



29th ASEAN CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE
Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam
13th – 15th May 2009

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

1. The 29th ASEAN Chiefs of Police Conference (ASEANAPOL XXIX) was held at the Intercontinental Westlake Hotel, Hanoi, Socialist Republic of Vietnam from 13th to 15th May 2009.
2. The objectives of the Conference were to enhance police professionalism, forging stronger regional cooperation in police work, and promote lasting friendship amongst police officers of ASEAN member countries.
3. The Conference was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Kingdom of Cambodia, Republic of Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Union of Myanmar, Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Singapore, Kingdom of Thailand, and Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The delegations were respectively led by:
 - 3.1. PEHIN DATU KERMA SETIA
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Commissioner of Police
Royal Brunei Police Force

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- 3.2. POL. LIEUTENANT GENERAL SOK PHAL
Deputy Commissioner-General
Cambodian National Police
Kingdom of Cambodia
- 3.3. POL. COMM. GENERAL DRS. R MAKBUL PADMANAGARA
Deputy Chief of Indonesian National Police
Republic of Indonesia
- 3.4. BRIGADIER GENERAL SIMPHAVONG SEUMSOUK
Director General
General Department of Police
Lao People's Democratic Republic
- 3.5. TAN SRI MUSA BIN DATO' HAJI HASSAN
Inspector-General of Police
Royal Malaysia Police
Malaysia
- 3.6. POL. BRIGADIER GENERAL ZAW WIN
Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force
Union of Myanmar
- 3.7. POL. DIRECTOR GENERAL JESUS A. VERZOSA
Chief of Philippine National Police
Republic of the Philippines
- 3.8. CP KHOO BOON HUI
Commissioner of Police
Singapore Police Force
Republic of Singapore
- 3.9. POL. GENERAL WATCHARAPOL PRASARNRAJKIT
Deputy Commissioner General
Royal Thai Police
Kingdom of Thailand
- 3.10. POL. LIEUTENANT GENERAL PHAM QUY NGO

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4. The Conference was also attended by dialogue partners of the following national police forces: Australian Federal Police, Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China, National Police Agency of Japan, National Police Agency of the Republic of Korea, and the New Zealand Police as well as guests from the ASEAN Secretariat and ICPO Interpol.
5. Pol. Lieutenant General PHAM QUY NGO, Director General of Police General Department of Vietnam delivered a welcome address.
6. H.E. General LE HONG ANH, Minister of Public Security of Vietnam delivered a keynote address on the significance of the ASEANAPOL Conference in safeguarding regional security, and thereafter declared the Conference open.
7. The Conference deliberated on the following topics of mutual interest:
 - 7.1 Illicit Drugs Trafficking;
 - 7.2 Terrorism;
 - 7.3 Arms Smuggling;
 - 7.4 Human Trafficking;
 - 7.5 Maritime Fraud;
 - 7.6 Commercial Crime, Bank Offences and Credit Card Fraud;
 - 7.7 Cyber Crime;
 - 7.8 Fraudulent Travel Documents;
 - 7.9 Transnational Fraud;
 - 7.10 Progress on Establishment of a Permanent ASEANAPOL Secretariat;
 - 7.11 Progress on Electronic ASEANAPOL Database System (e-ADS);

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- 7.12 Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters; and
- 7.13 Exchange of Personnel and Training Programmes amongst ASEAN Police Forces.

8. After much deliberation in the traditional ASEAN spirit of friendship, cooperation, and solidarity, the Conference adopted the following resolutions:

8.1. Illicit Drugs Trafficking

- 8.1.1 To encourage the ASEANAPOL Secretariat into coordinating with ASEANAPOL member countries (hereinafter referred to as 'the member countries') in the exchange of information on syndicates involved in the illicit production and trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, such as their trafficking routes and modus operandi with a view to conducting coordinated operations and investigations against illicit drug production and trafficking;
- 8.1.2 To strengthen the effective coordination of the ASEANAPOL Secretariat in the exchange of information amongst the member countries on the movement of precursor chemicals and other suspicious items for the purpose of setting up clandestine laboratory and the effective control of precursor chemicals and prevention of their diversion for illicit manufacture of drugs;
- 8.1.3 To formulate best practices on chemical precursors by the ASEANAPOL Secretariat to stem the illicit diversion of these substances for the production of illicit drugs;
- 8.1.4 To encourage coordination, cooperation and collaboration through intelligence sharing for the identification, tracing, freezing, forfeiture or confiscation of assets derived from the proceeds of drug trafficking, in accordance with the domestic laws of each member country;
- 8.1.5 To enhance training opportunities amongst member countries in sharing of best practices, personnel exchange programmes and other capacity building efforts in the domain of drug control;

- 8.1.6 To encourage ASEANAPOL Secretariat to work with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other bodies to assist in training and provide technical equipment for combating illicit drug trafficking and to share best practices in rehabilitation of drug addicts;
- 8.1.7 To enhance the cooperation between customs, police and other law enforcement agencies amongst the member countries with regard to counter measures on coping with narcotic crimes syndicates; and
- 8.1.8 To enhance cross-border cooperation amongst the member countries in combating drug trafficking by encouraging the member countries to establish border liaison offices.

8.2. Terrorism

- 8.2.1 To reinforce and further forge cooperation amongst the member countries through ASEANAPOL Secretariat in preventing and suppressing terrorist activities;
- 8.2.2 To develop capacity building amongst all member countries through specific training, sharing of experiences and best practices by relevant training institutions of the member countries;
- 8.2.3 To implement strategies for the detection, deterrence, rehabilitation, de-radicalisation and community engagement in tackling terrorism in member countries through ASEANAPOL Secretariat;
- 8.2.4 To enhance timely and accurate exchange of information on terrorist activities through e-ADS and its partners;
- 8.2.5 To enhance commitment amongst the member countries through coordination with ASEANAPOL Secretariat in the timely provision of assistance including tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscating assets related to financing of terrorism, in accordance with the laws of each country;
- 8.2.6 To encourage ASEANAPOL Secretariat to gather knowledge and expertise for the member countries in the preparation to deal with the aftermath of terrorists attacks;

- 8.2.7 To note the report of the 1st Working Group Meeting on ASEANAPOL Communication and Co-ordination Protocol for Crisis Management held in Singapore in March 2008; and
- 8.2.8 To direct the Working Group to continue and complete its deliberation on the protocol with a view to engaging and enhancing cooperation with Interpol through coherent channel of coordination and communication so as to strengthen the support and assistance needed from member countries.

8.3. Arms Smuggling

- 8.3.1 To urge the member countries to adhere to the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition of United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime;
- 8.3.2 To coordinate the effective cooperation amongst the member countries in enhancing the measures of prevention and suppression in the illicit import and export of firearms, ammunition, explosives and Weapons of Mass Destruction, such as Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) weapons and dual use materials, particularly at the borders, in accordance with the domestic laws of each respective country;
- 8.3.3 To encourage the member countries to exchange timely and accurate information on matters relating to syndicated firearms and explosives smuggling and their attempts, including the exchange of updated data on lost and found firearms and all components of these firearms; and
- 8.3.4 To encourage the member countries to continuously disseminate their updated list of contact persons.

8.4. Human Trafficking

- 8.4.1. To strengthen cooperation in combating human trafficking, and provide effective protection and support services to victims of human trafficking;

- 8.4.2. To enhance the timely and accurate exchange of information and close cooperation amongst the member countries in combating and investigating of human trafficking;
- 8.4.3. To proactively share experiences, best practices by specific training amongst the member countries in combating human trafficking;
- 8.4.4. To continue encouraging the member countries to enact national legislation against human trafficking; and
- 8.4.5. To encourage member countries to adhere to the Protocol of the United Nations to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children supplementary to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime.

8.5. Maritime Fraud

- 8.5.1 To foster closer coordination, collaboration and cooperation in law enforcement efforts in obtaining information for the purpose of verification and authentication of documents relevant to international trade in maritime fraud prevention and investigation;
- 8.5.2 To enhance timely and accurate intelligence sharing efforts through the e-ADS platform to facilitate the sharing of information regarding the commission of maritime fraud;
- 8.5.3 To encourage sharing of experiences and best practices on maritime fraud investigations and to enhance the development of technical knowledge in areas of international trade amongst member countries through specific workshops, seminars and training by the training institutions and law enforcement agencies of the member countries; and
- 8.5.4 To encourage joint coordinated operations with respective common border enforcement agencies such as Customs, Immigration, Quarantine and Security (CIQS) agencies.

8.6. Commercial Crime, Bank Offences and Credit Card Fraud

- 8.6.1. To continue enhancing information exchange of emerging trends, threats, challenges and modus operandi of

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- commercial crimes, bank offences and credit card fraud in the member countries;
- 8.6.2 To continue enhancing the timely exchange of information on emerging criminal profiles, identities and methodologies;
 - 8.6.3 To continue enhancing the capabilities of the member countries through capacity-building measures such as training, seminars, symposiums, consultations and sharing of best practices;
 - 8.6.4 To further develop effective strategic alliance to enhance partnership with the public and stakeholders in the business and financial community in the area of commercial crime prevention;
 - 8.6.5 To continue leveraging on the cooperation and expertise of industry stakeholders in commercial crime prevention initiatives;
 - 8.6.6 To continue enhancing the outreach avenues to the public, the business and financial community in order to educate and generate awareness on preventive measures against commercial crime;
 - 8.6.7 To encourage the provision of assistance in returning crime proceeds found in the member countries to the country of origin in accordance to the domestic law of the member countries;
 - 8.6.8 To encourage the member countries to educate the public on the authenticity of foreign banknotes and other monetary instruments;
 - 8.6.9 To enhance cooperation in tracing criminal fugitives charged with commercial crimes, bank offences and credit card frauds;
 - 8.6.10 To enhance the cooperation on exchanging of information on credit card frauds; and
 - 8.6.11 To expedite investigations by the member countries in accordance with their domestic laws.

8.7. Cyber Crime

- 8.7.1 To continue to encourage the member countries to review the need for a baseline set law of cyber crime and to provide for the enactment of such laws, where necessary;
- 8.7.2 To continue disseminating information relating to cyber crime including sharing of experiences and expertise in computer forensics amongst the member countries;
- 8.7.3 To provide support, assistance and expertise to the member countries in setting up forensic laboratories, including tools and methodologies used in conducting forensic examinations;
- 8.7.4 To encourage the member countries with experience in cyber crime investigations and computer forensics to offer training opportunities for other member countries to participate;
- 8.7.5 To host and actively participate in regional and international forums and seminars to keep abreast of the new 'modus operandi' of cyber criminals;
- 8.7.6 To hold joint training or training-of-trainers on cyber crime investigations, computer forensics, mobile phone forensics and technology sharing on cyber crime investigation techniques for the member countries;
- 8.7.7 To support the member countries in investigating cyber crime cases; and
- 8.7.8 To expedite investigations by the member countries in accordance with their domestic laws.

8.8. Fraudulent Travel Documents

- 8.8.1 To update list of contact persons to facilitate the sharing of information on emerging trends and modus operandi regarding the procurement and usage of fraudulent travel documents;
- 8.8.2 To further enhance capacity building through training, seminars, workshops, symposiums and sharing of best

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practices and expertise in the investigation of fraudulent travel documents;

- 8.8.3 To proactively enhance the timely exchange of information on fraudulent travel documents;
- 8.8.4 To encourage relevant authorities to improve their stringent measures in the integrity and security of travel documents; and
- 8.8.5 To expedite investigations by the member countries in accordance with their domestic laws.

8.9. Transnational Fraud

- 8.9.1 To update list of contact persons of every member country to facilitate the exchange of information and operational assistance on transnational fraud;
- 8.9.2 To continue encouraging the member countries to develop better understanding on the legal procedures and enforcement measures against transnational fraud of the respective countries;
- 8.9.3 To continue sharing and exchanging timely and accurate information particularly modus operandi on emerging transnational fraud or specific cases discovered in the member countries;
- 8.9.4 To continue strengthening capacity building in combating transnational fraud through the sharing of best practices, experiences and expertise of the member countries; and
- 8.9.5 To expedite investigations by the member countries in accordance with their domestic laws.

8.10. Progress on Establishment of a Permanent ASEANAPOL Secretariat

- 8.10.1 To note that the commencement of the ASEANAPOL Secretariat will be on 1st January 2010.
- 8.10.2 To accept the nominations for the three key appointments of the ASEANAPOL Secretariat for the first term as follows:

- 8.10.2.1. Assistant Commissioner Police, Mohd Nadzri Bin Zainal Abidin, Royal Malaysia Police will take up the position as the Executive Director;
 - 8.10.2.2. Deputy Assistant Commissioner Police, Lim Kim Tak, Singapore Police Force will take up the position as the Director of Police Services; and
 - 8.10.2.3. Police Superintendent, Dra. Desy Andriani, International Treaty/Secretariat NCB-Interpol Indonesia will take up the position as the Director for Plan and Programmes;
- 8.10.3 To accept that the financial contribution for the operation of ASEANAPOL Secretariat for the first year from 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2010 is to be borne by Malaysia. The financial contribution from the second year will be equally shared by all member countries capped at the amount of US\$15,000.00. For the subsequent years' contribution, it will be reviewed at the future ASEAN Chiefs of Police Conference;
- 8.10.4 To agree on the proposed Terms Of Reference (TOR) for the Establishment of the ASEANAPOL Secretariat; and
- 8.10.5 To accept that nine of the member countries will sign the TOR for the Establishment of the ASEANAPOL Secretariat at the 29th ASEANAPOL Conference and Thailand will sign the TOR at a later date when they have obtained approval from their National Assembly to do so.
- 8.11. Progress on Electronic-ASEANAPOL Database System (e-ADS)**
- 8.11.1 To note and accept the progress report of the Chairman of the 21st ASEANAPOL Database System Technical Committee (ADSTC) Meeting held in Indonesia from 13th April 2009 to 17th April 2009;
 - 8.11.2 To continue encouraging the member countries encountering slow performance of e-ADS to upgrade their local communication line to a wider local network bandwidth;
 - 8.11.3 To continue encouraging the extension of the e-ADS to other law enforcement agencies in their respective countries in

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order to utilise the capabilities of the system as a potent investigative tool;

- 8.11.4 To allow ASEANAPOL Dialogue Partners to participate as observers in future ADSTC meetings;
- 8.11.5 To acknowledge and accept the sponsorship of INTERPOL for e-ADS hardware and applications enhancement to facilitate future system interface between the two systems;
- 8.11.6 To acknowledge and accept the software sponsorship from Symantec Singapore Pte Ltd and Microsoft Singapore Pte Ltd for e-ADS enhancement.
- 8.11.7 To accept the recommendation of ADSTC for e-ADS to be used as the single means of data entry for e-ADS and INTERPOL Systems, except RED Notice.
- 8.11.8 To note the proposal from National Police Agency of Japan (NPA Japan) and explore the establishment of a shared database of website related to terrorism. However, the database should be developed separately outside the e-ADS infrastructure and be accessible to the member countries when completed;
- 8.11.9 To direct ADSTC to work closely with NPA Japan on their proposed terrorist database project.
- 8.11.10 To note that the 22nd ADSTC meeting will be held in Vietnam in the 3rd quarter of 2009 and the 23rd ADSTC meeting will be held in Cambodia in the 1st quarter of 2010.

8.12. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters

- 8.12.1 To strongly encourage governments of member countries to ratify the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters amongst ASEAN member countries;
- 8.12.2 To continue strengthening existing cooperation by leveraging on the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters amongst ASEAN member countries;
- 8.12.3 To continue the current best practices amongst the member countries in providing assistance to police investigators

conducting investigations amongst the member countries within the domestic law of each country;

- 8.12.4 To acknowledge the benefits of assigning police liaison officers in the other member countries in facilitating mutual assistance amongst law enforcement agencies in the member countries;
- 8.12.5 To continue encouraging remaining ASEAN member countries that have not assigned police liaison officers to do as such, where practical, in ASEAN member countries to facilitate mutual assistance;
- 8.12.6 To continue updating names of contact persons in the member countries for the purpose of liaising and the timely exchange of information.
- 8.12.7 To conduct new training courses in this field or put this field into the content of existing training course amongst the member countries; and
- 8.12.8 To take advantage of Interpol global information system in information/intelligence exchanging or documents handing over.

8.13. Exchange of Personnel and Training Programmes amongst ASEAN Police Forces

- 8.13.1 To note the active and encouraging level of participation in training programmes amongst the member countries;
- 8.13.2 To note the potential and benefits of encouraging the exchange of personnel amongst the member countries in various fields of policing;
- 8.13.3 To encourage the sharing of the member countries' training calendars and programmes through e-ADS portal in order to enhance participation by the member countries;
- 8.13.4 To continue developing joint training programmes amongst the member countries to enhance regional capabilities in police professionalism;
- 8.13.5 To continue encouraging the member countries to contribute a list of experts and trainers with acknowledged

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expertise on trans-national crimes, particularly in the areas of terrorism and cyber crime, through e-ADS portal;

- 8.13.6 To note that the Police of Vietnam, as the host of the 29th ASEANAPOL Conference, will conduct the next Joint ASEAN Senior Police Officers' Course (JASPOC), which will incorporate subject matters on mutual assistance in criminal matters amongst the member countries. The date and venue of the training course will be decided by the hosting country in due course.
- 8.13.7 To direct the ASEANAPOL Secretariat to form a Working Group to deliberate on Vietnam's proposal on organising training workshops between Police Academies.
9. The Conference agreed that the member country hosting the ASEANAPOL Conference shall continue representing that body in the event of an invitation to participate in an international forum with the approval of the government of the host country. The host country of the 29th ASEANAPOL Conference shall remain as ASEANAPOL Secretariat until the permanent ASEANAPOL Secretariat has been established.
10. The Conference collectively agreed that the annual meeting has proven to be an essential and effective mechanism to promote regional cooperation amongst the ASEAN police forces.
11. The delegations attending the Conference expressed their sincere appreciation to the Police of Vietnam, Ministry of Public Security of Socialist Republic of Vietnam for their warm hospitality and excellent organization, which contributed to the success of the 29th ASEANAPOL Conference.

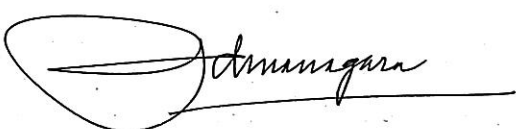
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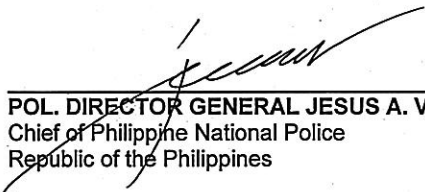
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