

Press Release
**Ambassador of Luxembourg to ASEAN Presents His Letter of Appointment to the Secretary-
General of ASEAN**
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The Ambassador of Luxembourg to ASEAN, H.E. Mr Marc Ungeheuer, today presented his letter of appointment to the Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, making him the 12th Ambassador to ASEAN from a European Union (EU) Member State to have done so. Luxembourg was preceded by Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom.

As stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, non-ASEAN countries may accredit Ambassadors to ASEAN. As a Dialogue Partner of ASEAN, EU has announced that each of the 27 EU Member States shall appoint an Ambassador to ASEAN. The European Commission has already accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN.

Dr Surin said, "Luxembourg is one of the six founding members of EU back in 1957. I am positive, therefore, that the appointment of Ambassador Ungeheuer will create a large space for experience sharing between Luxembourg, EU and ASEAN on community building. We are now expanding and deepening our cooperation with the EU as a whole. Luxembourg can play a key role in that enhanced relationship."