

Press Release
ASEAN Global Dialogue to Make its Debut
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The ASEAN Global Dialogue, co-hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the **Royal Thai Government and the ASEAN Secretariat, will be held on 12 April 2009** at the Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre in Bangkok, Thailand. The Prime Minister of Thailand, H.E. Abhisit Vejjajiva, will deliver the opening remarks at the event.

The ASEAN Global Dialogue is the first of its kind in Southeast Asia, bringing together leaders and key decision-makers from the ASEAN and East Asia countries and key international organisations, to discuss the pertinent challenges that the world is facing with now - the global financial meltdown and its destructive consequences; climate change; international conflicts and tensions; and food and energy security among others – and how the region can contribute to the search for solutions to these challenges.

Leaders from key international organisations who are taking part in the panel are: Haruhito Kuroda of the Asian Development Bank; Dominique Strauss-Kahn of the International Monetary Fund; Ban Ki Moon of the United Nations; Supachai Panitchpakdi of UNCTAD; Robert Zoellick of the World Bank; and Pascal Lamy of the World Trade Organization. The panel and dialogue will be moderated by Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN.

This will be the first major event in Asia following the G20 Summit in London.

The members of the audience will include key decision-makers from the governments, business community, diplomatic corp, civil society, media, academic institutions and parliamentarians in the ASEAN region. For further enquiries, please contact: enquiriesagd@gmail.com