

## Press Release

### Permanent Representative of Viet Nam Presents His Credentials to SG Surin ASEAN Secretariat, 19 February 2009

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The Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to ASEAN, H.E. Vu Dang Dung today presented his letter of credentials to Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN, at the ASEAN Secretariat.

Welcoming the Permanent Representative, Dr Surin said, "The entry into force of the ASEAN Charter has set in place a new momentum in ASEAN's community building efforts. It is imperative that we keep it up. I look forward to working with Ambassador Vu and other Permanent Representatives to move this process forward."

According to the ASEAN Charter, each ASEAN Member State shall appoint a Permanent Representative to ASEAN with the rank of Ambassador based in Jakarta. The Permanent Representatives will collectively constitute the Committee of Permanent Representatives. Their tasks include supporting the work of the ASEAN Community Councils, coordinating with ASEAN National Secretariats and other ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies, liaising with the Secretary-General of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat and facilitating ASEAN cooperation with external partners.

After Singapore's Lim Thuan Kuan, Ambassador Vu became the second Permanent Representative to present his credentials to Dr Surin.