

Several other initiatives to promote ASEAN culture and arts are currently being developed. These include a publication titled "Water: A Unifying Force in ASEAN" and a DVD compilation of the customs, ceremonies and traditions of weddings in ASEAN, both scheduled to be released in 2007. An ASEAN award of excellence for specific craft products and product lines will be launched in 2008 to give recognition to the talent and skills of ASEAN's artisans.

In celebration of the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations, an ASEAN Cultural Week showcasing ASEAN performing arts as well as ASEAN traditional crafts was held in September 2006 in Beijing. In addition, a 200-page publication on folktales from ASEAN and China was published in December 2006. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)

Established	: 2004, meets as necessary
Last Meeting	: Inaugural AMMDM, 7 December 2004, Phnom Penh
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)

Concerted efforts were made to implement various initiatives on disaster management guided by the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response. The Agreement provides a comprehensive regional platform to strengthen preventive, monitoring and mitigation measures to address disasters in the region. The annual ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (codenamed ARDEX) was successfully held in September 2006 in Phnom Penh. ARDEX 06 simulated search and rescue operations based on a flood disaster scenario. ARDEX 07, which will simulate an urban search and rescue scenario, is being planned for October 2007 in Singapore. The Standard Operating Procedures for regional standby arrangements and coordination of joint disaster relief and emergency response operations have been drafted and are currently undergoing national consultations. A regional inventory of assets and capacities is being compiled based on earmarked assets from the Member Countries. Several Member Countries have strengthened their early warning systems by installing the necessary equipment, as well as the relevant coordination and dissemination mechanisms to respond to, in particular, earthquakes and tsunamis. Initial preparations have been made to spell out the details of the operations of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre).

ASEAN, in collaboration with the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR), organised the first joint regional event to observe the 2006 ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) in conjunction with the International Day for Disaster Reduction.

The ASEAN Regional Programme on Disaster Management (ARPDM) 2004-2010 continued to be implemented, with a focus on raising public awareness and fostering community participation, research, disaster information sharing and communication, and capacity building and training. Following an assessment of the information and communication technology infrastructure related to disaster management in the Member Countries, activities are being undertaken to address the identified infrastructure gaps and to develop a disaster-related information database. A two-year ASEAN-Hyogo Framework for Action addressing regional capacity development in disaster response and preparedness is being implemented. The Framework identifies five priority training activities that will be implemented in 2007 and 2008.

ASEAN also continues to foster collaborative links with many international organisations and partners especially the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UN-ISDR, Pacific Disaster Centre and Dialogue Partners such as China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America. *

ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)

Established : 2006, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 2nd ASED, 16 March 2007, Bali, Indonesia
 Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)

The education sector, in developing human resource across the region, plays an important role in enhancing the competitiveness of individual ASEAN Member Countries and the ASEAN Community as a whole.

The ASEAN Education Ministers have identified three priorities that ASEAN cooperation in education would address in collaboration with the Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO). These specific priorities focus on:

- **Promoting “ASEANness” among students in ASEAN.** This will be done through the development of resource materials, capacity building of teachers and school officials, and the inclusion of co-curricular activities involving school leaders, teachers and students. The ASEAN Student Exchange Programme (ASEP) will be revived in 2008 with Malaysia hosting the exchange.
- **Building ASEAN human resources in the field of education.** Capacity development will support the goal of promoting ASEAN awareness among students, as well as initiatives to improve school management and achievement in science and mathematics.
- **Strengthening ASEAN university networking.** Currently, ASEAN promotes academic and research collaboration in the fields of agriculture and engineering and the creation of networks in these fields. Through the ASEAN University Network/Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN-SEED NET), an initiative to develop a core programme to facilitate the movement of students to study in other universities in ASEAN is being undertaken. Stronger networks among the ASEAN universities can help ASEAN move towards mutual recognition of academic degrees and qualifications, and the development of a common quality assurance framework.

In addition, the ASED has also identified the strengthening of the ASEAN identity through education as the fourth priority in ASED’s agenda. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)

Established	: 1981, meets once in three years, annual informal meetings in between
Last Meeting	: 10 th AMME, 10 November 2006, Cebu, Philippines
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)

At the 10th AMME, the ASEAN Environment Ministers reviewed regional environmental cooperation activities, particularly those related to the Vientiane Action Programme. Recognising that ASEAN's social and environmental agenda is inextricably linked with the economic and security priorities of the ASEAN Community, the 10th AMME resolved to work towards an environmentally sustainable ASEAN Community and issued the Cebu Resolution on Sustainable Development. The Ministers also agreed to expedite the signing of an ASEAN framework agreement on access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilisation of biological and genetic resources, and to promote further listings of national protected areas such as the ASEAN Heritage Parks in order to manage the rich biological resources of the region in a sustainable manner.

Also arising from the 10th AMME were the launch of the Third ASEAN State of the Environment Report 2006 which highlighted the environmental conditions of the region, the challenges ASEAN faced and the actions being taken to address them; and a decision to institute an ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities Award to promote efforts towards environmental sustainability in ASEAN cities.

ASEAN has also been working to engage the public on environment and sustainable development issues. To further promote public awareness, ASEAN environment officials have developed a successor plan to the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan of 2000-2005. The new plan is expected to be endorsed by the Environment Ministers in 2007. ASEAN also continued to actively engage civil society organisations (CSOs) and facilitated the organisation of a Civil Society Forum on Environment and Sustainable Development in May 2007. At the Forum, the participating CSOs agreed to work towards a more formal mode of interaction with ASEAN.

With support from the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme, the ASEAN Marine Water Quality Criteria project is currently being implemented. The expected outcomes include the adoption of guidelines for harmonising the regulatory frameworks including management approaches, class designator guidelines, standards and reporting frameworks, and guidelines for monitoring programme design, sampling, analysis and reporting methodologies.

Following the official launch in 2005, the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in Los Banos, Philippines, is now fully operational.

ASEAN celebrated ASEAN Environmental Year throughout 2006. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Haze (AMMH)

Established	: 1997, meets as the need arises
Last Meeting	: 12 th AMMH, 1 March 2007, Bandar Seri Begawan
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment-Haze Technical Task Force (ASOEN-HTTF)

The region once again experienced severe transboundary haze pollution in 2006. The northern part of the region, particularly Myanmar and Thailand, also experienced severe land and forest fires and haze during the dry months in early 2007. Following this episode, ASEAN has been looking to more concerted and focussed on-the-ground action to tackle the haze problem.

The five ASEAN Member Countries most affected by the haze, namely, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, have agreed to come together as the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution. At their first meeting on 9 November 2006, the MSC endorsed Indonesia's Plan of Action in Dealing with Transboundary Haze Pollution. Indonesia will chair the MSC for the first two years. The MSC also agreed that Member Countries may, through the Central Government of Indonesia, adopt one or more fire-prone districts/regencies and enhance its capacity to deal with land and forest fires. Singapore is assisting Indonesia in developing a master plan for the Muaro Jambi Regency, while Malaysia will provide technical assistance for the Riau Province. Significant progress has been made in

implementing the Plan of Action and Indonesia has set a target of reducing the number of hotspots in the forested areas by 50 per cent in 2007.

The Ministers also agreed to establish the ASEAN Transboundary Haze Pollution Control Fund, pledging an initial amount of US\$500,000. The financial rules for operating the Fund have also been adopted.

With the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (or Haze Agreement) having entered into force, the ASEAN institutional mechanisms dealing with haze have been rationalised. The Ministers and Senior Officials will now convene as the Conference of Parties (COP) to the Haze Agreement. Accordingly, the AMMH, the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment-Haze Technical Task Force and its subsidiary bodies will no longer be convened. The issues discussed by these bodies will now be taken up by the COP and its subsidiary bodies. *

ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)

Established : 1980, meets once in two years
 Last Meeting : 8th AHMM, 21 June 2006, Yangon
 Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)

ASEAN cooperation in the health sector has emphasised the importance of strengthening regional cooperation in addressing emerging infectious diseases, influenza pandemic preparedness, and HIV and AIDS. The Declaration of ASEAN Unity in Health Emergencies that was signed at the 8th AHMM in June 2006 highlighted the importance of unified efforts in fighting infectious diseases, such as avian influenza, malaria and tuberculosis, and reducing the transmission of HIV and AIDS.

Concerning avian influenza, 2006 and early 2007 still saw a number of human cases occurring in several ASEAN Member Countries. ASEAN Member Countries have acted quickly, both individually and collectively, to institute public health measures in preventing further spread of the disease. In addition, the Government of Japan has provided ASEAN with a stockpile of 500,000 courses of Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and personal protective equipment for 700,000 people. In April

2007, the ASEAN Member Countries, the ASEAN Secretariat, the Japanese Government and the World Health Organisation (WHO) participated in an emergency preparedness exercise on preventing a human influenza pandemic, called "PanStop".

The ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD) implemented the ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) Programme Phase I between August 2004 and October 2005 with support from the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme. The strategic framework for Phase II of the EID programme that was adopted by the ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting on 22 June 2006, has been developed into a full programme. The four key focus areas of the programme address: (i) the institutional strengthening of key animal and human health agencies of ASEAN Member Countries, and of the ASEAN Secretariat; (ii) strengthening capacity and collaboration in the region for EID outbreak preparedness and contingency planning; (iii) strengthening capacity and collaboration in the region for EID prevention and risk reduction; and (iv) strengthening capacity and collaboration in the region for surveillance and response.

By 2006, there were an estimated 1.6 million people living with HIV in the ASEAN region and in some countries, up to 1.5 per cent of all adults are living with HIV. ASEAN continued to place HIV and AIDS as a health priority. Building on the first and second ASEAN HIV/AIDS Work Programmes (AWP I and AWP II) which spanned 2000 to 2005, the 12th ASEAN Summit Special Session on HIV and AIDS held on 13 January 2007, in Cebu, Philippines, adopted the Operational Work Plan for AWP III for 2007-2008. The ASEAN Leaders also adopted an ASEAN Commitments on HIV and AIDS at the 12th ASEAN Summit. *

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)

Established : 1989, meets once in eighteen months
 Last Meeting : 9th AMRI, 24 May 2007, Jakarta
 Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI)

In keeping up with the digital age, the 9th AMRI Meeting endorsed the Digital Video Broadcasting-Terrestrial (DVB-T) standard as ASEAN's common digital terrestrial

television broadcasting standard. The DVB-T standard is the most commonly adopted international digital television (DTV) standard and would offer the most advantages in terms of economies of scale, ease of adoption and versatility for multiple platforms. Further discussions in planning for an Analogue Switch-Off would also be held taking into account the proposal by some ASEAN Member Countries for ASEAN to work towards 2015 as a common switch-off date, subject to the ability of individual ASEAN Member Countries given their geographical and human resource constraints.

ASEAN cooperation in the area of information and media for the last twelve months has also focussed on media exchanges and on raising ASEAN awareness.

Media exchange programmes involved ASEAN journalists visiting countries in the region and also Dialogue Partner countries such as India. The ASEAN Campus Journalists' Exchange programme to Thailand and Myanmar was also carried out in 2006.

There were several recurring projects aimed at creating ASEAN awareness and enhancing knowledge on political, economic and socio-cultural issues in ASEAN, as well as evolving a shared regional identity among the youth of ASEAN, for instance, the ASEAN Quiz for high school students. The ASEAN Pop Songs and the ASEAN Snapshots projects also helped raise ASEAN awareness among all peoples' in ASEAN through entertainment.

Cooperation with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners is expected to be enhanced in the coming years. ASEAN and China have agreed to focus on human resource development in the media and information sector, the exchange of films and TV programmes, and the setting up of an ASEAN and China information and media network. ASEAN and Japan have agreed to expand future cooperation in media content development, broadcasting digitalisation and emergency broadcasting systems. *

ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)

Established : 1975, meets once in two years
 Last Meeting : 19th ALMM, 5 May 2006, Singapore
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)

ASEAN continued to carry out the ASEAN Labour Ministers Work Programme and for the period 2006-2008, the ASEAN Labour Ministers agreed to focus on the priority areas of human resource planning and labour market monitoring, skills development and training, and occupational safety and health.

ASEAN has established an Ad Hoc Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance Competitiveness of ASEAN which has since met twice, in October 2006 and February 2007. The Working Group has identified areas of collaboration on progressive labour practices for the purpose of enhancing flexibility in the labour market for economic growth and job creation; promoting skills training of workers to increase productivity and enhance lifelong employability; and developing best human resource practices.

An ASEAN Policy Dialogue on National Occupational Safety and Health Frameworks and Management was convened in January 2007. It was also attended by participants from China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, as well as specialists from the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The dialogue developed a Plan of Action on National Occupational Safety and Health Frameworks for ASEAN. At their 8th meeting, the Coordinating Board of the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) discussed and agreed on some strategies to operationalise the plan of action.

Having completed some activities aimed at enhancing skills recognition systems in the region, ASEAN will undertake a follow-up project in 2007, with the support of the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme. The project will carry out a policy review to set out a strategy for developing and monitoring ASEAN regional and sub-regional skills recognition arrangements and the development of occupational competency standards.

In March 2007, the ASEAN Secretariat and the ILO signed a agreement, formalising the ASEAN-ILO cooperation that has been undertaken since 2003. The ASEAN Secretariat and the ILO office are discussing a collaborative activity on the development of labour and employment statistics. This will serve as an initial step towards efforts to enhance the capacity of ASEAN Member Countries in monitoring trends in the labour markets and human resources, and in designing policy measures to manage the social impact of regional integration. *

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

Established : 1997, meets once in two years
 Last Meeting : 5th AMRDPE, 31 January 2007, Bangkok
 Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

ASEAN continued to implement the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2004-2010) adopted by the AMRDPE in 2004 in concert with the commitments made on the UN Millennium Development Goals. Specifically in support of ASEAN's community building efforts, the 5th AMRDPE agreed to focus ASEAN cooperation on fostering community empowerment. Joint efforts by Member Countries will be made to promote access to basic services and allow the poor to benefit from economic growth.

ASEAN has worked to improve the living standard of farmers and the rural poor. A training programme, jointly organised with the Republic of Korea (RoK) from 21 March to 10 April 2007, provided a cross-sectoral platform for the relevant ASEAN senior government officials involved in agriculture, forestry, rural development and poverty eradication to learn from one another's experiences in planning and implementing national rural and agricultural development programmes.

To help strengthen the social protection systems in ASEAN, SOMRDPE officials working with ASEAN senior officials of the health sector, convened a Workshop on Social Safety Nets in Health in March 2007, with the support of China. Senior experts exchanged best practices with a view to improving their capacities to design effective social protection programmes.

The 2nd ASEAN Plus Three High-Level Workshop on Poverty Reduction was held in September 2006. High-level officials from ASEAN Member Countries, China, Japan and the RoK discussed key priorities and directions for cooperative efforts to reduce poverty in the region. Following this, a Regional Workshop on Poverty Alleviation Programmes was held in May 2007 where mid-level officials from the ASEAN Plus Three countries exchanged information on success in implementing their national poverty reduction or social protection programmes.

Under the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2004-2010), a number of activities have been finalised for implementation in 2007-2008. These include the third learning programme for ASEAN government officials on the topic of "Analysis of the Economic and Social Cost of Poverty and Transparency and Assessment of Poverty Reduction Programmes" under the World Bank's Tokyo Development Learning Distance Centre (TDLC) programme. *

ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)

Established : 1979, meets once in three years
 Last Meeting : 5th AMMSWD, 16 December 2004, Bangkok
 Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)

ASEAN cooperation in the area of social welfare and development continued to address social risks faced by children, women, the elderly and persons with disabilities. ASEAN has moved forward in addressing these concerns through the ASEAN social welfare and development work programme (2003-2006) and has also worked to build partnerships between government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

ASEAN Member Countries and the Republic of Korea (RoK) have agreed to extend the ASEAN-RoK Programme on Home-Based Care for Older Persons pilot projects in different areas and to consider volunteer home-based care as part of the national policy agenda on ageing. The project exemplifies the important role of the community in taking care of the elderly, as changes in the population structure could weaken the traditional support from immediate family members. The First ASEAN Plus Three

Symposium on Ageing was convened in September 2005 in Thailand and this signalled the beginning of ASEAN cooperation with China, Japan and the RoK on this issue.

ASEAN, assisted by the International Council for Social Welfare (ICSW), held an ASEAN Government-NGO forum on social welfare and development in September 2006 in Thailand. Representatives from government and NGOs of the ASEAN Member Countries, China, Japan and the RoK attended the forum. The forum has helped government officials and NGOs identify ways to move forward together in addressing priorities for social welfare and development, and in making more effective use of existing forums.

The 4th ASEAN-Japan High-Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies was held in September 2006 with the theme "Support to Vulnerable People in Welfare and Medical Service". The Meeting discussed strategies to address the abuse of children, domestic violence and other home-related problems, as well as the provision of medical services and assistance in medical expenses for children and women, especially those from low-income families.

In December 2006, the work programme of ASEAN cooperation in social welfare and development for 2007-2010 was adopted. To effectively bring ASEAN Member Countries together within a regional context to address social welfare, family and children issues, the new work programme highlights three strategies, namely: capacity building in human resources; documentation of standards and benchmarks for quality services; and partnership and inter-sectoral collaboration. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)

Established : 1992, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : AMMY V, 26 April 2007, Singapore
Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)

The 12th ASEAN Summit's Cebu Declaration Towards One Caring and Sharing Community encouraged greater institutional collaboration in promoting ASEAN awareness among the younger generation and increasing their involvement at national and regional activities so that they can make valuable contributions towards ASEAN community building.

The theme of AMMY V, "Youth: Creating Our Future Together", thus conveyed a message to the youth in ASEAN to play an active role in shaping the region's future. A youth caucus was held concurrently with AMMY V and ASEAN's youth leaders had the opportunity to present to the ASEAN Youth Ministers their recommendations on education, the environment, employment and entrepreneurship, and the engagement of young people at the local and regional levels. The ASEAN Ministers have agreed that youth involvement at future AMMY meetings should be encouraged.

At AMMY V, the Ministers agreed to continue implementing the Work Programme on Preparing ASEAN Youth for Sustainable Development and focus on the priority areas of developing youth leadership, youth entrepreneurship and employability, and ASEAN awareness. AMMY V also saw the launch of the Singapore-ASEAN Youth Fund which will provide S\$5 million for youth-related projects in ASEAN.

The 13th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting (AYDM) was held on 6-7 November 2006 in Kuala Lumpur with the theme "ASEAN and Young People". The second phase of the ASEAN Youth Leadership Development Programme was held in March 2007 and covered the topics of youth leadership, policy formulation and youth volunteers. The Regional Capacity Building Workshop to Promote Youth-Initiated ICT Enterprises was organised on 7-9 March 2007 in Yangon to facilitate capacity building for government officials and young entrepreneurs. The Youth@ASEAN Website (www.aseanyouth.org) has now linked the various country-based youth websites.

In the past twelve months, the Plus Three Countries have sponsored youth exchanges activities. Future youth exchange programmes under the ASEAN Plus Three process will focus on thematic discussions on youth employment and preparing the youth for the challenges of globalisation. *

ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT		
13 January 2007	12 th ASEAN Summit	Cebu, Philippines
ASEAN SECURITY COMMUNITY		
ASEAN Ministerial Meeting		
25 July 2006	39 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+1 (PMC+1) of ASEAN-Australia	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+1 (PMC+1) of ASEAN-New Zealand	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+1 (PMC+1) of ASEAN-Canada	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+1 (PMC+1) of ASEAN-Russia	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+1 (PMC+1) of ASEAN-EU	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+1 (PMC+1) of ASEAN-US	Kuala Lumpur
27 July 2006	Post Ministerial Conference 10+10	Kuala Lumpur
22 September 2006	Informal ASEAN Ministers Meeting	New York
8 December 2006	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)	Cebu, Philippines
11 January 2007	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)	Cebu, Philippines
1-2 March 2007	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) Retreat	Siem Reap, Cambodia
Meeting of the ASEAN Standing Committee (ASC) and ASEAN Directors-General		
23-24 July 2006	4 th Meeting of the 39 th ASEAN Standing Committee (4/39 ASC)	Kuala Lumpur
7-8 September 2006	1 st Meeting of the 40 th ASEAN Standing Committee (1/40 ASC)	Manila
6-7 November 2006	ASEAN Standing Committee, Senior Officials Meeting, Senior Economic Officials Meeting and Joint Consultative Meeting	Manila
6 December 2006	ASEAN Standing Committee Informal Working Dinner	Cebu, Philippines
7 December 2006	ASEAN Standing Committee (ASC) Preparatory Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
10 January 2007	Special ASEAN Standing Committee	Cebu, Philippines
11-13 February 2007	2 nd Meeting of the 40 th ASEAN Standing Committee (2/40 ASC)	Jakarta
25-27 March 2007	Special ASEAN Directors-General Meeting	Davao, Philippines
ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) and Working Group		
1 July 2006	Special Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) Leaders	Nha Trang, Viet Nam
23 July 2006	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Kuala Lumpur
28-30 August 2006	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Manila
6-7 December 2006	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Cebu, Philippines
10 January 2007	Special ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Cebu, Philippines
22 May 2007	ASEAN Working Group on Security Cooperation	Manila
22-23 May 2007	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Manila
Civil Service Matters		
5-6 September 2006	Technical Meeting and Informal Meeting of the 13 th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (13 th ACCSM)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
9-10 May 2007	Preparatory Meeting for the 14 th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters	Bandung, Indonesia
Development Planning		
6-7 July 2006	5 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Development Planning (SOMDP)	Malaysia
Immigration		
13 November 2006	2 nd ASEAN Immigration Intelligence Forum (AIIF)	Jakarta
14-15 November 2006	10 th Meeting of Directors-General of Immigration and Heads of Consular Affairs of Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM)	Jakarta
15 November 2006	2 nd Meeting of Directors-General of Immigration and Heads of Consular Affairs of Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM)+Australia Consultation	Jakarta
ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting		
25-26 January 2007	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)	Manila
23-25 March 2007	ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Retreat	Bali, Indonesia
ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)		
29-30 June 2006	1 st Plenary Meeting of the ARF Experts/Eminent Persons (EEPs)	Jeju Island, Korea
27 July 2006	ARF Defence Officials' Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
28 July 2006	13 th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	Kuala Lumpur
4-7 September 2006	10 th ARF Heads of Defence Universities/Colleges/Institutions	Kuala Lumpur
6-8 September 2006	3 rd ARF Workshop on Cyber Security	New Delhi
14-15 September 2006	ARF Seminar on "The Role of Military and Civil Cooperation in the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases such as SARS and Avian Influenza"	Ha Noi

18-20 September 2006	6 th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR)	Qingdao, China
5-6 October 2006	ARF Seminar on Energy Security	Brussels
11-13 October 2006	ARF Seminar on Stockpile Security of Man-Portable Air Defence System and Other Small Arms and Light Weapons	Bangkok
1-3 November 2006	ARF Inter-sessional Support Group on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Batam, Indonesia
7-8 December 2006	ARF Maritime Security Shore Exercise Planning Conference	Singapore
22-23 January 2007	ARF Maritime Security Shore Exercise	Singapore
5-6 February 2007	2 nd Meeting of ARF Experts Eminent Persons (EEPs)	Manila
13-15 February 2007	ARF Confidence Building Measures (ARF CBM) Workshop on Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540	San Francisco, US
7-9 March 2007	Inaugural Meeting of ARF Peace Operations Network	Port Dickson
28-30 March 2007	ARF Inter-sessional Support Group on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Helsinki
26-28 April 2007	ARF Seminar on UN Peacekeeping – Challenges and Prospect	New Delhi
2-4 May 2007	5 th ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (ISM on CTTC)	Singapore
23 May 2007	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue	Manila
24 May 2007	ARF Security Policy Conference	Manila
25 May 2007	ARF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)	Manila
Law		
11-13 September 2006	3 rd ASEAN Law Forum	Nongkhai, Thailand
28 January 2007	1 st Meeting of ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) Working Group on Modalities for the Harmonisation of Trade Laws and Uniformed Legalisation of Documents of ASEAN Member Countries	Siem Reap, Cambodia
29-30 January 2007	11 th Senior Law Officials' Meeting (ASLOM)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
28-29 May 2007	1 st Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matters	Ha Noi
Transnational Crime		
5 June 2006	ASEAN Workshop on the Improvement of Data Collection on Trafficking in Persons	Bali, Indonesia
6 June 2006	SOMTC Ad-Hoc Working Group on Counter Terrorism	Bali, Indonesia
6 June 2006	SOMTC Ad-Hoc Working Group on Trafficking in Persons	Bali, Indonesia
6 June 2006	SOMTC Working Group on Finalisation of Work Programme and ASEAN Plus Three Work Plan on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime	Bali, Indonesia
7-8 June 2006	6 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)	Bali, Indonesia
1-2 August 2006	27 th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters (ASOD)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
22 September 2006	2 nd Meeting of the Regional Joint Action against ATS Related Crime	Melaka, Malaysia
7 September 2006	Informal Consultation on the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism	Manila
3-5 October 2006	1 st Meeting of Joint Experts Working Group on the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism	Manila
13-15 November 2006	2 nd Meeting of Joint Experts Working Group on the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism (ACCT)	Bali, Indonesia
26 February 2007	11 th Meeting of the Heads of Specialist Anti-Trafficking Units (HSU)	Bangkok
27 February 2007	1 st Meeting of ARTIP Regional Project Coordinating Committee	Bangkok
22-23 March 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Senior Officials on the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters	Singapore
1-2 May 2007	ASEAN Ad-Hoc Experts Meeting on Anti-Corruption	Jakarta
21 May 2007	12 th Head of Specialist Anti-Trafficking in Persons Unit (HSU)	Bangkok
22-24 May 2007	ASEAN Workshop on Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons	Bangkok
22-25 May 2007	ASEAN Workshop on Small Arms Control	Phnom Penh
25 May 2007	Joint Experts Working Group on Trafficking in Persons	Bangkok
ASEAN Charter		
27-29 June 2006	4 th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on the ASEAN Charter	Singapore
22-24 August 2006	5 th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on the ASEAN Charter	Kuala Lumpur
24-26 September 2006	6 th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on the ASEAN Charter	Siem Reap, Cambodia
4-5 November 2006	The Eminent Persons Group (EPG) Assistants Meeting on the ASEAN Charter	Ha Noi
28-29 November 2006	7 th Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on the ASEAN Charter	Brunei Darussalam
8 December 2006	Final Meeting of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on the ASEAN Charter	Cebu, Philippines
5-6 February 2007	1 st Meeting of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Jakarta
28 February-1 March 2007	2 nd Meeting of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Siem Reap, Cambodia
27 March 2007	Meeting between the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter and Civil Society and Other Stakeholders	Manila
28-29 March 2007	3 rd Meeting of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Manila
9 April 2007	Meeting between the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter and the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on Economic Integration	Yangon

19-20 April 2007	4 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of on the ASEAN Charter	Ha Noi
14-15 May 2007	Meeting between the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter and Senior Officials attending the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Coordination Conference (SOC-COM)	Jakarta
17-19 May 2007	5 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter (HLTF) on the Drafting the ASEAN Charter	Penang, Malaysia
ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY		
ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)		
22-23 August 2006	38 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)	Kuala Lumpur
11 January 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)	Cebu, Philippines
3 May 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Retreat	Brunei Darussalam
Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)		
17-21 July 2006	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials for the 37 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 4/37)	Singapore
1-2 August 2006	9 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration	Singapore
16-19 August 2006	Preparatory Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) for the 38 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)	Kuala Lumpur
5 November 2006	Special Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)	Makati, Philippines
25-26 November 2006	10 th Meeting of the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration	Palembang, Indonesia
6 December 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)	Cebu, Philippines
10 January 2007	ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)	Cebu, Philippines
29-31 January 2007	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials of the 38 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 1/38) and Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
29-31 January 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – AUSTR	Kuala Lumpur
27-29 March 2007	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials of the 38 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (2/38 SEOM) and Consultations	Manila
31 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – ERIA Representatives Meeting	Manila
9-10 April 2007	11 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration	Yangon
1 May 2007	Preparatory – Senior Economic Officials Meeting (Prep-SEOM)	Brunei Darussalam
21-23 May 2007	3 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials of the 38 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 3/38)	Thailand
24 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Pakistan Consultations (SEOM-Pakistan)	Thailand
ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA)		
5-7 June 2006	16 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (16 th ROO-TF)	Kuala Lumpur
8-10 June 2006	41 st Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (41 st CCCA)	Kuala Lumpur
21 August 2006	20 th ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
19-21 September 2006	17 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (17 th ROO-TF)	Ha Noi
15-16 November 2006	18 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (18 th ROO-TF)	Singapore
17-18 November 2006	42 nd Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (42 nd CCCA)	Singapore
23-25 January 2007	19 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (19 th ROO-TF)	Kuala Lumpur
25-27 January 2007	43 rd Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (43 rd CCCA)	Kuala Lumpur
19-21 March 2007	20 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (20 th ROO-TF)	Manila
22-24 March 2007	44 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (44 th CCCA)	Manila
14-16 May 2007	21 st Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (21 st ROO-TF)	Bangkok
17-19 May 2007	45 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (45 th CCCA)	Bangkok
Agriculture and Forestry		
6-8 June 2006	14 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries	Manila
19-22 June 2006	13 th Meeting of the ACEDAC Board and 8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agriculture Cooperatives	Siem Reap, Cambodia
26-27 June 2006	8 th Meeting of the Experts Working Group on the Harmonization of Phytosanitary Measures	Vientiane
27-28 June 2006	27 th Meeting of the ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board	Manila
28-30 June 2006	13 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Crops	Vientiane
4-6 July 2006	4 th Meeting of the Working Group on Halal Food Guidelines	Kuala Lumpur
17-21 July 2006	2 nd Meeting of Expert Working Group on International Forest Policy Processes	Phnom Penh
25-27 July 2006	13 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Training and Extension	Yangon

2-4 August 2006	13 th Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme	Chiang Mai, Thailand
14-15 August 2006	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group (AEG) on Research & Development for Forest Products	Bali, Indonesia
14-15 August 2006	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group (AEG) on Herbal and Medicinal Plants	Bali, Indonesia
16 August 2006	7 th Seminar on Current International Issues Affecting Forestry and Forest Products	Bali, Indonesia
17-18 August 2006	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF)	Bali, Indonesia
23-24 August 2006	3 rd Meeting of ASEAN Technical Working Group on Agricultural Research and Development	Jakarta
29-31 August 2006	Special Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) – 27 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting	Bohol, Philippines
6-8 September 2006	7 th Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting on East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve	Kuala Lumpur
9-11 October 2006	Joint OIE-ASEAN/ADB Inception Workshop on HPAI Control and Eradication in ASEAN	Jakarta
12 October 2006	5 th Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on HPAI	Jakarta
13-14 November 2006	Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) – 28 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting	Singapore
16 November 2006	28 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting	Singapore
27 November-2 December 2006	The Inception Meeting of Project on Strengthening of Partnership among Japan and ASEAN Countries; and Seminar on Agricultural Policies	Tokyo
4-8 December 2006	2 nd ASEAN – German Regional Forestry Programme (ASEAN REFoP) Executive Seminar on Peer Consultation Framework (PCF)	Paris
8-10 January 2007	11 th Meeting of EWG on Harmonization of MRLs of Pesticides	Kuala Lumpur
15-19 January 2007	ASEAN Start-up Workshop on the Application of ASEAN Criteria and Indicators for SFM and ASEAN Guideline for Intergovernmental Panel and Forum on Forest	Phnom Penh
18-19 January 2007	Working Meeting on Evaluation on the Results of East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve (EAERR) Activities	Chiang Mai, Thailand
5-9 February 2007	ASEAN-WEN Workshop on Task Force Development and Cross-border Cooperation	Cebu, Philippines
6-9 March 2007	Symposium on Postharvest Technology & ASEAN Working Group Meeting on ASEAN-MAFF Project on South-South Cooperation	Chiang Mai, Thailand
13-14 March 2007	8 th Project Steering Committee Meeting for East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve (EAERR) Pilot Project	Bali, Indonesia
19-23 March 2007	ASEAN Peer Consultation Framework (PCF) in Forestry of Brunei Darussalam: Country Assessment Mission	Brunei Darussalam
20-22 March 2007	3 rd Meeting on ASEAN Standards and for Horticulture Produce (MASHP) Produce (MASHP)	Cagayan de Oro, Philippines
24-25 April 2007	Expert Meeting on: "Pilot ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food (ARASF)"	Bangkok
24-25 April 2007	6 th Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on – HPAI	Bandar Seri Begawan
24-26 April 2007	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Social Forestry Network	Semarang, Indonesia
26-28 April 2007	15 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL)	Bandar Seri Begawan
8-9 May 2007	2 nd Asian Vegetables Research and Development Centre (AARNET) Steering Committee Meeting	Singapore
9-11 May 2007	5 th Meeting of the AEG on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)	Singapore
10-15 May 2007	ASEAN Training Workshop on National Forest Programme and 3 rd Meeting of the AEG on International Forest Policy Processes (AEG-IFPP)	Jakarta
16-18 May 2007	15 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Fisheries (ASWGF)	Singapore
21-24 May 2007	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN WEN)	Cisarua, Indonesia
22-23 May 2007	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Genetically Modified Food Testing Network	Ha Noi
30-31 May 2007	5 th Focal Point Meeting for ASEAN Food Security Information System	Manila
Customs		
6-8 June 2006	15 th Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs	Siem Reap, Cambodia
12-14 June 2006	ASEAN Customs Valuation Guide Refresher Seminar	Jakarta
19-21 June 2006	Study Visit on the Establishment of Single Window to Facilitate Trade	Stockholm
26-30 June 2006	2 nd Training on ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature	Bali, Indonesia
3-7 July 2006	4 th Training on Cargo Processing Model	Manila
4-12 July 2006	7 th Meeting of ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Review Committee (7 th AHTN RC)	Singapore
13 July 2006	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Technical Committee (2 nd AHTN TC)	Singapore
18-19 July 2006	3 rd ASEAN Single Window Workshop	Manila
2-4 August 2006	1 st Coordinating Committee on Customs (1 st CCC Meeting)	Manila
15-16 August 2006	4 th ASEAN Single Window Workshop	Ha Noi
2-4 October 2006	High-Level Workshop on the Implementation of ASEAN Single Window	Ha Noi
21-24 November 2006	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation (1 st CPTFWG)	Bukit Tinggi, Indonesia
6-8 December 2006	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Enforcement and Compliance (1 st ASEAN WGCEC)	Vientiane
12-13 December 2006	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Capacity Building (1 st ASEAN CCBWG)	Bangkok
14-15 December 2006	1 st Regional Workshop on ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (1 st ACDD Workshop)	Bangkok
29 January-2 February 2007	1 st ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Workshop (1 st AHTN Workshop)	Manila

26 February-2 March 2007	2 nd ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Workshop (2 nd AHTN Workshop)	Thailand
12-14 March 2007	1 st ASEAN Single Window (ASW) Steering Committee	Manila
2-6 April 2007	3 rd ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Workshop (3 rd AHTN Workshop)	Ha Noi
25-26 April 2007	2 nd ASEAN Customs – Declaration Document (ACDD) Workshop	Bangkok
8-10 May 2007	1 st Working Group – ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (WG-AHTN)	Myanmar
14-18 May 2007	4 th ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Workshop (4 th AHTN Workshop)	Bandar Seri Begawan
21-23 May 2007	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation (2 nd CPTFWG)	Jakarta
24-25 May 2007	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Customs (2 nd CCC)	Jakarta
28-29 May 2007	1 st Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matters (1 st LWG)	Ha Noi
30-31 May 2007	1 st Working Group on Technical Matters (1 st TWG)	Ha Noi
Energy		
25 July 2006	Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) of the 24 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)	Vientiane
26 July 2006	7 th Senior Officials Meeting on Energy – Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (SOME-METI) Consultations	Vientiane
27 July 2006	24 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)	Vientiane
6 November 2006	Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) Task Force	Jakarta
21 November 2006	9 th ASEAN Cent for Energy (ACE) Governing Council	Vientiane
22-23 November 2006	Special Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)	Vientiane
Finance and Banking		
6-7 June 2006	Seminar on Bond Market Development for Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV)	Ho Chi Minh, Viet Nam
26-27 July 2006	Meeting of Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation (WC-CAL) and Joint Session with Working Committee on Capital Market Development (WC-CMD)	Bali, Indonesia
4 August 2006	5 th Meeting of ASEAN Capital Markets Forum	Bangkok
14 September 2006	3 rd ASEAN Finance Ministers' Investors Seminar	Hong Kong
16 September 2006	3 rd ASEAN Finance Ministers' Investors Seminar	Singapore
26-27 October 2006	10 th Working Committee on ASEAN Financial Liberalisation under AFAS	Cebu, Philippines
1 November 2006	Preparatory Meeting of a New Task Force for Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Multilateralisation	Hangzhou, China
2 November 2006	Asian Bond Market Initiative (ABMI) Working Group Meeting	Hangzhou, China
3 November 2006	Asian Bond Market (ABMI) Focal Group Meeting	Hangzhou, China
15-17 November 2006	9 th ASEAN Insurance Regulators Meeting (AIRM)	Bali, Indonesia
16-18 November 2006	16 th ASEAN Banking Conference/36 th ASEAN Banking Council Meeting	Singapore
9 January 2007	Capital Market Development Working Committee Meeting	Singapore
23 January 2007	Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Task Force for Multilateralisation	Bangkok
24 January 2007	11 th Working Committee on ASEAN Financial Services Liberalisation under AFAS	Bangkok
25 January 2007	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Working Group Meeting (AFDM-WG)	Bangkok
26 February 2007	12 th Working Committee on ASEAN Financial Services Liberalisation under AFAS	Pattaya, Thailand
27 February 2007	Technical WG on Economic and Financial Monitoring (ETWG)	Pattaya, Thailand
27 February 2007	ASEAN Capital Market Forum	Kuala Lumpur
28 February 2007	Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Task Force for Multilateralisation	Pattaya, Thailand
1 March 2007	Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI) WGs Meeting	Pattaya, Thailand
2 March 2007	Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI) Focal Group Meeting	Pattaya, Thailand
7-8 March 2007	Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
1 April 2007	13 th Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under AFAS	Chiang Mai, Thailand
2 April 2007	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
4 April 2007	ASEAN Finance Ministers' Retreat (AFMM Retreat)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
5 April 2007	11 th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
25 May 2007	14 th Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under AFAS	Jakarta
Industrial Cooperation		
14-15 June 2006	44 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC)	Jakarta
28 February-1 March 2007	45 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI)		
22 July 2006	24 th Meeting of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Kuala Lumpur
6 September 2006	25 th Meeting of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Manila
12 February 2007	26 th Meeting of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Jakarta
5-8 March 2007	Workshop in the area of Investment and Infrastructure	Makassar, Indonesia

Intellectual Property		
11-14 July 2006	26 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (26 th AWGIPC)	Manila
5-10 March 2007	Strategic Mapping Session and 27 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (27 th AWGIPC)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Investment		
27-29 June 2006	31 st ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Jakarta
18-20 July 2006	14 th Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment (WGFDIS)	Mandaluyong City, Philippines
17 August 2006	CCI Preparatory Meeting for the 9 th ASEAN Investment Area (IAI) Council	Kuala Lumpur
21 August 2006	9 th ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council	Kuala Lumpur
13-15 November 2006	32 nd ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Bali, Indonesia
18-19 November 2006	21 st ASEAN Business Advisory Council Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
14 January 2007	22 nd ASEAN Business Advisory Council Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
25-26 January 2007	33 rd ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Jakarta
28-30 March 2007	34 th ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Ha Noi
29-30 March 2007	23 rd ASEAN Business Advisory Council Meeting	Ha Noi
18-20 April 2007	15 th Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (WGFDIS)	Bali, Indonesia
8-10 May 2007	35 th ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Sarawak, Kuching, Malaysia
Mekong Basin Development Cooperation		
27-28 July 2006	8 th ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) Steering Committee Meeting	Yangon
26 August 2006	8 th ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) Ministerial Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
Science and Technology		
12-13 June 2006	Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) for the 3 rd China-ASEAN Exposition (CAEXPO 2006)	Nanning, China
27-30 June 2006	The Second Joint Project Team Meeting (JPTM) for Establishing a Disaster Risk Management System in Asia-Pacific Region and the APRSAF Workshop For the Satellite Communication Experiments	Bangkok, Thailand
25-26 July 2006	Expert Group Meeting on ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology (APAST)	Jakarta, Indonesia
22-23 August 2006	35 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee Meeting on Biotechnology (SCB)	Kuantan, Malaysia
22-23 August 2006	33 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Food Science and Technology (SCFST)	Kuantan, Malaysia
22-23 August 2006	14 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA)	Kuantan, Malaysia
21-22 August 2006	31 st Meeting of the Microelectronics and Information Technology (SCMIT)	Kuala Lumpur
22-23 August 2006	33 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Science and Technology Infrastructure and Research Development (SCIRD)	Kuantan, Malaysia
22-23 August 2006	33 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Non-Conventional Energy Research (SCNCER)	Kuantan, Malaysia
22-23 August 2006	Meeting of the ASEAN-Sub Committee on Materials Science and Technology (SCMST)	Kuantan, Malaysia
22-23 August 2006	Meeting of the ASEAN-Sub Committee on Marine Science and Technology (SCMSAT)	Kuantan, Malaysia
23 August 2006	9 th Meeting of ASEAN Body on ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology (ABAPAST)	Kuantan, Malaysia
23 August 2006	10 th Meeting of the ASEAN Body on ASEAN Science Fund (ABASF)	Kuantan, Malaysia
24-26 August 2006	52 nd Meeting of the ASEAN-Committee on Science and Technology (COST)	Kuantan, Malaysia
28 August 2006	4 th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (IAMMST)	Kuantan, Malaysia
19-21 September 2006	28 th Meeting of Sub-Committee on Meteorology and Geophysics (SCMG)	Vientiane
6-7 November 2006	12 th Technology Summit and Technology Platform (TSTP)	New Delhi
25-26 January 2007	Inaugural Forum of the Network of ASEAN S&T Centres of Excellence	Bangkok
22-23 February 2007	MEXT-OECD Workshop for Preventing Scientific Misconduct	Tokyo
22-24 February 2007	Workshop on Spatial Data Infrastructure	Jakarta
20-22 March 2007	BMG and RANET Training Course on Tsunami Warning Dissemination Systems	Jakarta
2-3 April 2007	IOC Seminar on Tsunami Warning Operations under the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (PTWS)	Kuala Lumpur
23-24 April 2007	36 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Biotechnology (SCB)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
23-24 April 2007	34 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Food Science and Technology (SCFST)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
23-24 April 2007	34 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Infrastructure and Resources Development (SCIRD)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
23-24 April 2007	The Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Marine Science and Technology (SCMSAT)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
23-24 April 2007	32 nd Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Microelectronics and Information Technology (SCMIT)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
23-24 April 2007	34 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Non-Conventional Energy Research (SCNCER)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
23-24 April 2007	15 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
24 April 2007	10 th Meeting of Advisory Body on ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology (ABAPAST)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
24 April 2007	11 th Meeting of Advisory Body of the ASEAN Science Fund (ABASF)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
25-27 April 2007	53 rd Meeting of Committee on Science and Technology (COST)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
21-31 May 2007	ASCM/IRI Workshop on ASEAN Seasonal-Interannual Climate Forecasting and its Applications	Singapore
22-24 May 2007	Converging Technologies to Combat Emerging Infectious Disease (EID): Technology Roadmap Workshop	Tokyo

Services		
5-8 June 2006	47 th Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Singapore
11-13 September 2006	48 th Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Bali, Indonesia
18 October 2006	Special Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Jakarta
6-9 February 2007	49 th Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Kuala Lumpur
18-20 April 2007	50 th Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Philippines
9-10 May 2007	2 nd ASEAN Services Forum	Singapore
Small and Medium Enterprises		
2-3 April 2007	20 th Meeting of the ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprise Agencies Working Group/(SMEWG)	Yangon
Standards and Conformity Assessment		
28-29 June 2006	7 th ASEAN Electronics Forum	Philippines
8-9 August 2006	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Rubber Based Product Working Group	Jakarta
10-12 August 2006	28 th ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and related Meetings	Jakarta
1-3 November 2006	12 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Pharmaceutical Product Working Group (PPWG)	Jakarta
13-14 November 2006	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Working Group on Legal Metrology (WG3)	Singapore
23-24 November 2006	2 nd Meeting of the Joint Sectoral Committee for Electronic and Electrical Equipment (JSC EEE)	Singapore
4-5 December 2006	6 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PPFWG)	Brunei Darussalam
6-8 December 2006	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC) and related Meetings	Bohol, Philippines
18-20 December 2006	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements (TMHS PWG)	Ha Noi
18-19 January 2007	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Medical Devices Product Working Group (MDPWG)	Singapore
5-6 February 2007	14 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment	Bangkok
6-7 February 2007	19 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Working Group on Standards and MRAs	Bangkok
7-8 March 2007	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Rubber Based Product Working Group	Kuala Lumpur
20-22 March 2007	29 th ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and Related Meetings	Yangon
26-29 March 2007	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) Automotive Product Working Group (APWG)	Bangkok
21-22 April 2007	3 rd Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE)	Ha Noi
Statistics		
7-8 June 2006	5 th Meeting of AEM-MITI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee Working Group on Statistics (AMEICC-WG)	Phnom Penh
23-25 August 2006	5 th ASEAN Task Force on Harmonisation of Statistical Classification Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
4-8 September 2006	ASEAN Training and Workshop on International Trade in Services Statistics	Kuala Lumpur
21-22 November 2006	7 th ASEAN Head of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM)	Brunei Darussalam
Telecommunication and Information Technology		
31 May-1 June 2006	Special Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (Special TELSOM)	Manila
27-28 June 2006	Preparatory Meeting for 7 th Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM)	Cyberjaya, Malaysia
26-28 July 2006	12 th ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Meeting	Mandalay, Myanmar
12 September 2006	Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) Working Group Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
13 September 2006	Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) Joint Working Group Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
14-16 September 2006	7 th Telecommunications Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM)	Brunei Darussalam
18-19 September 2006	6 th Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)	Brunei Darussalam
18-19 September 2006	Telecommunications and IT Ministers (TELMIN)+e-ASEAN Business Council (e-ABC) Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
18-19 September 2006	Telecommunications and IT Ministers (TELMIN)+e-Youth Forum	Brunei Darussalam
3-5 April 2007	TELSOM Working Group/Joint Working Group Meeting	Singapore
2 May 2007	Telecommunication and IT Senior Officials Joint Working Group Meeting (Special TELSOM JWG Meeting)	Langkawi, Malaysia
3-4 May 2007	Special Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (Special TELSOM)	Langkawi, Malaysia
Tourism		
4 July 2006	17 th Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
5 July 2006	28 th Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand

5 July 2006	4 th Special Working Group on ASEAN Tourism Integration Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
6-7 July 2006	24 th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organisations	Chiang Mai, Thailand
8 July 2006	ASEANTA Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
9-10 August 2006	Ad-Hoc Meeting Committee of Tourism Man Power Development	Mandalay, Myanmar
11 August 2006	18 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development	Mandalay, Myanmar
11 September 2006	18 th Meeting of ASEAN Crisis Communication Team	Brunei Darussalam
11 September 2006	5 th ASEAN Cruise Working Group Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
12 September 2006	4 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Standards	Brunei Darussalam
12 September 2006	16 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment	Brunei Darussalam
13 September 2006	29 th Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing	Brunei Darussalam
13-14 September 2006	19 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development	Brunei Darussalam
12-14 December 2006	Regional Workshop on Capacity Building for an ASEAN MRA in Tourism	Bangkok, Thailand
15 December 2006	20 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development	Bangkok
26 January 2007	5 th Meeting of the Special Working Group on ASEAN Tourism Integration	Singapore
26 January-3 February 2006	ASEAN Tourism Forum	Singapore
27-28 January 2007	25 th Meeting of the ASEAN NTOs	Singapore
29 January 2007	10 th Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers	Singapore
31 January 2007	ASEAN Tourism Conference	Singapore
4 April 2007	30 th Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing	Siem Reap, Cambodia
5 April 2007	6 th ASEAN Cruise Working Group Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
5 April 2007	19 th Meeting of the ASEAN Crisis Communication Team	Siem Reap, Cambodia
6 April 2007	5 th Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Standards	Siem Reap, Thailand
6 April 2007	17 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment	Siem Reap, Cambodia
7-8 April 2007	21 st Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development	Siem Reap, Cambodia

Transport

11-13 July 2006	12 th ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
14-16 August 2006	12 th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting	Bangkok
22 August 2006	4 th Meeting of the Fourth Round of ASEAN Air Transport Sectoral Negotiations (ATSN)	Bandung, Indonesia
23-25 August 2006	14 th ASEAN Air Transport Working Group Meeting	Bandung, Indonesia
23-25 August 2006	4 th Meeting of the Fourth Round of Air Transport Sectoral Negotiations	Bandung, Indonesia
6-7 September 2006	12 th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group (LTWG) Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
3 November 2006	8 th Special Working Group Meeting on Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL)	Kunming, China
29-31 January 2007	Air Transport Working Group (ATWG) Special Task Force Meeting	Singapore
5-9 February 2007	22 nd Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)/12 th ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) and Associated Meetings	Bangkok
21-22 March 2007	11 th ASEAN Highways Sub-Working Group Meeting	Hue, Viet Nam
24-26 April 2007	15 th ASEAN Air Transport Working Group Meeting and Related Meeting	Palembang, Indonesia
10-12 May 2007	13 th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting	Bangkok
29-30 May 2007	23 rd Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Singapore
2-4 May 2007	13 th ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group	Phnom Penh

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Culture and Information

27-28 June 2006	41 st Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI)	Vientiane
28 June 2006	4 th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Culture and Arts (SOMCA)	Vientiane
23-25 August 2006	Meeting of the ASEAN Television News Producers and Technical Staff cum Workshop	Vientiane
10-11 September 2006	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub Committee on Information (SCI)	Penang, Malaysia
23-24 November 2006	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Culture (SCC)	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
28-29 February 2007	Regional Coordination Meeting for the ASEAN Awards for Arts and Crafts	Bangkok
12-14 March 2007	5 th Meeting of the Advisory Group of the ASEAN Cultural Fund and the ASEAN Fund	Bandar Seri Begawan
29 March 2007	4 th ASEAN Digital Broadcasting Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
31 March-3 April 2007	Symposium on Conservation Methods and Techniques of Historical Buildings and other Cultural Properties in ASEAN	Bagan, Myanmar
7-8 May 2007	1 st Meeting of the Senior Officials Meeting on Culture & Art (SOMCA) Working Group on Human Resources Development in the Cultural Context	Penang, Malaysia
22 May 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI) for the 9 th Conference of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)	Jakarta
24 May 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)	Jakarta

30-31 May 2007	1 st Meeting of the Senior Officials Meeting on Culture & Art (SOMCA) Working Group on Networking on ASEAN Cultural Heritage (NACH)	Mandalay, Myanmar
30-31 May 2007	3 rd Meeting of Networking of East Asia Cultural Heritage (NEACH)	Mandalay, Myanmar
Disaster Management		
31 August-1 September 2006	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
25-28 September 2006	ASEAN Contingency Planning Workshop, ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise 2006 (ARDEX-06), and ARDEX-06 Evaluation Meeting	Phnom Penh
29 September 2006	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)	Phnom Penh
4-8 December 2006	Workshop on ASEAN-Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) Regional Capacity Building in Disaster Response and Preparedness	Nakorn Pathom, Thailand
13-15 December 2006	1 st Regional Workshop on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)	Jakarta
12-15 March 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) back to back with 2 nd Regional Workshop on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), and 1 st ACDM Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting	Vientiane
19-20 April 2007	3 rd Meeting of the Technical Advisory Sub-Committee on ASEAN Disaster Information Sharing and Communication Network (DISCNet) Project	Kuala Lumpur
7-11 May 2007	ASEAN Exercise Design Workshop, UN Disaster Response System Familiarisation Workshop, and the 1 st ARDEX-07 Exercise Planning Team (EPT) Meeting	Singapore
11 May 2007	1 st Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations	Singapore
Education		
19-20 June 2006	19 th Meeting of the ASEAN University Network Board of Trustees (AUN-BOT)	Yangon
24 November 2006	1 st ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)	Bangkok
27-28 November 2006	20 th Meeting of the ASEAN University Network Board of Trustees (AUN-BOT)	Manila
19 January 2007	12 th Steering Committee Meeting of the AUN-Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net)	Singapore
29 January 2007	Conference on the Role of Education in Building an ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community	Singapore
15 March 2007	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 2 nd ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting	Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
16 March 2007	2 nd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Education (ASED)	Ubud, Bali, Indonesia
Environment		
7-8 June 2006	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC)	Bandar Seri Begawan
11-13 July 2006	Workshop on the Review of the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan (AEEAP) and its Successor Plan	Yangon
18-20 July 2006	ASEAN Training Workshop on Zero Burning and Fire Prevention Management	Kuala Rompin, Malaysia
8 August 2006	Signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)	Manila
16-18 August 2006	16 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Ha Noi
23-25 August 2006	2 nd Meeting of the Third State of the Environment Report Task Force Meeting	Jakarta
5-7 September 2006	17 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)	Mandalay, Myanmar
7 November 2006	3 rd Meeting of the Governing Board of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)	Cebu, Philippines
8-9 November 2006	The ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting for the 10 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment	Cebu, Philippines
9 November 2006	1 st Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Cebu, Philippines
10 November 2006	10 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment (10 th AMME)	Cebu, Philippines
28-30 November 2006	4 th Meeting of ASEAN Experts Group on Convention on International Trade Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (AEG on CITES)	Cebu, Philippines
11 January 2007	1 st Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Indonesia
22-24 January 2007	23 rd Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment-Haze Technical Task Force (ASOEN-HTTF)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
26 February 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bandar Seri Begawan
27-28 February 2007	2 nd Preparatory Meeting for the 2 nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-2) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bandar Seri Begawan
28 February 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bandar Seri Begawan
1 March 2007	12 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Haze (AMMH)	Bandar Seri Begawan
1 March 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-2) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bandar Seri Begawan
16-17 March 2007	4 th Meeting of the Governing Board of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)	Pasig City, Philippines
9-13 April 2007	Workshop on the Operationalisation of the Procedures of the Panel of ASEAN Experts on Fire and Haze Assessment and Coordination	Palembang, Indonesia
23-27 April 2007	2 nd Conference on ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP) and the 4 th Regional Conference on Protected Areas (PA) in Southeast Asia	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

28 April 2007	Special Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group Meeting on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
2-4 May 2007	ASEAN Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Consultative Forum on Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development	Kuala Lumpur
7-9 May 2007	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Experts Group on Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (AEG on CITES)	Singapore
28 May 2007	ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA's) Clusters Meetings	Vientiane
29-30 May 2007	11 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA)	Vientiane
31 May 2007	ASEAN-READI Dialogue on Climate Change	Vientiane
Health		
18 June 2006	Special Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA)	Yangon
19-20 June 2006	Preparatory Senior Officials Meetings for the 8 th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting, and for the 2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting	Yangon
21 June 2006	8 th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting	Yangon
31 July-1 August 2006	Steering Group Meeting of the Emerging and Resurging Zoonotic Diseases Regional Initiative Programme (ERZDRIP) and Peer Review of the ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Diseases Programme (ASEAN+3EID)	Canberra
11-12 July 2006	Special Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD)	Jakarta
11-13 July 2006	In-Country Consultations on AWP III and Preparation for the 12 th ASEAN Summit Special Session on HIV and AIDS	Manila
13 July 2006	In-Country Consultations on AWP III and Preparation for the 12 th ASEAN Summit Special Session on HIV and AIDS	Brunei Darussalam
17-18 July 2006	In-Country Consultations on AWP III and Preparation for the 12 th ASEAN Summit Special Session on HIV and AIDS	Vientiane
25-26 July 2006	Inter-Country Consultation on AWP III and Preparation for the 2 nd Special Summit Session on HIV and AIDS	Singapore
27-28 July 2006	14 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA)	Singapore
18-19 October 2006	ASEAN Workshop for ATFOA.net Website Focal Points	Jakarta
7-8 November 2006	Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA) Core Group to Draft Regional Proposal for the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria	Bangkok
7-8 February 2007	ASEAN-Commonwealth Southeast Asian Policy Dialogue on Response to HIV and AIDS in Non-Health sectors (Women and Youth)	Kuala Lumpur
9 February 2007	Partners' Forum on the Operational Work Plan of the Third ASEAN Work Programme on HIV and AIDS (AWP III)	Kuala Lumpur
28-29 March 2007	ASEAN Technical Meeting on Development of Regional Proposal for Submission to Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)	Bangkok
2-3 April 2007	5 th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Asia Pacific Leadership Forum on HIV/AIDS and Development (APLF)	Bangkok
24-25 April 2007	6 th Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (ATF-HPAI)	Bandar Seri Begawan
26 April 2007	ASEAN Pre-Publication Review of Curriculum for Treatment and Care for HIV-positive Injecting Drug Users (IDU)	Bangkok
Labour		
30-31 August 2006	Final Project Coordinating Group Meeting for the Project on Enhancing Skills Recognition Systems in ASEAN	Bangkok
11-12 October 2006	1 st Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance Competitiveness of ASEAN	Singapore
23-25 January 2007	ASEAN Policy Dialogue on National Occupational Safety and Health Frame Work	Singapore
1-2 February 2007	Preliminary Meeting to Develop Regional Guidelines on Labour Practices/Standards in the Context of Promoting Investment	Bangkok
1-2 March 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance Competitiveness of ASEAN	Singapore
24-25 April 2007	8 th ASEAN-ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) Coordinating Board Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
15-16 May 2007	5 th ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)	Jakarta
16 May 2007	1 st ASEAN-EC Consultation on Labour Migration and Social Policy	Jakarta
Rural Development and Poverty Eradication		
29 January 2007	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 5 th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication	Bangkok
31 January 2007	5 th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (5 th AMRDPE)	Bangkok

Social Welfare Development		
8-9 September 2006	ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development	Bangkok
12 December 2006	Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD) Working Group Meeting to prepare the 2 nd Framework for the ASEAN Work Programme on Social Welfare and Development (2007-2010)	Mandalay, Myanmar
13-14 December 2006	4 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)	Mandalay, Myanmar
Women		
1 November 2006	Workshop on Work Life Harmony	Singapore
2-3 November 2006	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)	Singapore
15-16 November 2006	ASEAN High Level Meeting on Gender Mainstreaming within the Context of CEDAW, BPFA and MDGs	Jakarta
28-30 November 2006	ASEAN Regional Workshop on Gender Sensitive and Coordinated Violence Against Women (VAW) Services	Khon Kaen, Thailand
Youth		
6-7 November 2006	13 th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting (AYDM XIII)	Kuala Lumpur
7-9 March 2007	Regional Capacity Building Workshop to Promote Youth-Initiated (ICT) Enterprises	Yangon
25-30 March 2007	ASEAN Youth Leadership Development Programme	Kuala Lumpur
24-25 April 2007	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 5 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY V)	Singapore
26 April 2007	5 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY V)	Singapore
EXTERNAL RELATIONS		
ASEAN Plus Three		
7 June 2006	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Meeting Working Group	Seoul
8-9 June 2006	4 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Three (SOMTC+3) Consultation	Bali, Indonesia
8-10 June 2006	7 th ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Meeting	Seoul
22 June 2006	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting	Yangon
7 July 2006	9 th ASEAN Plus Three National Tourism Organisations Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
26 July 2006	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
26 July 2006	ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
26 July 2006	6 th Senior Officials Meeting on Energy Plus Three (SOME+3)	Vientiane
27 July 2006	3 rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting Plus Three (AMEM+3)	Vientiane
17 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting Plus Three Consultations (SEOM+3)	Kuala Lumpur
24 August 2006	9 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Plus Three Consultations (AEM+3)	Kuala Lumpur
26 August 2006	1 st Meeting of ASEAN-Committee on Science and Technology Plus Three (COST+3)	Kuantan, Malaysia
28 August 2006	Informal ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology	Kuantan, Malaysia
31 August 2006	Kick-off Meeting of Research Consultants/Institutes for the ASEAN Plus Three Research Group 2006-07	Tokyo
31 August-3 September 2006	Asia Art Gallery Directors' Forum (ASEAN+3 Theme Meeting)	Beijing
31 August-9 September 2006	ASEAN Plus 3 Training Programme on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resources Development & 2 nd NEACH Meeting	Beijing, Nanning, and Foshan, China
8 September 2006	3 rd ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on the Environment	Mandalay, Myanmar
9 September 2006	8 th ASEAN Plus Three Director-General Meeting	Manila
16 September 2006	4 th TELSOM Plus Three Meeting on Telecommunications and IT	Brunei Darussalam
25-29 September 2006	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three High Level Seminar on Poverty Alleviation	Beijing
30 October-3 November 2006	1 st Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals Plus Three	Yangon
11 November 2006	5 th ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
15 November 2006	Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) – 6 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three Meeting	Singapore
17 November 2006	6 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three Meeting	Singapore
27-28 November 2006	Informal ASEAN Plus Three Finance Deputies Meeting (AFDM+3)	Pyeong Chang, Korea
7 December 2006	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting Working Lunch	Cebu, Philippines
7 December 2006	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Economic Officials Meeting Working Lunch	Cebu, Philippines
15 December 2006	3 rd ASEAN Plus Three Meeting on Social Welfare and Development	Mandalay, Myanmar
14 January 2007	10 th ASEAN Plus Three Summit	Cebu, Philippines
25 January 2007	4 th ASEAN Plus Three Oil Market and 5 th Stockpiling Fora	Bangkok
26 January 2007	6 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)+3 Energy Policy Governing Group (EPGG) Meeting	Bangkok

26 January 2007	4 th ASEAN Plus Three Energy Security Forum	Bangkok
28 January 2007	10 th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and ROK NTOs	Singapore
30 January 2007	6 th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea Tourism Ministers	Singapore
30 January 2007	Preliminary ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE+3)	Bangkok
8 February 2007	Wrap-up Meeting of Researchers and Research Institutes under the 2006/2007 ASEAN+3 Research Group	Manila
26 February 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Expert Meeting on Open Access Database (OADB)	Tokyo
15 March 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Research Group Meeting	Tokyo
15-16 March 2007	3 rd ASEAN Plus Three New and Renewable Energy (NRE) and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Forum (EE&C)	Yangon
30 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting Plus Three Consultations	Manila
3 April 2007	Informal ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
4 April 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM+3)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
11-12 April 2007	1 st Consultative Meeting for Establishment of ASEAN Plus Three Centre For The Gifted in Science (ACGS)	Changwon-Pusan, Korea
11-12 April 2007	ASEAN Plus Three S&T Cooperation Roadmap (ASTCRM)	Changwon-Pusan, Korea
25 April 2007	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 1 st ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth	Singapore
26 April 2007	3 rd ASEAN Plus Three Natural Gas Business Dialogue	Jakarta
27 April 2007	4 th ASEAN Plus Three Natural Gas Forum	Jakarta
27 April 2007	1 st ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth	Singapore
4 May 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Finance and Central Bank Deputies (AFDM+3)	Kyoto, Japan
5 May 2007	10 th ASEAN Plus Three Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM+3)	Kyoto, Japan
23 May 2007	Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Officials Responsible for Information (SOMRI+3) for the 1 st Conference of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI+3)	Jakarta
24 May 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting	Manila
24 May 2007	1 st Conference of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Responsible for Information	Jakarta
24-30 May 2007	Workshop on Poverty Reduction for Officials from ASEAN Plus Three Countries	Nanning and Guilin, China
30-31 May 2007	Consensus Workshop ASEAN Plus Three EID Programme Phase II	Bangkok
ASEAN-Australia		
9 June 2006	2 nd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Australia (SOMTC+Australia)	Bali, Indonesia
18 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-AUSTR (SEOM-AUSTR) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
29 August 2006	Informal ASEAN-Australia Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology	Kuantan, Malaysia
9-11 September 2006	7 th Workshop (W7) of the AADCP-supported Project Extension of e-Commerce Legal Infrastructure in ASEAN on Online Contract Formation and Online Dispute Resolution	Brunei Darussalam
1-2 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – Project Completion Workshop on Fish Project	Bangkok
4-11 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – CLMV Mentoring Visit on Plant Health Project	Vientiane
7 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – 3 rd Standard Program Coordination Group (PCG) Meeting	Ha Noi
9 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – 2 nd Plant Health Program Coordination Group Meeting	Singapore
9-10 November 2006	21 st ASEAN-Australia Forum	Phuket, Thailand
10 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – Fruit & Vegetables Program Coordination Group Meeting	Singapore
15-17 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – ASEAN Good Agricultural Practice Training of Trainer Workshop	Chiang Mai, Thailand
16-17 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – Training of Trainer on Standard Project	Brunei Darussalam
20-22 November 2006	AADCP Program Stream – Recall Workshop on Food Safety Project	Yangon
27 November-1 December 2006	AADCP Program Stream – Workshop 2 on Taxonomy (Plant Health Project)	Thailand
28 February-2 March 2007	8 th Workshop (W8) of the AADCP-supported Project Extension of e-Commerce Legal Infrastructure in ASEAN on Online Contract Formation and Online Dispute Resolution	Vientiane
20 March 2007	ASEAN Australia Development Cooperation Program – Regional Economic Policy Support Facility (AADCP-REPSF) 9 th Research Priorities Committee (RPC) Meeting	Jakarta
2 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – AUSTR (SEOM-AUSTR)	Brunei Darussalam
2 May 2007	TELSOM Joint Working Group Meeting on Reception Report of the AADCP-supported Project Extension of e-Commerce Legal Infrastructure in ASEAN	Langkawi, Malaysia
22 May 2007	ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme-Joint Planning Committee (AADCP-JPC)	Thailand
24 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – AUSTR Consultations (SEOM-AUSTR)	Thailand
24-25 May 2007	2 nd Meeting to Consider the Draft ASEAN-Australia Plan of Action	Thailand
ASEAN-Canada		
14-16 June 2006	3 rd ASEAN-Canada Dialogue	Brunei Darussalam
30 January 2007	1 st ASEAN-Canada Informal Coordinating Meeting (ICM)	Ha Noi
31 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) – Canada Consultations	Manila

9-10 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) – Canada Consultations	Ottawa
10-11 May 2007	4 th ASEAN-Canada Dialogue Meeting	Ottawa
ASEAN-China		
8-9 June 2006	4 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus China (SOMTC+China) Consultation	Bali, Indonesia
23 June 2006	1 st ASEAN-China Health Ministers Meeting	Yangon
26 June 2006	Trade Negotiating Group (ASEAN Caucus) Working Group on Rules of Origin for the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area	Jakarta
29 June-1 July 2006	1 st Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Joint Drafting Group for the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit	Beijing
5-19 July 2006	The ASEAN Telecom Officials/Operators Workshop	Wuhan, China
26 July 2006	The ASEAN Telecommunications Regulators' Council – China Roundtable on exchange of information on regulatory regimes	Mandalay, Myanmar
3 August 2006	3 rd ASEAN-China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) Joint Task Force Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
3 August 2006	2 nd Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC+3) Working Group on Narcotics	Chiang Mai, Thailand
6-12 August 2006	ASEAN-China Workshop on Environmental Cooperation	China
8 August 2006	1 st China-ASEAN Information Superhighway Working Group Meeting	Beijing
14-16 August 2006	4 th Negotiation Meeting on the Draft ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Agreement	Bangkok
17 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Commerce of China (SEOM-MOFCOM) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
23 August 2006	5 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting – Ministry of Commerce of China (5 th AEM-MOFCOM) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
27-30 August 2006	ASEAN-China Seminar on Maritime Law Cooperation	Dalian City, China
31 August 2006	5 th Meeting of ASEAN-China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) Task Force I on Civic Awareness	Singapore
31 August 2006	5 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force II on Demand Reduction	Singapore
31 August-6 September 2006	ASEAN Cultural Week in China	Beijing
4-5 September 2006	4 th Meeting of ASEAN-China Joint Science and Technology Committee (ACJSTC)	Li Jiang, China
15 September 2006	2 nd TELSOM+China Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
19 September 2006	1 st TELMIN+China Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
20-22 September 2006	5 th Meeting of ASEAN-China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) Task Force III on Law Enforcement	Melaka, Malaysia
26-28 September 2006	Special Meeting on ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Agreement	Beijing
30-31 October 2006	ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit	Nanning, China
31 October-3 November 2006	ASEAN-China Expo	Nanning, China
7-9 November 2006	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN-China Maritime Consultative Mechanism	Shanghai, China
27-29 November 2006	Seminar on China-ASEAN Agricultural Cooperation – Achievements and Prospects	Guangzhou, China
4 December 2006	The ASEAN-China Meeting at the sideline of the ITU Telecom World	Hong Kong, China
7 December 2006	ASEAN-China Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Cebu, Philippines
7 December 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Commerce of China (SEOM-MOFCOM)	Cebu, Philippines
7-8 December 2006	China-ASEAN Energy Cooperation Workshop	Beijing
18-22 December 2006	ASEAN-China Seminar on Network and Information Security	Beijing
11 January 2007	ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
11 January 2007	ASEAN-Ministry of Commerce of China Meeting (MOFCOM) Economic Ministers' Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
14 January 2007	10 th ASEAN-China Summit	Cebu, Philippines
18-19 January 2007	ASEAN-China Seminar on Rural Communication	Beijing
14-16 March 2007	26 th ASEAN-China Trade Negotiating Committee (ACTNC) Meeting (including meetings of Working Groups on Services and Investment)	Manila
15-16 March 2007	ASEAN University Network's (AUN's) Second ASEAN-China Rectors Conference	Ha Noi
19-21 March 2007	8 th ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee (ACJCC)	Brunei Darussalam
27-29 March 2007	ASEAN-China Workshop on Social Safety Net in Health	Bali, Indonesia
30 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Commerce of China Consultations (SEOM-MOFCOM)	Manila
4 April 2007	TELSOM Working Group+China Meeting	Singapore
23-25 April 2007	13 th ASEAN-China Senior Officials Consultations (SOC)	Huangshan, China
23-25 April 2007	ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Meeting on DOC	Huangshan, China
27 April 2007	2 nd ASEAN+China Ministerial Meeting on Youth	Singapore
23 May 2007	Consultative Meeting of the ASEAN and China Senior Officials Responsible for Information (ASEAN-China SOMRI)	Jakarta

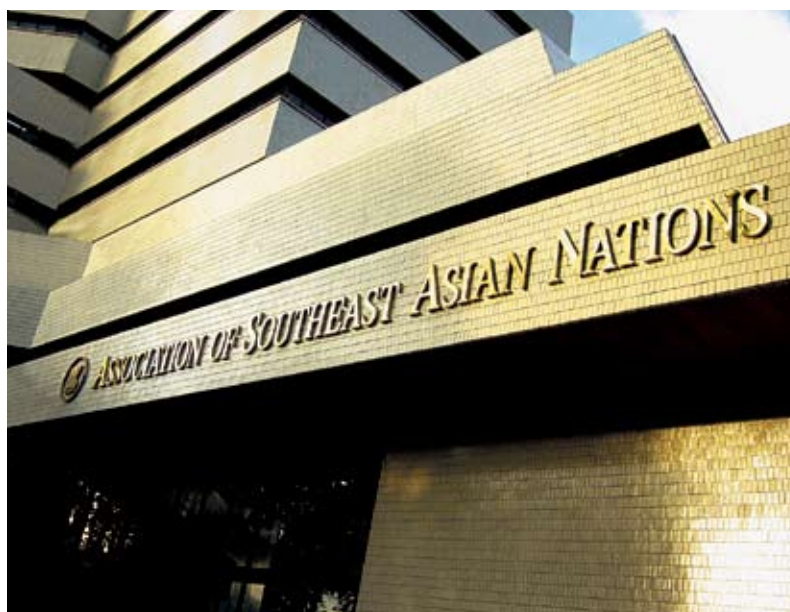
24 May 2007	Consultative Meeting of the ASEAN and China Ministers Responsible for Information (ASEAN-China AMRI)	Jakarta
24-30 May 2007	ASEAN-China Workshop on Poverty Reduction for Officials of ASEAN Plus Three	Nanning, Guilin China
ASEAN-European Union		
19-23 June 2006	EU-Southeast Forum on the Information Society (EUSEA2006) "Forging New Alliances between Europe and Southeast Asia: Collaboration, Cooperation and Opportunities"	Singapore
16 September 2006	TELSOM-EU Consultation on ICT	Brunei Darussalam
11 January 2007	ASEAN-EU Economic Ministers' Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
23-24 January 2007	ASEAN-EU Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)	Berlin
31 January 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – European Union (SEOM-EU)	Kuala Lumpur
1 March 2007	Drafting Working Group on the ASEAN-EU Documents	Siem Reap, Cambodia
13 March 2007	ASEAN-EU Senior Officials' Meeting	Nuremberg, Germany
14-15 March 2007	ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting	Nuremberg, Germany
4 April 2007	TELSOM Working Group+EC Meeting	Singapore
2 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – European Union Consultations (SEOM-EU)	Brunei Darussalam
2-3 May 2007	ASEAN-European Commission ICM	Brussels
4 May 2007	ASEAN-European Commission Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting	Brussels
4 May 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers – European Union Consultations (AEM-EU)	Brunei Darussalam
16 May 2007	1 st EC-ASEAN Consultation on Labour Migration and Social Policy	Jakarta
24 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – European Union Consultations (SEOM-EU)	Thailand
ASEAN-India		
15-17 June 2006	13 th Meeting of the ASEAN-India Trade Negotiating Committee (AITNC)	Singapore
7 July 2006	ASEAN Plus India National Tourism Organizations Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
18 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – India (SEOM-India) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
24 August 2006	5 th ASEAN Economic Ministers – India (5 th AEM-India) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
28-30 August 2006	Information Security Workshop for System Administrators of ASEAN	New Delhi
29 August 2006	Informal ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology	Kuantan, Malaysia
16 September 2006	3 rd TELSOM+India Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
19 September 2006	1 st TELMIN+India Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
6-7 November 2006	India-ASEAN Seminar on E-Learning and E-Learning Technology	Hyderabad, India
6-7 November 2006	ASEAN-India Technology Summit and Technology Platform	New Delhi
8 December 2006	ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Cebu, Philippines
8 December 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – India (SEOM-India)	Cebu, Philippines
14-16 December 2006	2 nd ASEAN-India Workshop on Bioinformatics	New Delhi
18-19 December 2006	ASEAN-India Workshop on Renewable Energy	New Delhi
11 January 2007	ASEAN-India Economic Ministers' Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
11 January 2007	ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
14 January 2007	5 th ASEAN-India Summit	Cebu, Philippines
18-19 January 2007	ASEAN-India Seminar for Shruti-Drishti: an Integrated TTS and TTB Application	Pune, India
28 January 2007	2 nd ASEAN and India Tourism Working Group	Singapore
30 January 2007	1 st Meeting of ASEAN and India Tourism Ministers	Singapore
20-22 March 2007	15 th ASEAN-India Trade Negotiating Committee (AITNC)	Jakarta
31 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – India Consultations (SEOM-India)	Manila
3-4 April 2007	ASEAN-India IT Industry Forum	New Delhi
25 April 2007	11 th ASEAN-India Working Group Meeting	Calcutta, India
26 April 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC)	Calcutta, India
28 April 2007	9 th ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM)	Calcutta, India
8-9 May 2007	India-ASEAN IT Ministerial and IT Industry Forum	New Delhi
29-30 May 2007	Two Days Joint Seminar of Indian and ASEAN Experts to Evolve Work Plan for Establishment of ASEAN-India Digital Library	Bangkok
ASEAN-Japan		
26-28 April 2007	15 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock	Bandar Seri Begawan
26-28 April 2007	15 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL)	Bandar Seri Begawan
2-3 June 2006	Working Group on Rules of Origin for the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP)	Singapore
7-8 June 2006	4 th ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference	Miyazaki, Japan
9 June 2006	3 rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Japan (SOMTC+Japan) Consultation	Bali, Indonesia
28-29 June 2006	ASEAN-Japan Counter Terrorism Dialogue	Tokyo
28-29 June 2006	JAEP/JAIF/JAGEF Management Committee Meetings	Jakarta

29-30 June 2006	1 st Meeting of AMEICC WG on Information Technology (WG-IT)	Bangkok
18-20 July 2006	6 th Meeting of the ASEAN-MAFF Japan Project on Multifunctionality of Agriculture in ASEAN Countries	Vientiane
17 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Economic, Trade & Industry (SEOM-METI) Japan Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
23 August 2006	13 th ASEAN Economic Ministers – Ministry of Economic, Trade & Industry (13 th AEM-METI) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
28-31 August 2006	4 th ASEAN-Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies	Tokyo
14-15 September 2006	ASEAN-Japan Programme on Industrial Relations Policy Phase II-Regional Seminar on Globalisation, Regional Integration and Technical Innovation	Kuala Lumpur
15 September 2006	2 nd TELSOM+Japan Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
19 September 2006	1 st TELMIN+Japan Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
10-11 November 2006	22 nd ASEAN-Japan Forum	Vientiane
13-16 November 2006	ASEAN-Japan Urban Transport Workshop cum Seminar	Nagoya, Japan
7 December 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Economic, Trade and Industry (SEOM-METI)	Cebu, Philippines
7 December 2006	ASEAN-Japan Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Cebu, Philippines
9 January 2007	ASEAN-Japan Workshop on Logistics Efficiency and Trade Facilitation	Ha Noi
11 January 2007	ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
14 January 2007	10 th ASEAN-Japan Summit	Cebu, Philippines
24 January 2007	ASEAN-Japan Logistics Pilot Seminar	Bangkok
14-16 February 2007	Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund/Japan-ASEAN Exchange Project/Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAGEF/JAEP/JAIF) Management Committee Meetings	Jakarta
25-28 February 2007	6 th ASEAN-Japan Committee on Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCCEP)	Boracay, Philippines
26-27 February 2007	3 rd ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Meeting	Singapore
6-9 March 2007	Workshop on ASEAN-Japan Airport Study Project	Japan
8-9 March 2007	Pre-Emergency Exercise Meeting on the ASEAN-Japan Tamiflu & PPE Stockpile Project	Bangkok
30 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Economic, Trade and Industry Consultations (SEOM-METI)	Manila
4 April 2007	TELSOM WG+Japan Meeting	Singapore
16-19 April 2007	7 th ASEAN-Japan Committee on Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCCEP)	Tokyo
14 May 2007	2 nd Project Coordinating Committee (PCC) for the ASEAN-Japan Programme on Industrial Relations – Phase II	Jakarta
23 May 2007	Consultative Meeting of the ASEAN and Japan Senior Officials Responsible for Information (ASEAN-Japan SOMRI)	Jakarta
24 May 2007	Consultative Meeting of the ASEAN and Japan Ministers Responsible for Information (ASEAN-Japan AMRI)	Jakarta
ASEAN-Republic of Korea		
9 June 2006	1 st ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus the Republic of Korea (SOMTC+ROK) Consultations	Bali, Indonesia
9 June 2006	10 th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Dialogue	Seoul
20-21 June 2006	Inaugural Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Working Group on Economic Cooperation (WG-EC)	Jakarta
3-7 July 2006	13 th Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Kuala Lumpur
17 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Republic of Korea (SEOM-ROK) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
24 August 2006	4 th ASEAN Economic Ministers – Republic of Korea (4 th AEM-ROK) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
15 September 2006	2 nd TELSOM+Korea Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
19 September 2006	1 st TELMIN+Korea Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
30 October-3 November 2006	ASEAN-ROK Training Workshop for the Use of Numerical Weather Prediction Product	Seoul
13-15 November 2006	3 rd ASEAN-Republic of Korea Informal Joint Planning Review Committee	Korea
8 December 2006	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Cebu, Philippines
8 December 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Republic of Korea (SEOM-ROK)	Cebu, Philippines
11 January 2007	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Economic Ministers' Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
11 January 2007	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Ministerial Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
14 January 2007	10 th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit	Cebu, Philippines
28-30 January 2007	ASEAN-Korea – Sub-Committee on Tariffs Rules of Origin (AK-STROO)	Mandalay, Myanmar
30 January-3 February 2007	16 th ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Mandalay, Myanmar
6-7 February 2007	ASEAN-Korea Working Group on Sanitary & Phytosanitary/Technical Barriers to Trade (AKWG-SPS/TBTs)	Ha Noi
21 March-10 April 2007	ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Technology Program on Integrated Rural Development Planning	Korea
27-29 March 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Joint Planning and Review Committee	Langkawi Island, Malaysia
30 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Republic of Korea Consultations (SEOM-ROK)	Manila

4 April 2007	TELSOM WG+Korea Meeting	Singapore
8-9 April 2007	3 rd ASEAN-Korea Sub-Committee on Tariffs and Rules of Origin (AK-STROO)	Seoul
9-13 April 2007	17 th ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC) (including meetings of Working Groups on Services, Investment and Economic Cooperation)	Seoul
8-9 April 2007	1 st ASEAN-Korea Working Group on TBTs and SPS (WG-TBTS/SPS)	Seoul
ASEAN-New Zealand		
29 August 2006	Informal ASEAN-New Zealand Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology	Kuantan, Malaysia
ASEAN-Russian Federation		
2-3 November 2006	ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Meeting	Moscow, Russia
24 May 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Russia Consultations (SEOM-Russia)	Thailand
24 May 2007	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN-Russia Joint Planning and Management Committee (ARJPMC)	Manila
ASEAN-United States		
24 August 2006	ASEAN Economic Ministers-ASEAN-United States Business Council Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
25 August 2006	ASEAN Economic Ministers-USTR (AEM-USTR) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
18 November 2006	Meeting between US and ASEAN Leaders	Ha Noi
29 January-2 February 2007	1 st ASEAN-US Workshop for the Implementation of the Amended ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN 2007/1) and HS 2007 (amendments of HS 2002)	Manila
26 February-2 March 2007	2 nd ASEAN-US Workshop for the Implementation of the Amended ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN 2007/1) and HS 2007 (amendments of HS 2002)	Bangkok
2-3 April 2007	ASEAN-US ICM	Singapore
2-6 April 2007	3 rd ASEAN-US Workshop for the Implementation of the Amended ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN 2007/1) and HS 2007 (amendments of HS 2002)	Ha Noi
4 May 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers – USTR Consultations	Brunei Darussalam
ASEAN-CER (Australia & New Zealand)		
1-2 June 2006	4 th ASEAN Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Group – Working Group on Investment (TNG-WGI) (ASEAN Caucus)	Bali, Indonesia
18 August 2006	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Closer Economic Relations (SEOM-CER) Consultations	Kuala Lumpur
25 August 2006	11 th ASEAN Economic Ministers – Closer Economic Relations	Kuala Lumpur
5-6 February 2007	ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee (AANZTNC) Workshop for Trade and Tariff Experts (Part I)	Jakarta
8-9 February 2007	ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee (AANZTNC) Workshop for Trade and Tariff Experts (Part II)	Jakarta
11-13 February 2007	ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee Working Group on Services/ Investment (AANZTNC WGS/WGI)	Brunei Darussalam
12-14 February 2007	ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee Working Group on Rules of Origin (AANZTNC ROO) (Inter-sessional ASEAN Caucus)	Kuala Lumpur
4-9 March 2007	8 th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee (AANZ TNC) Meeting (including meetings of the Working/Expert Groups on Rules of Origin, Services, Investment, Legal and Institutional Issues, Economic Cooperation, Customs Procedures, SPS Measures and Technical Barriers to Trade)	Wellington
31 March 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Closer Economic Relations Consultations (SEOM-CER)	Manila
28 May-2 June 2007	9 th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee (AANZ TNC) Meeting	Palembang, Indonesia
ASEAN-United Nations		
26 May 2007	ASEAN-UN Development Meeting	Manila
ASEAN-Pakistan		
20 November-2 December 2006	ASEAN-Pakistan Multimedia Training and Resources Development	Islamabad
East Asia Summit		
26 July 2006	2 nd Ad hoc Consultations of East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials	Kuala Lumpur
8 November 2006	3 rd Ad Hoc Consultations of East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials	Manila
22 November 2006	4 th East Asia Forum	Siem Reap, Cambodia
1-2 December 2006	Workshop for Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)	Jakarta
8 December 2006	East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials Preparatory Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
15 January 2007	2 nd East Asia Summit	Cebu, Philippines
1 March 2007	1 st East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF)	Singapore
26 March 2007	2 nd East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF)	Auckland

OTHER MEETINGS

5-7 June 2006	3 rd ASEAN-Pakistan Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee Meeting and Official Visit of Secretary-General to Pakistan	Islamabad
7-8 June 2006	Regional Workshop of the Project Extension of "Enhancing Skills Recognition Systems in ASEAN"	Bangkok
12-13 June 2006	2 nd Consultative Meeting of Priority Integration Sectors (COPS II)	Jakarta
23-29 July 2006	Technical Visit to Republic of Korea by ASEAN Officials Working on WRM	Seoul
8-9 August 2006	Consultative Meeting for the Roadmap on Logistic Services	Ha Noi
24-25 August 2006	Regional Consultation on Available Procurement Options and Practical Steps for Increasing Access to Antiretrovirals (ARVs) and Diagnostic Reagents	Siem Reap, Cambodia
4-5 September 2006	1 st ASEAN Security Community Plan of Action Coordinating Conference (1 st ASCCO)	Jakarta
14-15 September 2006	Regional Policy Dialogue Seminar on Industrial Relations: Globalisation, Regional Integration and Technical Innovation	Kuala Lumpur
20-21 November 2006	1 st Coordinating Conference on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (1 st SOCCOM)	Jakarta
11 January 2007	China, Japan and Republic of Korea Economic Ministers' Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
10-11 January 2006	2 nd ASEAN Consultative Meeting on Logistics	Ha Noi
12 January 2007	Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Viet Nam (CLMV) Ministerial Meeting	Cebu, Philippines
12 January 2007	3 rd Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Viet Nam (CLMV) Summit	Cebu, Philippines
14 January 2007	China, Japan and Republic of Korea Summit	Cebu, Philippines
22-23 March 2007	31 st ASEAN Audit Committee Meeting	Jakarta
23-25 April 2007	30 th ASEAN Budget Committee Meeting	Jakarta
9-10 May 2007	ACC Head Delegation Workshop (APRIS II Fund)	Jakarta
23 May 2007	63 rd Session of ESCAP: Consultative Meeting among Executive Heads of Sub-regional Organizations and ESCAP	Almaty, Kazakhstan
23-24 May 2007	Global Fund Round 7 Regional Proposal Validation	Bangkok
28 May-8 June 2007	ASEAN Exchange Programme for Mid-Level Managers	Singapore
30-31 May 2007	1 st Working Group on Technical Matters	Ha Noi



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