

Press Release
Greek Ambassador to ASEAN Presents Letter of Appointment
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Today at the ASEAN Secretariat, H.E. Dimitri Tsikouris, who has been appointed the Greek Ambassador to ASEAN, presented his letter of appointment to Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN. Greece became the 8th Member State of the European Union (EU) to appoint its Ambassador to ASEAN.

Dr Surin said, "We welcome the appointment of Ambassador Tsikouris and look forward to working with him to expand ASEAN-Greece and ASEAN-EU relations."

According to the ASEAN Charter, non-ASEAN countries may appoint and accredit Ambassadors to ASEAN. As one of ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, the European Union (EU) has announced that all 27 member states will appoint Ambassadors to ASEAN.

Greece's appointment of an ambassador to ASEAN was preceded by Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The European Commission has also appointed its Ambassador to ASEAN.

Ambassador Tsikouris is concurrently the Ambassador of Greece to the Republic of Indonesia.