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# Foreword by the Secretary-General of ASEAN



When we were putting together our annual report last year, ASEAN and the world were facing economic uncertainties. One year on, the global outlook remained just as uncertain, if not worse. The European front is looking rather shaky over increasing resistance to austerity measures,

and this had led some economists to warn of a potential global meltdown. While that has not happened, the economic slowdown is real.

At the time of publication of this Report, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has shown its dip in the ASEAN Region. In 2011, ASEAN FDI inflow amounts to US\$ 88.9 billion—a 3.76% decline compared to 2010. The trend for the first quarter of 2012 seems to be following a similar track.

But despite these numbers, our economies are expected to remain in positive territory. As a group, the numbers indicate that ASEAN economies continue to attract attention from serious investors.

In 2011, we boasted a combined GDP of US\$2.2 trillion – up from US\$1.9 trillion in 2010. We also posted a respectable growth of 5%. Our commitment to free trade saw our total trade soaring to a record US\$ 2.4 trillion – up from US\$ 2 trillion in 2010.

This is not the first time that ASEAN had faced down severity. Together with our Dialogue Partner China, we have weathered the Financial Crises of 1997, and again in 2008. We rebounded so strongly in 2010, that ASEAN became one of the fastest growing regions of the world, with a combined economic growth of 7.5%.

While we take comfort in our achievements, we should also ask: How long can we continue to beat the odds?

The answer lies with us – the ASEAN Member States, the people of ASEAN, the officials, the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the staff of the ASEAN Secretariat. It is obvious that our greatest strength is our unity, and our collective commitment to peace, stability, cooperation, and the theme of “One Market, One Production Base.” The stronger our commitment, the better our chances are of achieving prosperity. In other words, the durability of ASEAN.

“ASEAN for the people” is a central theme of the ASEAN Charter. I have always been a firm believer in ASEAN for the People, and that conviction has been further strengthened from what I observe from my travels and meetings. All our ideals – peace, stability and prosperity of ASEAN – rest on the commitment and support of the masses. The more our people interact, the better they know each other. The better they bond, the stronger will be their commitment to each other.

As it stands, ASEAN offers a lot of excitement, opportunities, and potential. We are already working on many fronts to facilitate our integration in 2015. That is only the first landmark. There will be even more work after that.

This will be my last Annual Report as Secretary-General of ASEAN. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to my staff for their support and urge them to continue their good work. We have one final lap to go together, so let us finish this with enthusiasm, optimism, and confidence in ourselves. We owe it to ASEAN.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Surin Pitsuwan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DR SURIN PITSUWAN



# 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT INDONESIA 2011



ASEAN Leaders at the Opening Ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia

## 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

Indonesia, as the ASEAN Chair in 2011, convened the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 17 November 2011 in Bali. The ASEAN Leaders had an extensive and fruitful discussion on the progress in building the ASEAN Community, the regional architecture, and ASEAN's role in the global community of nations.

The Summit concluded with the signing, among others, of the Bali Declaration on ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations (Bali Concord III) whereby ASEAN Member States would endeavour to create by the year 2022 an ASEAN Common Platform on key global issues covering the areas of political-security, economic, and socio-cultural. The ASEAN Leaders tasked the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) to coordinate the implementation of the Declaration and report to the ASEAN Summits on the progress. The concerned sectoral Ministerial bodies have also been tasked to implement the Declaration with the support of the relevant sectoral ASEAN Senior Officials, the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) and the

ASEAN Secretariat. The CPR is now taking the lead in drafting a Plan of Action (PoA) for the implementation of the Bali Concord III.

In the economic area, the ASEAN Leaders adopted the ASEAN Framework for Equitable Economic Development: Guiding Principles for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth, which would direct ASEAN's efforts to ensure that all segments of society benefit from ASEAN's economic integration. The Leaders also welcomed the ASEAN Framework for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, which would broaden and deepen ASEAN's engagement with FTA/CEP partners and subsequently with other external economic partners in a new regional comprehensive economic partnership.

One of the main documents adopted by the Leaders under the socio-cultural pillar was the Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of the Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community. Other significant documents adopted by the Leaders under the

socio-cultural pillar were the Declaration of Commitment: Getting To Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination, Zero AIDS-Related Deaths, and the ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Climate Change to the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-17 UNFCCC) and the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of Parties serving as the Meeting of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP7 Kyoto Protocol).

The Leaders welcomed the interest of Timor-Leste to join ASEAN and its formal application for the ASEAN membership. The ACC was tasked, including through the establishment of an ACC Working Group (ACCWG),

to discuss all relevant aspects related to the application by Timor-Leste, as well as all possible implications from the expansion of ASEAN membership. The ACCWG shall make recommendations to the ACC on the application, based on whether Timor-Leste is able to meet the requirements of Article 6 of the ASEAN Charter.

The Leaders also welcomed the initiative for ASEAN to lead in promoting the establishment of a Global Movement of Moderates (GMM), which will be an important new international approach to addressing extremism. This will be ASEAN's contribution to global peace and stability, based on its peace-oriented political culture.



1. President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono giving his opening speech at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia.
2. President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (left) welcomes the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, H.E. Yingluck Shinawatra at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia.

3. The Prime Minister of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Lee Hsien Loong (second from left) poses with the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia.
4. Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (center) is walking with 19<sup>th</sup> Summit participants, Ministers, and Heads of 10 ASEAN Member States.



Phnom Penh, 3 April 2012

ASEAN Leaders at the Opening Ceremony of the  
20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit

With the theme of “ASEAN: One Community, One Destiny,” Cambodia hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh on 3-4 April 2012. In line with the key priorities outlined by Cambodia as the ASEAN Chair in 2012, the Leaders affirmed their strong commitment to intensify ASEAN cooperation towards an integrated, people-centred and rules-based organisation as well as a prosperous ASEAN Community.

The Leaders adopted the Phnom Penh Declaration on ASEAN: One Community, One Destiny, and the Phnom Penh Agenda on ASEAN Community Building, reiterating the key areas that ASEAN would pursue to realise the ASEAN Community by 2015 and beyond, as it moves towards a common destiny.

The Leaders agreed to intensify concerted efforts to realise the vision and goal of an ASEAN Community, free from the threat of illicit drug abuse, use and trafficking by 2015, through the ASEAN Leaders’ Declaration on Drug-Free ASEAN 2015. The Leaders adopted the Concept Paper on Global Movement of Moderates (GMM), embracing moderation as an ASEAN value to be promoted through existing ASEAN mechanisms and complementing the promotion of inter-faith dialogue, inter-cultural diversity and social harmony within the ASEAN Community and in the international community.

The Leaders noted with satisfaction the progress of implementation of the ASEAN Charter, particularly on the development and adoption of various rules and procedures for its operationalisation. They also noted the progress in the implementation of the three Community Blueprints. Recognising that regional integration and narrowing the development gap are priorities in the ASEAN community-building process, the Leaders welcomed the progress in the implementation of the IAI Work Plan II (2009-2015) and the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

The Leaders also met with the representatives of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), ASEAN’s youth representatives, and representatives from civil society organisations on the sidelines of the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. This is part of the continuing efforts in ASEAN to enhance the engagement with all stakeholders in the building of the ASEAN Community.

On regional and international issues, the Leaders called for the lifting of all sanctions on Myanmar. They called for intensifying efforts to ensure the effective and full implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) based on the Guidelines for its implementation.



# ASEAN's Year in External Relations (June 2011-May 2012)



## ASEAN-Australia

- The ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II (AADCP II), the ASEAN-Australia development programme, was formalised in July 2009. The A\$57 million-programme would support ASEAN to implement its economic integration policies and priorities in line with the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint until 2015. The 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AADCP II Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC) held on 27 October 2011 approved 13 new projects, which are among others Supporting Research and Dialogue on Services Liberalisation; ASEAN Awareness Strategy for Services Liberalisation; and Handbook on Core Competencies and Domestic Regulations in the Engineering, Architecture, Accounting and Surveying Services etc.
- At the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Session with Australia in Bali, Indonesia on 21 July 2011, ASEAN and Australia welcomed the 2010 ASEAN-Australia Summit as a landmark event, underlining the strength and depth of the relationship, and looked forward to further summits in the future. The Meeting welcomed the establishment of the ASEAN-

Australia Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) as a new consultative mechanism to focus on promoting the implementation and monitoring ASEAN-Australia cooperation of the overall development cooperation and recommended strategic directions in ASEAN-Australia partnership. The 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Australia JCC was held on 28 October 2011 at the ASEAN Secretariat. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-Australia JCC is scheduled to be held in September 2012.

- The Agreement Establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA) entered into force on 1 January 2010 following notification of completion of internal requirements including ratification by eight (8) Parties:
  - a) Six (6) ASEAN Member States namely Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Viet Nam; and
  - b) Australia and New Zealand.
- Subsequently, on 12 March 2010, the AANZFTA entered into force for Thailand following its notification on 12 January 2010. The AANZFTA has

entered into force in Cambodia and Lao PDR on 4 January 2011 and 1 January 2011, respectively. Indonesia has entered into force on 10 January 2012, making all Parties on board in the AANZFTA. The Agreement is the single most comprehensive economic agreement entered into by ASEAN to date. It covers trade in goods and services (including financial services and telecommunications), investment, electronic commerce, movement of natural persons, intellectual property, competition policy and economic cooperation.

- Australia contributed a total of A\$2 million to a programme called “Australian Support for ASEAN Coordination Role in Response to Cyclone Nargis,” to support the ASEAN humanitarian operations in Myanmar. In addition to this, Australia has also committed A\$ 1.3 million to support the implementation of the Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme for 2010-2015.
- ASEAN and Australia continue to implement activities under the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership.

## ASEAN-Canada

- High-level contact between ASEAN and Canada has been scheduled periodically including the convening of the Eighth ASEAN-Canada Dialogue which was held on 2-3 June 2011 in Vancouver, Canada. The 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Canada Dialogue was the 1<sup>st</sup> Dialogue convened since the adoption of the ASEAN-Canada Plan of Action. The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Canada Dialogue took place in Bangkok on 7-8 June 2012.
- ASEAN and Canada are currently celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> years of friendship and cooperation in 2012. In order to showcase this anniversary year, ASEAN and Canada at the Post Ministerial Conference + 1 Session with Canada in July 2011 in Bali, endorsed the list of activities to commemorate the 35<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of ASEAN-Canada relations in 2012. ASEAN and Canada are currently implementing the aforementioned list.

- A ceremony to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-Canada Dialogue Partnership was held on 20 January 2012 at the ASEAN Secretariat. The ceremony is comprised of 1) the formal unveiling of the anniversary logo; 2) the launch of IDRC’s ASEAN-Canada research programme; and 3) the planting of a commemorative tree at the ASEAN Secretariat.
- The ASEAN Secretariat is currently working closely with Canada to prepare the visit of Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of ASEAN, to Canada this year. The visit is part of the commemorative activities that is endorsed by the Post Ministerial Conference + 1 Session with Canada in July 2011 in Bali.
- In economic cooperation, a milestone was marked in the ASEAN-Canada relations with the adoption of the Joint Declaration between ASEAN and Canada on Trade and Investment on 2 October 2011.

## ASEAN-China

- ASEAN and China adopted the Guidelines to implement the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties (DOC) in the South China Sea on 21 July 2011 in Bali. The adoption of the Guidelines was a significant outcome and a step forward in the implementation of the DOC. At the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit in November 2011 in Bali, China proposed to set up the ASEAN-China Maritime Cooperation Fund amounting to RMB3 billion to implement the practical projects as part of efforts to the implementation of the DOC. Several projects have been identified for implementation in 2012.
- ASEAN and China celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-China dialogue relations in 2011. Throughout 2011, a series of activities were conducted in various cities in ASEAN Member States and China to celebrate the commemorative year. The highlight

of the celebration was the convening of an ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit on 18 November 2011 in Bali that adopted a joint statement to further advancing the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity.

- The ASEAN-China Centre in Beijing was officially launched at the sidelines of the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Summit in November 2011 in Bali. The Centre is a one-stop information centre to promote ASEAN-China cooperation in trade, investment, tourism, education, and culture.
- The Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Specific Commitments under the Agreement on Trade in Services of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between ASEAN and China was signed by the Economic Ministers of ASEAN and China at the sidelines of the ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit.
- At the 10<sup>th</sup> Consultations between ASEAN Economic Ministers and the Minister of Commerce of China in August 2010 in Manado, Indonesia, the Ministers endorsed the establishment of an ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement (ACFTA) Joint Committee to create the ACFTA into a more useful and business-friendly instrument by facilitating the effective implementation and utilization of the Agreement. The ACFTA was also expected to create a solid foundation for the development of trade and investment between ASEAN and China by consolidating the progress that it has made and improving the constancy quality of the Agreement. The First ACFTA Joint Committee Meeting was held in April 2012 in Nanning, China.

## ASEAN-European Union

- Following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and based on the strong foundation of ASEAN-EU partnership, there are currently 23 accredited Ambassadors to ASEAN from the EU Member States and the European Union. These 24 accredited Ambassadors are from Austria, Belgium,

Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the UK, and the European Union. Other Member States of the EU intend to accredit their ambassadors to ASEAN according to their respective national laws and regulation.

- The EU's main support to ASEAN is encapsulated in the Regional Programming for Asia Strategy Document 2007-2013 with an estimated funding of €70 million. This is divided into two Multi-Annual Indicative Programmes (MIP), namely: MIP for 2007-2010 and MIP for 2011-2013. Following the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-EU Joint Co-operation Committee (JCC) Meeting on 30 November 2010 and further exchanges between ASEAN and EU Delegation, both sides agreed to focus on three themes comprising four areas for MIP 2011-2013 namely ASEAN Connectivity [(i) comprehensive border management covering inter-state passenger land transportation and customs enforcement, etc; and (ii) higher education, Human Rights, Institutional Capacity (including ASEAN regional statistics)].
- ASEAN and the EU agreed on the Regional ASEAN-EU Dialogue Instrument (READI), which is a policy dialogue mechanism/process for promoting the ASEAN-EU dialogue relations in non-trade areas with a total of €4 million. Following the introduction of the READI, ASEAN and the EC have organised a number of sectoral/experts consultations in trafficking in persons, ICT, labour and employment, air transport, climate change, energy, and science and technology.
- The EU contributed to a new programme "ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU (ARISE)," with a foreseen budget of €15 million for the period of 2012-2016. The programme will further support the realisation of the ASEAN single market through deepening ASEAN-EU cooperation on economic integration and policy dialogue.

- The ASEAN-EU Trade and Investment Work Programme was adopted at the 10<sup>th</sup> AEM-EU Trade Commissioner Consultations held on 6 May 2011 in Jakarta. The Work Programme will enhance economic cooperation and opportunities for trade and investment between ASEAN and the European Union.
- In disaster management, ASEAN and the EU agreed to explore cooperation in practical areas such as comparative studies between the AHA Centre and the European Commission for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO). This is also to complement existing EU support through the AADMER Partnership Group (APG), which is already underway.
- ASEAN and the EU continue to implement activities under the Plan of Action to Implement the Nuremberg Declaration on an ASEAN-EU Enhanced Partnership (2007-2012).
- The New Bandar Seri Begawan Plan of Action to Strengthen the ASEAN-EU Enhanced Partnership (2013-2017) was adopted at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting on 26-27 April 2012 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. This Plan of Action aims to give a more strategic focus to cooperation and dialogue at regional level in a wide range of areas – political-security, economic and socio-cultural.

## ASEAN-India

- A new PoA (2010-2015) to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity, was adopted by the Leaders at the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 30 October 2010. The new PoA covers three broad areas such as political and security, economic, and socio-cultural cooperation.
- At the Summit, the ASEAN Leaders also welcomed the proposal of India to host the ASEAN-India

Summit in India in 2012 and tasked officials to work out substantive activities to mark the celebration of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-India Summit. Currently, ASEAN and India are planning and implementing a number of Commemorative Activities to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- ASEAN and India have established the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group (EPG) to take stock of the 20 years of ASEAN-India cooperation and explore ways to widen and deepen existing cooperation between ASEAN and India as well as recommend measures to further strengthen ASEAN-India relations, taking into account the existing documents signed/adopted by both sides as well as key ASEAN documents, particularly the ASEAN Charter, Roadmap for an ASEAN Community, the three blueprints of the ASEAN Community and other relevant documents. The EPG is expected to present their final report and recommendations to the Leaders of ASEAN and India at the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit in December 2012 in India.
- The signing of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (TIG) on 13 August 2009 was not only a big step forward in ASEAN-India dialogue relations but also paved the way for the creation of one of the world's largest free trade areas (FTA) - market of almost 1.8 billion people with a combined GDP of US\$ 2.8 trillion. The ASEAN-India TIG entered into force on 1 January 2010. ASEAN and India are currently negotiating the ASEAN-India Trade in Services and Investment Agreements, which is targeted for an early conclusion.
- The ASEAN-India Air Transport Agreement (AI-ATA) is being negotiated with an early implementation timeline.
- Over the years, ASEAN-India functional cooperation has been expanded to areas of human resource development, science and technology (S&T), people-

to-people contacts, health and pharmaceuticals, transport and infrastructure, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), tourism, information and communication technology (ICT), agriculture, energy, and Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI).

- Pursuant to the announcement by the Prime Minister of India during the 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit, the ASEAN-India Green Fund (AIGF) with an initial contribution of US\$5 million was established to support cooperative pilot projects between ASEAN and India for promotion of technologies aimed at promoting adaptation to and mitigation of climate change. In addition, the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund (AISTDF) with an initial fund of US\$1 million was also established to encourage collaborative R&D and technology development between ASEAN and India. A number of ASEAN-India joint activities and programmes/projects are being planned and implemented with the funding support from these two Funds.

## ASEAN-Japan

- At the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit held on 18 November 2011, the Leaders of ASEAN and Japan issued the Joint Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together (Bali Declaration) and adopted the ASEAN-Japan Plan of Action 2011-2015. ASEAN and Japan affirmed their commitment to further strengthen their cooperation under the agreed 5 strategies namely: a) strengthening political-security cooperation in the region; b) intensifying cooperation towards ASEAN community building; c) enhancing ASEAN-Japan connectivity for consolidating ties between ASEAN and Japan; d) creating together a more disaster-resilient societies; and, e) addressing together common regional and global challenges.
- ASEAN and Japan are strengthening their efforts to conclude negotiations on services and investment agreements under the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) by the time of the convening of the 18<sup>th</sup> Consultations between the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) and the Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan that will be held later this year or by the time of the convening of the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit in November 2012. At the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit, the Leaders endorsed the development of a roadmap for ASEAN-Japan Economic Relations in the next 10 years. The roadmap is expected to be completed by the time of the convening of the 18<sup>th</sup> AEM-METI Consultations.
- To further promote and enhance investment in trade between ASEAN and Japan, a road show of Economic Ministers of both sides was held on 25-28 April 2012 in Sendai and Tokyo. During the road-show, Ministers exchanged views with the people from the political, administrative and business circles of the region, attended symposiums, and visited enterprises.
- Youth exchange programme under the Japan East-Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) will come to its conclusion by June 2012. Since its commencement in 2007, 8,700 young people from ASEAN have visited Japan to promote mutual understanding. Furthermore, Japan launched a new youth exchange programme called “Kizuna” (which means “Bond”). The programme will invite a total of 9,000 youth to participate. A total of 2,550 youth from ASEAN Member States will be invited to Japan while 255 Japanese youth would be dispatched to ASEAN Member States. The programme will be completed by the end of March 2013.
- ASEAN and Japan continue to cooperate and take initiatives to strengthen cooperation on disaster management, an area of highest priority for ASEAN and Japan. ASEAN and Japan have reaffirmed their determination to continue exploring effective use of science and technology such as the satellite system as well as jointly developing the regional network for disaster preparedness and disaster relief with

the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) serving as the regional hub.

## ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK)

- Over the past year, ASEAN and the ROK have made good progress in the implementation of the Joint Declaration on the ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity and its Plan of Action for 2011-2015. Cooperation has been strengthened in many areas, particularly in transport, forestry, people-to-people contacts, and social welfare.
- Four projects were implemented under the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap in 2011. In addition, the ROK continued to share its experience in developing transport infrastructure through the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Forum. At the Second Forum held on 11-12 August 2011 in Seoul, the ROK introduced its transport technologies used in its major airports and rail infrastructure as well as its information centre for maritime safety.
- The ROK continued its collaborative partnership with ASEAN in forestry cooperation. The ROK extended the ASEAN-ROK flagship project – Restoration of Degraded Terrestrial and Mangrove Ecosystems – to its Fourth Phase to be implemented from July 2011 to June 2012. ASEAN and the ROK also signed the Agreement on Forest Cooperation (AFoCo) at the margins of the 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Summit held on 18 November 2011. The AFoCo aims to strengthen ASEAN-ROK forestry cooperation and enhance the capacity in dealing with climate change in the region, thereby building a foundation for the future establishment of the Asian Forest Cooperation Organisation.
- People-to-people contacts remained to be an important area of ASEAN-ROK cooperation. Since June 2011, nine exchange programmes were implemented for the media, youth, students, and

academics. The programmes were funded by the ROK through the ASEAN-ROK Future Oriented Cooperation Projects Fund (FOCPF).

- Social welfare had been added as a new priority area of ASEAN-ROK cooperation. Six projects addressing different social issues related to ageing population, violence against women, and rights of children had been approved for implementation.

## ASEAN-New Zealand

- At the Commemorative Summit to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand dialogue relations, New Zealand announced its development assistance with a total of \$NZ 75 million to ASEAN through the four flagship initiatives within the framework of the Plan of Action, namely the ASEAN-New Zealand Scholarships Programme (which would provide 170 scholarships annually for the next five years), a Young Business Leaders Exchange Programme and programmes on Disaster Risk Management and Agricultural Diplomacy.
- New Zealand participated and contributed to the Working Group of the ASEAN Defence Senior Official Meeting (ADSOM) Plus in February 2011 in Surabaya and the Defence SOM (ADSOM). New Zealand hosted the first ADMM Plus Experts' Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations (EWG PKO) on 21-23 November 2011 in Wellington, New Zealand. The Meeting featured a seminar on the legal aspects of PKO which aims at increasing the capacity of ADMM-Plus Member States to contribute to PKOs.
- Under the ARF, New Zealand is the co-chair of the ARF Inter-Sessional Support Group (ISG) on Confidence-Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy in 2011-2012 (with Cambodia).
- A Strategic Approach to Economic Cooperation under the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) was adopted in June 2011 to facilitate the FTA's operationalization

and progression of its built-in agenda, increased business utilisation of AANZFTA opportunities, and deeper economic integration among the Parties.

- ASEAN and New Zealand launched the ASEAN-CER (Closer Economic Relations) Integration Partnership Forum in June 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The forum provided useful platform for ASEAN and New Zealand to share experiences on economic integration and connectivity.
- New Zealand has been assisting ASEAN in the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the operationalisation of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) by seconding experts to assist AHA Centre in developing its Strategic Work Plan.
- On the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), currently a New Zealand Aid Programme funded technical expert is working with the ASEAN Secretariat to undertake a Regional and four In-Country Workshops in Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. The aim of these workshops is to strengthen the capacity of both the Secretariat and CLMV officers in assessing Dialogue Partners objectives, processes, and procedures to develop quality project proposals (based on the IAI priority list) for funding by donors.

## ASEAN-Russia

- The Committee of Representatives (CPR) to ASEAN and the Ambassador of Russian Federation to ASEAN have made a good use of their presence in Jakarta with closer coordination, including the convening of the ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee and the ASEAN-Russia Joint Planning and Management Committee meetings.
- ASEAN and Russia are implementing the Comprehensive Programme of Action 2005-2015, which was adopted to realise the goals and

objectives set out in the Joint Declaration of the Heads of State/Government of the Member States of ASEAN and the Russian Federation on Progressive and Comprehensive Partnership signed at the First ASEAN-Russia Summit on 13 December 2005 in Kuala Lumpur.

- The Post-Ministerial Conference (PMC) Session with Russia on 22 July 2011, in Bali, Indonesia, noted the progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-Russia Comprehensive Programme of Action to Promote Cooperation between ASEAN and the Russian Federation (2005-2015). The Meeting welcomed the Russian's Federation participation to the East Asia Summit and also agreed to undertake activities to commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Relations in 2011. The Meeting also adopted the "Joint Statement of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN and Russian Federation on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Partnership".
- ASEAN and Russia marked the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-Russia Partnership with a number of activities planned to commemorate the auspicious occasion in 2011.

## ASEAN-United States

- Significant progress has been made in ASEAN-U.S. Relations. ASEAN welcomes the United States' constructive engagement in the region as well as its continued support towards the establishment of ASEAN Community by 2015.
- The Third ASEAN-U.S. Leaders' meeting was held on 18 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. This was the third meeting where the Leaders from ASEAN and the U.S. reviewed their ongoing cooperation as well as exchanged their views on regional and international issues. The Meeting was attended by all Head of States/Government of nine other ASEAN Member States and H.E. Mr. Barack Obama, President of the United States of America.

The Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan was also in presence.

- The Third ASEAN-U.S. leaders' Meeting adopted the Joint Statement of the Third ASEAN-U.S. Leaders' Meeting and also the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-U.S. Enhanced Partnership 2011-2015 for enduring Peace and Prosperity. The PoA is built upon the momentum of the success of the ASEAN-U.S. POA 2006-2011. The new PoA is designed to enhance and elevate the ASEAN-U.S. Partnership to a strategic level as well as to address emerging regional and global challenges over the next five years.
- The Leaders at the Third ASEAN-U.S. Leaders' Meeting also announced the members of the ASEAN-U.S. Eminent Persons Group, which comprised of prominent individuals from all ASEAN Member States and the U.S. The Group is tasked to provide recommendations to the Leaders on how best to enhance engagement between ASEAN and the United States. The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN-U.S. EPG was held on 20-21 May 2012 in Manila, Philippines.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-U.S. Leaders Meeting is scheduled to be held tentatively in November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- At the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) and the representative of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Consultations held on 11 August 2011, in Manado, Indonesia, the Ministers considered and adopted TIFA work plan for 2012. The activities in the new work plan include:
  - a) Moving forward with Trade and Environment Dialogue;
  - b) Continuing exchange of information on the TIFA Trade Finance Dialogue; and
  - c) ASEAN-U.S. Business Forum.
- ASEAN and the U.S. launched a three-year project to facilitate the trade of food commodities in Southeast Asia on 29 March 2012 at the ASEAN Secretariat. The project, Maximizing Agricultural Revenue through Knowledge, Enterprise Development, and Trade (MARKET), aims to improve food security for ASEAN Member States and contribute to ASEAN regional integration by enabling freer movement of food products and commodities. The MARKET project will provide flexible and demand-driven support to the ASEAN Secretariat, while bringing more private-sector and civil-society input into regional agriculture policy dialogue. The project is now being implemented.
- The ASEAN and U.S. Leaders' at the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-U.S. Leaders' Meeting welcomed the announcement of the Partnership on English Language Education for ASEAN. This Partnership is a long-term commitment, open to the support of ASEAN Member States, to better unify the diverse members of ASEAN, improve English language capacity in the region and further support the Initiative for ASEAN Integration.
- The U.S. has continually supported the work of the ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) and its priority areas. The visit of the ACWC to the U.S. was convened on 16-26 April 2012. The group met with numerous NGOs and academics to discuss international migration, human trafficking, gender-based violence, the importance of coalition building, and strategies for communicating the ACWC's work to the broader ASEAN community in Washington and New York City.

### ASEAN-Pakistan

- ASEAN and Pakistan have undertaken cooperation in trade, industry and investment, science and technology, drugs and narcotics, environment, tourism, and human resources development.



- Following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter and based on the foundation of the ASEAN-Pakistan relations, Pakistan has accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN in 2010.
- The Second ASEAN-Pakistan Materials Science Conference was held on 26-27 April 2011 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam.
- The APT Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement was signed at the sidelines of the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting on 7 October 2011. The APTERR is a permanent scheme for meeting emergency requirements and achieving humanitarian purposes.
- Education was added as a new area of APT cooperation. The informal meeting of APT Ministers on Education was held on 18 July 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, in which the meeting discussed the future direction of APT cooperation in education. The first meeting of APT on education will be held on 4 July 2012 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

### ASEAN Plus Three (APT)

- As a follow-up to the APT Leaders' decision in 2010, the East Asia Vision Group II (EAVG II) was established in 2011 and the Group had held three meetings. The fourth and last meeting will be held on 5-7 September 2012 in Bali to finalise the Report of the Group for submission to the 15<sup>th</sup> APT Summit in Cambodia in November 2012.
- The new APT Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) in Singapore, which commenced its operations in May 2011, is now supporting the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM). A decision was made by the APT Finance Ministers at their 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 3 May 2012 in Manila to double the size of the CMIM Fund from US\$120 billion to US\$ 240 billion for managing regional short-term liquidity, as the needs arise. The portion of the fund, which could be utilised without subjecting to IMF conditions, has also been increased from 20% to 30%. In addition, a separate crisis prevention facility has been introduced known as the CMIM Precautionary Line.
- The new roadmap for the Asian Bond Market Initiative (ABMI) was also adopted by the APT Finance Ministers to further develop efficient and liquid bond markets in the region through a more effective utilisation of regional saving for regional investment. A work plan will be developed to implement the priorities under the new roadmap.
- ASEAN Plus Three (APT) countries are celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of APT cooperation in 2012. Cambodia, as the Coordinator of APT, proposed two major events, namely the APT Youth Leaders' Symposium to be held in Phnom Penh and the APT Cultural Performance to be held in Siem Reap in the second half of 2012.

### East Asia Summit (EAS)

- The Russian Federation and the United States of America joined the EAS and participated for the first time at the 6<sup>th</sup> EAS on 19 November 2011 in Bali. Their participation will strengthen EAS efforts to advance its common endeavour. The Leaders also adopted the Declaration of the EAS on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations at the Summit. The Declaration outlines principles for friendly and mutually beneficial relations.
- At the 6<sup>th</sup> EAS, the Leaders noted with satisfaction the substantial outcomes of the first informal East Asia Summit Education Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM) which was held on 18 July 2011 in Bali. The Leaders welcomed the plan to convene the EAS EMM on a biennial basis commencing in 2012 and

to develop an EAS Education Cooperation Plan. The Action Plan will provide direction and momentum to education cooperation and promote a more comprehensive cooperation based on the principle of unity in diversity.

- The 5<sup>th</sup> EAS Energy Ministers Meeting (EMM) was held on 21 September 2011 in Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam. The Ministers agreed to deepen and expand cooperation in the following areas: energy efficiency and conservation; biofuels for transport and other purposes; energy market integration; and other possible new areas of cooperation. Russia and the United States participated for the first time in the EMM.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> EAS agreed to continue enhancing cooperation on environment and climate change issues. As a result, a number of activities had been implemented.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> EAS noted the adoption of the ASEAN Framework for Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. The Framework highlights the ASEAN centrality in regional economic integration. As a follow-up action, three RCEP Working Groups on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services, and Investment have been established to develop the general architecture and broad outline, including the modality for liberalising and facilitating trade in goods, services, and investment under the RCEP.
- The Declaration of the 6<sup>th</sup> EAS on ASEAN Connectivity was adopted at the 6<sup>th</sup> EAS. This Declaration envisaged cooperation in the Connectivity Initiative, such as the development of a regional public-private partnership (PPP) development agenda and the possibility of having a “Connectivity Master Plan Plus” in the future.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> EAS adopted the joint Indonesia-Australia Paper entitled: “A Practical Approach to Enhance Regional Cooperation on Disaster Rapid Response.”

As a follow-up action, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) has been tasked to establish a working group, consisting of the ASEAN Secretariat, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Australia (as a representative of the EAS Participating Countries) to study the linkage between the Work Programme of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and the proposed EAS Work Plan on Disaster Management

### ASEAN-Germany

- Germany has provided millions of Euros to support ASEAN in the areas of environment and sustainable development, social development and capacity-building for the ASEAN Secretariat.
- ASEAN and Germany signed the third phase of ASEAN-Germany Joint Capacity Building Project on 20 January 2011. Under the third phase, Germany provides €4 million to support the ASEAN Secretariat in administration and management; economic integration; media and communication; legal matters; and other agreed needs.

### ASEAN-United Nations (UN)

- The adoption of the Joint Declaration of the Comprehensive Partnership between ASEAN and the UN at the 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit in November 2011 in Bali is aimed at elevating the ASEAN-UN to the level of the “Comprehensive Partnership”. The Joint Declaration would also serve as a strengthened framework of cooperation between ASEAN and the UN will reinforce and further enhance and advance the level of, as well as intensify, cooperation between the two organizations in the spheres of political-security cooperation, economic cooperation and socio-cultural cooperation. In pursuance to the Joint Declaration, several UN Specialised Agencies are at present undertaking cooperative activities with a number of ASEAN sectoral bodies, in most cases under a specific MoU.

- Following the adoption of the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-UN Collaboration in Disaster Management arising from the Third ASEAN-UN Summit held in Ha Noi, the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) and the relevant UN agencies are now developing an ASEAN-UN Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management. Agencies collaborating under the Plan include 11 UN entities: UNISDR, UNDP, UNICEF, OCHA, WFP, WHO, ESCAP, UNFPA, FAO, UNHCR and UNESCO.
- Preparations are underway for the 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit to be held in on 5-6 November 2012 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.
- Along with the ASEM expansion and based on the principles of equal partnership, mutual respect, and mutual benefit, the cooperation encompasses political, economic and cultural issues and beyond governments in order to promote dialogue and cooperation between business/private sectors, people-to-people and think-tanks and research groups of both regions.

### **ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)**

- The Second ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting was convened on 31 May to 1 June 2010 in Singapore. The Meeting adopted the ASEAN-GCC Two-Year Action (2010-2012), which identifies activities and measures for closer collaboration and cooperation to be jointly undertaken for the next two years, through sectoral working groups and the two Secretariats of ASEAN and GCC, on the areas of trade and investment, economic and developmental cooperation, education and training, culture and information, and mutual consultation in international matters. The Ministers also agreed to regularise their meeting on an annual basis, alternately in an ASEAN and GCC country and that the Third ASEAN-GCC Ministerial Meeting was scheduled to be held in 2011 in the United Arab Emirates but has been postponed since then.

### **Asia European Meeting (ASEM)**

- The ASEM process has expanded to embrace the countries in both Asia and European continents. The 8<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit held on 2-5 October 2010 in Brussels, Belgium welcomed Australia, New Zealand, and the Russian Federation as the new ASEM Members. It has also been decided that Bangladesh, Norway and Switzerland will be admitted to ASEM at the forthcoming 9<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit.

### **ASEAN Development Bank (ADB)**

- In keeping up with the developments in the region, ASEAN and ADB concluded a new MoU which was signed in April 2012 with a view to paving the way to forge closer collaboration and support ASEAN Community building by 2015, particularly on implementing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, transport and trade facilitation, energy, and financial Integration.

### **ASEAN – MERCOSUR**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN – MERCOSUR Ministerial Meeting was held in November 2008 in Brasilia, Brazil, in an agreement to formulate a Region-to-Region PoA for cooperation to alleviate negative impact of global financial crisis. The second ASEAN-MERCOSUR Ministerial Meeting scheduled to be held in 2011, which is expected to adopt the said PoA, has been postponed since then.

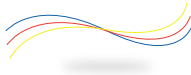
### **ASEAN-Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO)**

- The MOU between the Secretariat of ASEAN and the Secretariat of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was signed on 18 January 2006, aimed to serve as a platform to build a closer relationship between the two regions through the

sharing of information, practices and experiences in the agreed four areas of cooperation. Pursuant to the signing of the MOU, a Work Programme to Implement the MOU was developed by the two Secretariats in 2006. However, there have not been any joint activity undertaken since the adoption of the Work Programme.

- At the ASEAN-ECO Ministerial Meeting held on 24 September 2011 in the UN Headquarters in

New York, both sides showed revived interest in re-engaging and forging concrete cooperation in many possible areas as well as promoting of inter-regional connectivity. The two sides emphasised the need to make the relationship more productive and meaningful by accelerating the implementation of the Work Programme and the MoU and to translate it into tangible actions in the spirit of friendship, cooperation and mutual benefits.



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# ASEAN Connectivity

ASEAN Leaders adopted the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity in October 2010 to enhance connectivity of the region which will benefit the Member States and peoples of ASEAN and contribute to ASEAN Community building. The idea is to leverage on the strategic location of the ASEAN region given that a well-connected ASEAN will promote economic growth, narrow the development gaps by sharing the benefits of growth with poorer groups and communities, enhance the competitiveness of ASEAN, contribute to promoting deeper ties among ASEAN peoples, and connect ASEAN Member States within the region and with the rest of the world.

## The Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and its Implementation

The Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, which was adopted by ASEAN Leaders at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2010, is both a strategic document for achieving overall ASEAN Connectivity and a plan of action for immediate implementation for the period 2011-2015 to connect ASEAN through enhanced physical connectivity, institutional connectivity and people-to-people connectivity.

The Master Plan contains 19 strategies and 84 key actions under the three dimensions mentioned above. Under physical connectivity, 7 strategies and 32 key actions were drawn up with the view to expanding and improving road, rail, inland waterways, maritime and air linkages. Ten strategies and 32 key actions were outlined under institutional connectivity to facilitate free flow of goods, services and investment in the region. And, under people-to-people connectivity, 2 strategies and 20 key actions were formulated to promote deeper intra-ASEAN social and cultural interaction and understanding through, among others, progressive relaxation of visa requirements, development of mutual recognition arrangements (MRA) and promotion of tourism-related activities.

To demonstrate the benefits and potentials of connectivity, ASEAN has prioritised 15 projects with high and immediate impact on ASEAN Connectivity for expeditious implementation.

To date, significant progress in the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity has been achieved. Some of the achievements under physical connectivity include the completion of ASEAN Highway Network (AHN) AH3 route ahead of its target year (2012) and the upgrading of 'below class III' sections of the AHN in Myanmar and Lao PDR to at least "Class III" sections. Under institutional connectivity, the Protocol 6 on Railways Border and Interchange Stations under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) was signed, the "Modality for the Elimination/ Improvement of Investment Restrictions and Impediments" was endorsed, and the implementation of the ASEAN Single Window Pilot Project has commenced. For people-to-people connectivity, the ASEAN Tourism Marketing Strategy was endorsed and the Marketing and Communication Working Group is currently developing the "ASEAN for ASEAN" programme in collaboration with the private sector.

Effective communication is vital for connectivity. To enhance public outreach and advocacy on the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity at the national and regional levels as well as to Dialogue Partners, several outreach activities on connectivity have been conducted.

One of the main challenges in implementing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity is to mobilise financial and technical resources required to bridge major gaps in development and infrastructure across the region, with the aim of stimulating economic growth and employment in ASEAN.

ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)	
Established	2008 meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACC, 2 April 2012, Phnom Penh
Senior Officials	Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN

The Ninth Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC) was convened by Indonesia, as the ASEAN Chair in 2011, on 16 November 2011 in Bali. The Meeting exchanged views on key issues in the building of the ASEAN Community, functions and operations of the ASEAN Secretariat, the work of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR), the implementation of the IAI Work Plan, and the progress of ASEAN Connectivity, among others.

The ACC adopted the Rules of Procedure (ROP) for Conclusion of International Agreements by ASEAN. These ROP are applicable to agreements done by ASEAN as an intergovernmental organisation in its conduct of external relations as provided for in Article 41 (7) of the ASEAN Charter.

Under the chairmanship of Cambodia, the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACC was held in Phnom Penh on 2 April 2012. The ACC adopted the Rules of Procedure for the Interpretation of the ASEAN Charter, which set out the procedure for the Member States that wish to request the ASEAN Secretariat (Article 51 of the ASEAN Charter) to interpret the ASEAN Charter.

As a follow-up to the decision of the ASEAN Leaders during the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit to establish an ACC Working Group (ACCWG) to discuss all relevant aspects related to the application by Timor-Leste as well as its possible implications on ASEAN, the ACC adopted the Terms of Reference of the ACCWG. The ACCWG will consist of the senior officials from the political-security, economic, and socio-cultural pillars. The first meeting of the ACCWG was held in Jakarta on 21-22 June 2012.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACC is tentatively scheduled to be held in November 2012 in Phnom Penh, before the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit.

ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC)	
Established	2011, meets at least two times a year, with additional meetings as appropriate
Last Meeting	1/2012 Meeting of ACCC, 15 March 2012, Jakarta, Indonesia

Pursuant to the adoption of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) by ASEAN Leaders at the 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in October 2010, the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) was established to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Master Plan and report to ASEAN Leaders on the progress of its implementation.

The ACCC has met 4 times since its establishment in April 2011. The ACCC has developed a modality for the ACCC to coordinate with relevant stakeholders and the ASEAN Connectivity Implementation Matrix/Scorecard which will be used as a monitoring mechanism for the implementation of key strategies and actions in the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

Since its adoption, ASEAN's external partners have expressed interest in supporting the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. The ACCC is working on project information sheets of the 15 prioritised project under the Master Plan to provide stakeholders with more concrete details on what, where and how they can be involved in supporting ASEAN Connectivity projects. The ACCC is working on leveraging ASEAN's own resources, through the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund and a two-year Work Programme of the ASEAN Development Fund, to support the initial funding of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity priority projects.

Engaging and working with national agencies and subregional arrangements would be essential to avoid duplication of projects and initiatives, increase synergies



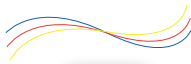
and enhance complementarities. The inaugural meeting between ACCC and National Coordinators for the Implementation of Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (National Coordinators) was held on 16 March 2012 at the ASEAN Secretariat. It is recognised that ASEAN Connectivity is a cross-sector, cross-discipline and cross-institution effort and therefore called for an effective and regular coordination between ACCC and National Coordinators, and between National Coordinators and its national agencies to implement the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

The ACCC has also met the Japan Task Force for ASEAN Connectivity 3 times. The ACCC is also coordinating with other Dialogue Partners and external partners that have expressed their interest to support implementation of the

Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity and is developing effective mechanisms to engage with these parties.

Building on the momentum of the first two ASEAN Connectivity Symposiums which had effectively socialised and reached out to relevant stakeholders within and outside ASEAN, Cambodia, the current ACCC Chair, will be holding the third ASEAN Connectivity Symposium with the theme of “Realising ASEAN Connectivity for ASEAN Community Building” in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in September 2012.

The momentum generated by the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity requires collective efforts of all stakeholders and should be leveraged on to achieve the goals of ASEAN Connectivity.



# ASEAN Secretariat's Outreach Activities

The ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) supports ASEAN public awareness through various means such as mass communications, outreach activities, publications, and footages. It is evident that the public is interested in ASEAN activities as seen through extensive coverage of more than 200,000 English articles during the period of June 2011 to May 2012 from national and international media.

## Mass Communications

ASEAN is increasingly engaging stakeholders, from media agencies to Dialogue Partners, in enhancing and raising of ASEAN's profile through mass communication including: strategic interviews, speaking engagements, and training. With regards to training, 25 media training courses have been held since 2008 and will continue throughout 2012. These courses, attended by over 160 journalists from the 10 Member States, have covered reporting on ASEAN, Regional Integration, and the ASEAN Charter. The courses have been scheduled where many were held surrounding the ASEAN Summits/Foreign Ministers Meeting/Regional Forum/Economic Ministers Meeting. This timing has allowed greater number of journalists from ASEAN Member States to cover key ASEAN events and having the ASEAN messages be more widely spread throughout the region.



Philippines-born singer, Maribeth, was one of the main attractions at the ASEAN Rock Festival, which coincided with the 2011 ASEAN Fair in Bali, Indonesia

ASEAN is also working to develop an overarching Communication Master Plan, to consolidate and synergise the three ASEAN Communities. “Surveys on ASEAN Community Building Efforts” are ongoing and will complete in September 2012. The result of the Survey will help guide the ASEAN Communication Master Plan.

### Outreach Activities

ASEAN continues to conduct outreach activities. In March 2012, thousands of t-shirts, flags, and brochures were sent to Cambodia—ASEAN Chair 2012—to support a National Seminar on ASEAN for university students. In May 2012, a series of ASEAN publications were delivered for university libraries in Cambodia that included new corporate videos and standard power point presentations.

Throughout ASEAN, promotional materials and resource persons are being sent for public events involving local community leaders, teachers, and students. ASEAN outreach initiatives also included activities such as the “ASEAN Cultural Show & Exhibition” in Jakarta where thousands of shoppers and the media took part; “ASEAN Rickshaw Run” charity events; and exhibitions and seminar where large groups of students or other targeted groups gather. Further, ASEAN materials are being shared with countries near and far such as Mexico, Japan, and Timor Leste.



One of the main attractions during the 2011 ASEAN Fair was the ASEAN Culinary Festival held in Bali, Indonesia, which is the second festival of its kind.

The Secretariat also continues to welcome thousands of visitors annually through group visits—ranging from elementary school students to senior officials.

## Publications

In 2012, ASEAN is printing 36 new and reprinting six publications. The ASEAN Charter has been reprinted more than 10 times. It has been translated into national languages of the 10 ASEAN Member States. The Charter and most ASEAN publications are also available on ASEAN Website for easy access by the public.

To get the Charter’s spirit and content embraced by a wider spectrum of society among the peoples of ASEAN, shipments are being sent even to remote communities—and this effort will be strengthened ahead of the ASEAN Community 2015. More school libraries, business clubs, embassies, National Secretariats, and Committees abroad will have copies of key documents.

The ASEAN Secretariat, with GIZ support, launched the new Corporate Design in 2012 to help speed up and expand ASEAN recognition through consistency in ASEAN materials.

## Footages

The “ASEAN Today” monthly program to embrace ASEAN people, opportunities, and places debuted in October 2011. The high quality, half-hour Program and will last one year.

As most people throughout ASEAN now have access to television, efforts are being placed more on videos, public service announcements (PSAs), and other footages. Already, 4 corporate videos have been completed; an ASEAN overview, and 3 focusing on each ASEAN Community. All of these videos are available on the ASEAN Web, Facebook, and YouTube.



Secretary-General of ASEAN, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan (second from left) is posing with some participants and a few colleagues including Governor of Jakarta, Fauzi Bowo (sixth from left), before the 2011 ASEAN Rickshaw Run commenced.



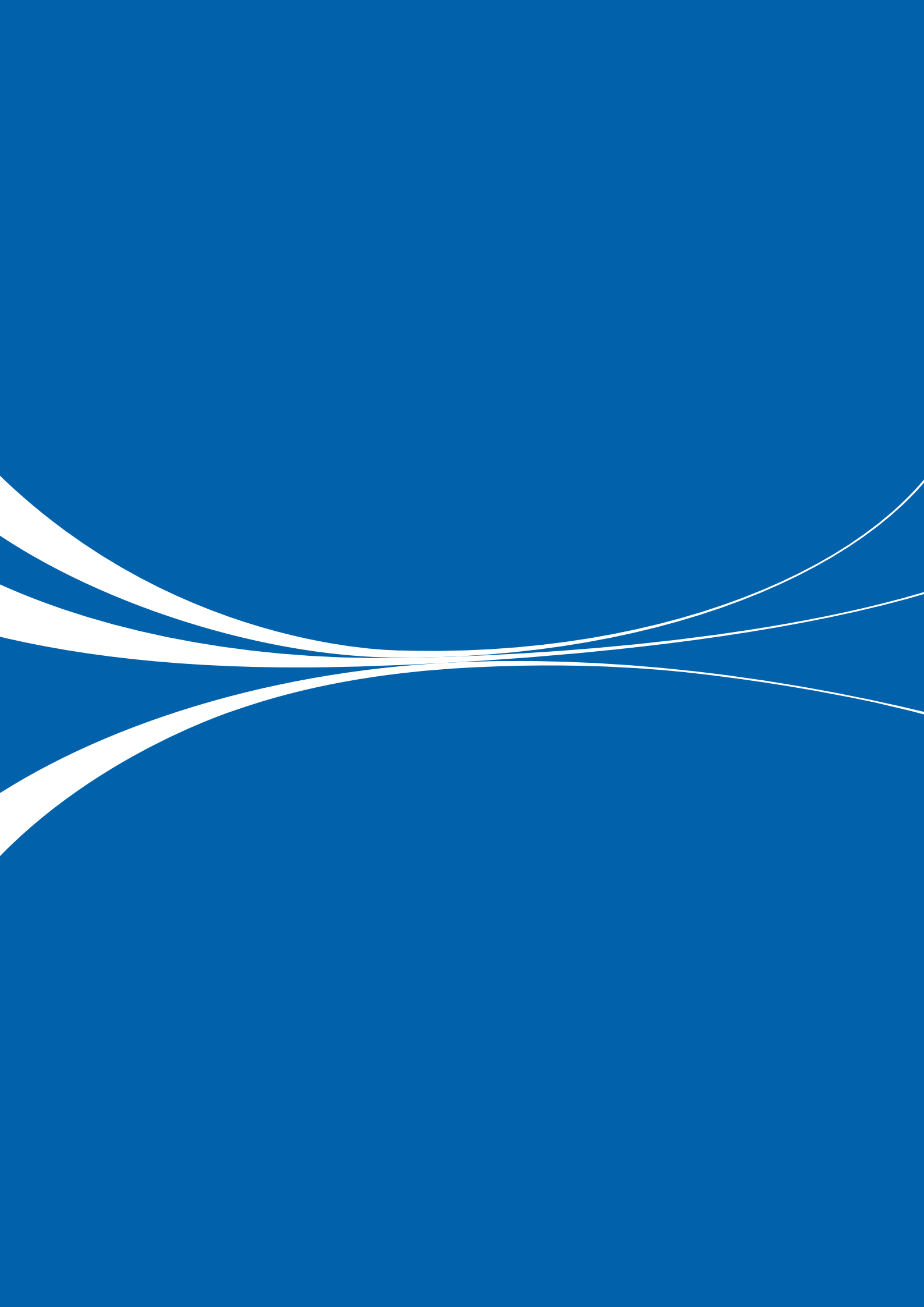
Local and international tourists visited the 2011 ASEAN Fair that was held at the Discovery Mall in Bali, Indonesia.



The enthusiastic crowd surrounded the ASEAN booth at the first ASEAN+ Cullinary Festival held in Kelapa Gading, Jakarta, Indonesia

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# Introduction of ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC)

For the period under review, significant progress has been made across a wide spectrum of areas and sectors under the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC). Numerous follow-up activities have been undertaken to implement the decisions and directives of the ASEAN Summits and other major meetings. In addition to the follow-up, new initiatives have been launched in parallel to bring about strong impetus to the Chairmanship of Cambodia with the theme: “One Community, One Destiny.”

In the area of political cooperation, a significant achievement is the entry into force of the Third Protocol Amending the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) by all High Contracting Parties (HCP). This will provide a more inclusive nature to the TAC, enabling accession by not only States but also regional organisations whose members are sovereign States, such as the EU/EC. In addition, consultations and preparations are being undertaken to pave the way for the signing by the Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) to the new Protocol to the SEANWFZ Treaty in 2012. In another encouraging development, ASEAN will engage China in the drafting of the Code of Conduct (COC) in the South China Sea upon ASEAN’s finalisation of its common position on the possible basic elements of the COC.

Meanwhile, the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) is drafting an ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, which will be a milestone political document that reiterates the aspirations and commitments of ASEAN and its Member States to the promotion and protection of human rights.

In the area of security cooperation, ASEAN has displayed a strong commitment in moving towards its goal to attain a security community. The ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) is deemed to be a more “action-oriented” forum as the ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy has now been adopted. In defence, all the five Experts’ Working Groups of the ADMM Plus have convened their meetings and launched their respective practical cooperation activities. In the field of non-traditional security, the Progress Report on Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons in the ASEAN Region was launched during the 11<sup>th</sup> SOMTC in July 2011.

In the area of external relations, ASEAN is continuing to deepen and strengthen its relations with Dialogue Partners and other external partners of ASEAN while ensuring its central role in the evolving regional architecture to maintain peace, security, stability and prosperity in the region.



ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council	
Established	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of APSC Council, 2 April 2012, Phnom Penh Cambodia

Under the ASEAN Charter, the APSC Council shall have under its purview the ASEAN sectoral ministerial bodies in the political-security areas. The APSC Council is mandated to ensure the implementation of relevant decisions of the ASEAN Summit and coordinate the work of the ministerial bodies under its purview in order to realise the objectives of the APSC.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APSC Council adopted the outcome of the biennial review of the APSC Blueprint as conducted by the Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Community (ASCCO). The biennial review provided a number of recommendations to ensure the full and effective implementation of the APSC Blueprint, including the following:

- Ensuring effective implementation of agreements and commitments under the APSC Blueprint at the national level;
- Mainstreaming and synchronising the APSC Blueprint into and among the plans of action/work programmes of relevant ASEAN bodies;
- Updating priority areas under the APSC Blueprint;
- Enhancing coordination on cross-cutting issues within the APSC and across the three Community pillars;
- Promoting greater awareness of the APSC;
- Mobilising sufficient resources for the APSC;
- Strengthening institutional arrangements across the APSC spectrum.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APSC Council was held on 2 April 2012 in Phnom Penh to review the implementation of the APSC Blueprint and held in-depth deliberations on important developments in ASEAN sectoral bodies under its purview, as well as on unfolding events in the regional political and security landscape. The Meeting stressed

the need to enhance coordination and synchronisation among various ASEAN bodies and mechanisms in the APSC pillar in order to effectively address emerging cross-cutting issues. These issues include disaster management, maritime security, counter-terrorism, and peace keeping.

ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)	
Established	1967, meets annually, with informal meetings and retreats in between
Last Meeting	44 <sup>th</sup> AMM and Related Meetings, 16-23 July 2011, Bali, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Official Meeting (SOM)

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers convened a number of meetings from July 2011 to May 2012, including the annual 44<sup>th</sup> AMM from 19-23 July 2011 in Bali, and other special or informal meetings such as the Informal ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (IAMM) on 24 September 2011 in New York, the AMM on 15 November 2011 in Bali on the sidelines of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit; the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat from 10-12 January 2012 in Siem Reap; and most recently the AMM on 2 April 2012 in Phnom Penh, on the sidelines of the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit.

Under the Chairmanship of Indonesia, the AMM in 2011 had substantive and productive discussions on ASEAN community building efforts as well as on external relations. Of special importance is the Foreign Ministers' continued deliberation on how to intensify ASEAN's capacity and efforts to ensure peace, security and stability in the region through norms setting and effective conflict resolution and management. In this context, the 44<sup>th</sup> AMM the establishment of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR), and agreed to submit a set of recommendations to the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. The AIPR is expected to be officially launched in 2012. The 44<sup>th</sup> AMM also discussed the situation on the Cambodia-Thailand border, and welcomed the commitment by both countries to peacefully resolve their differences with the appropriate engagement of Indonesia, as the then Chair of ASEAN, and to fully respect and comply with the



decision of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 18 July 2011 regarding this issue.

The AMM Retreat in Siem Reap that was the first AMM under the chairmanship of Cambodia, discussed Cambodia's chosen theme for 2012, "ASEAN: One Community, One Destiny." The theme highlights the shared vision and collective will of the ASEAN peoples to build the ASEAN Community in the ASEAN spirit of oneness and belonging to one family and one community. The Meeting agreed to intensify efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the three Blueprints of the ASEAN Community. The Ministers called for enhancing coordination among ASEAN bodies and mechanisms and mainstreaming the ASEAN agreements and commitments to national policies and development frameworks. The Meeting also agreed that ASEAN community building efforts must be underpinned by two important supplementary endeavours: narrowing the development gaps, and effectively implementing the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

The AMM Retreat discussed a number of key issues as follow-up to the 19th ASEAN Summit. With regard to the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration, the Meeting took note of the Progress Report of AICHR on the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) and tasked AICHR to finalise the drafting of the AHRD by 2012, and to submit regular progress reports to the AMM. The Meeting noted that the AHRD should be a political document that reflects ASEAN's aspirations and commitments to the promotion and protection of human rights, representing a balance of rights and duties, and echoing universal values. At the same time, it should take into account ASEAN values and regional particularities as well as the national laws and regulations of each ASEAN Member State. It was further agreed that the AMM should give political guidance to AICHR when necessary in the drafting of the AHRD.

The South China Sea issue was discussed by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers. The past year witnessed three important breakthroughs in this regard: (i) the re-convening of the ASEAN-China Senior Officials on the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) on

20 July 2011; (ii) the adoption of the Guidelines for the Implementation of the DOC – a document conceived in 2005 and extensively negotiated before its finalisation in July 2011 in Bali; and (iii) the establishment of an ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting Working Group on a Regional Code of Conduct (COC) in the South China Sea to discuss possible key elements of the COC. These key elements would serve as ASEAN's common position on the COC in its discussion with China at a later stage.

The Foreign Ministers positively considered the willingness and readiness of Myanmar to assume the Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014, based on its commitments to the principles of ASEAN, and to recommend to the ASEAN Leaders for their consideration. The Foreign Ministers welcomed the positive developments in the country and encouraged Myanmar to sustain the momentum of political reforms, national reconciliation and democratisation. The Ministers stressed the need for ASEAN to play a proactive and prominent role in building bridges between Myanmar and the world, thereby enhancing ASEAN unity and credibility. In this connection, the Meeting noted that Myanmar would positively consider the idea of inviting ASEAN Foreign Ministers to visit Myanmar in 2012

#### Commission on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ Commission)

Established	24 July 1999, meets annually
Last Meeting	15 November 2011, Bali, Indonesia
Senior Officials	The Meeting of the Executive Committee of the SEANWFZ Commission

The SEANWFZ Commission convened its annual meeting on 18 July 2011 in Bali, a special meeting in New York on the sidelines of the IAMM on 24 September 2011, and a meeting on the sidelines of the 19th ASEAN Summit in November 2011 to take stock of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Strengthen the Treaty on SEANWFZ.

The Commission took note of encouraging developments in the implementation of the Plan of Action over the past year, namely: (i) the accession of Lao PDR to the

Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material in September 2010; (ii) Lao PDR's joining the IAEA in mid-September 2011; (iii) the developments regarding the ASEAN Nuclear Energy Cooperation Subsector Network (NEC-SSN); (v) the prominence of the nuclear safety issue at the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit as well as the enhanced cooperation between ASEAN and a number of Dialogue Partners, especially with Japan and Russia, on nuclear safety; (iv) Indonesia's ratification of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management on 1 April 2011; and (v) the adoption of the third ASEAN-sponsored UN Resolution on the SEANWFZ Treaty by the 66<sup>th</sup> U.N. General Assembly (UNGA). Another highly encouraging development was Indonesia's ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) in December 2011.

After a decade-long hiatus of talks, the year 2011 saw a significant breakthrough in reviving direct consultations between the States Parties to the Treaty on SEANWFZ and the Nuclear Weapon States (NWS) towards enabling the NWS to sign the Protocol to the SEANWFZ Treaty at the soonest possible. Two direct informal consultations at the working group level with the NWS were held from 8-11 August 2011 in Geneva and from 4-7 October 2011 in New York. Building upon the progress made during the two informal direct consultations, the meeting between the SEANWFZ Executive Committee (SEANWFZ ExCom) and representatives of the NWS held on 15 November 2011 in Bali was able to resolve all of the outstanding issues related to the SEANWFZ Treaty and its Protocol.

The Meeting of the SEANWFZ Commission on 16 November 2011 welcomed the conclusion of the negotiations with the NWS and agreed to take necessary steps to ensure the early signing by the NWS of the revised SEANWFZ Protocol. It is expected that the NWS will sign the revised Protocol on the sidelines of the 45<sup>th</sup> AMM in July 2012 in Phnom Penh.

ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)	
Established	2006, meets annually
Last Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> ADMM, 19 May 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM)

The ADMM started with the objective to promote defence and security dialogue and cooperation towards achieving an ASEAN security community. Six years after the ASEAN Defence Ministers first met in 2006, the ADMM has evolved into a solid mechanism for multilateral practical defence and military cooperation in ASEAN. The nuance of the dialogue in the ADMM has captured a wider scope than policy direction. The ADMM has reached the level of trust and confidence which leads the defence and military sectors to start cooperation on practical matters, such as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), peacekeeping, and promotion of ASEAN defence industry collaboration.

Two new important initiatives, namely the establishment of the ASEAN Peace Keeping Centres Network and the ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration (ADIC) were endorsed by the Fifth ADMM in May 2011. To follow up, Malaysia as the proponent of the Concept Paper on ADIC hosted the Workshop in Kuala Lumpur on 18 April 2012 to brainstorm on strategic approach to develop the ADIC concept. Thailand will host the First ASEAN Peace Keeping Centres Network Meeting in Bangkok in 2012.

Cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief has been progressing considerably in the ADMM. In March 2011, Indonesia hosted the second workshop on the Use of ASEAN Military Assets and Capacities in HADR. Following on the previous dialogue between the defence establishments and civil society organisations, Thailand hosted the Third Workshop of the ASEAN Defence Establishments and CSOs Cooperation in Non-Traditional Security featuring a table top exercise (TTX) on disaster management and humanitarian assistance in September 2011 in Bangkok.

ASEAN engagement with eight of its Dialogue Partners (known as the Plus Countries) in the ADMM-Plus has been progressing significantly since its inaugural meeting in Ha Noi on 12 October 2010. Five Experts' Working Groups (EWGs), namely on maritime security, counter terrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, peace keeping operations, and military medicine, were established in April 2011. Since then, all the EWGs have convened their meetings and launched their respective cooperation activities.

As mandated by the Defence Ministers at the inaugural meeting of the ADMM-Plus, the EWGs are focusing on practical cooperation. This year, the EWG on Military Medicine and the EWG on Maritime Security will undertake table-top exercises in July and September 2012 respectively.

The ASEAN Defence Ministers convened in the 6<sup>th</sup> ADMM on 29 May 2012 in Phnom Penh and will again meet in the ADMM Retreat in Siam Reap in October this year.

ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)	
Established	1986, meets once every 36 months
Last Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> ALAWMM, 4-5 November 2011, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM)

In its continued support of ASEAN community-building and integration efforts, the ALAWMM met at its 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting on 4-5 November 2011, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The ALAWMM discussed a wide range of issue pertaining to regional legal cooperation to ensure the success of transforming ASEAN into a rules-based organisation.

The ALAWMM has been working on various areas of legal cooperation in ASEAN, such as, development of the ASEAN Government Law Directory, the ASEAN Legal Information Authorities (ALIA), Exchange of Study Visits among legal officers of ASEAN Member States. These programmes have greatly benefited ASEAN Member States' efforts in promoting awareness and understanding

of each other's legal and judicial system. The ALAWMM also provides guidance to the ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) on its work on law and legal matters which include cooperation on mutual legal assistances in criminal matters, extradition, counter-terrorism, and mutual legal assistance in civil and commercial matters, maritime security, and conservation of coastal and marine environment, progressive liberalisation of trade in legal services, and harmonisation of ASEAN trade law.

Under the initiative of the ALAWMM, the Workshop on Strengthening Legal Information Network among ASEAN Member States was held on 12-13 June 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It was an important event as it brought together representatives of ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting and the judiciaries of each ASEAN Member States to exchange views and experiences on how to further strengthen legal cooperation in ASEAN in an anticipation of the establishment of the ASEAN Community by 2015. The Workshop also aimed at exploring ways and means on how the judiciaries of ASEAN Member States could participate and contribute to ASEAN integration efforts, particularly transforming ASEAN into a rules-based organisation.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)	
Established	1997, meets biennially
Last Meeting	8 <sup>th</sup> AMMTC, 11 October 2011, Bali, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)

The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) is ASEAN's highest policy making body on ASEAN cooperation on combating transnational crime. The Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) was established in 1997 to support the AMMTC.

To implement the ASEAN Plan of Action to Combat Transnational Crime, a Work Programme charting activities to be done within the SOMTC's eight priority areas, namely drug trafficking, trafficking in persons,

counter-terrorism, sea piracy, money laundering, arms smuggling, international economic crime and cybercrime has been developed and it is reviewed every two years. The current Work Programme was adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> SOMTC in Manila in 2010 and is due for a review this year.

Significant development are unfolding in the area of trafficking persons, encompassing region-focused and systematic approach. The Progress Report on Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons in the ASEAN Region officially launched at 11<sup>th</sup> SOMTC in July 2011 are achievements demonstrating ASEAN's commitment towards combating trafficking in persons.

The commitment to combat trafficking in persons can also be seen through efforts done by ASEAN Member States to continue exploring the feasibility of an ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP). The Second Experts' Meeting on the Study of the Feasibility of Developing an ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons was held in the Philippines on 21-23 September 2011.

With regard to counter-terrorism, the ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism (ACCT) entered into force on 28 May 2011. Myanmar became the seventh to ratify the ACCT on 18 January 2012. Indonesia's recently concluded internal parliamentary process of ratification and could soon become the eighth to have ratified the ACCT.

Significant progress can be seen in ASEAN's cooperation with China and Japan in tackling transnational crime and countering terrorism. At the Second AMMTC Plus China Consultation in Bali, on 12 October 2011, the Ministers adopted the ASEAN-China Plan of Action for the MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Non-Traditional Security Issues for 2011-2014. During the Eighth SOMTC Plus Japan Consultation in Singapore on 27 July 2011, Japan agreed to extend the ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism (AJCT) Dialogue into its Second Phase from 2012 to 2015. The AMMTC will convene in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting in Lao PDR in 2013.

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)	
Established	1994, meets annually
Last Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> ARF, 23 July 2011, Bali Indonesia
Senior Officials	ARF Senior Officials Meeting (ARF SOM)

In the past one year, the ARF has been focusing its endeavours in achieving progress in preventive diplomacy. After the initial steps of developing preventive diplomacy concept, the ARF Work Plan on Preventive Diplomacy was adopted in the 18<sup>th</sup> ARF in Bali on 23 July 2011. This is a milestone development for the ARF. With the Work Plan in place, the ARF has adopted measures to begin implementing preventive diplomacy. The Work Plan is paving the way for the ARF to reach a higher level of cooperation and become a more "action-oriented" forum.

The ARF is developing its preventive diplomacy while continuing the confidence building process. These processes are guided by the Hanoi Plan of Action to Implement the ARF Vision Statement, adopted in 2010, and also by work plans on the main ARF cooperation areas of counter-terrorism and transnational crime, disaster relief, maritime security, and non-proliferation and disarmament. The first three work plans are currently in various stages of implementation, while the work plan on non-proliferation and disarmament is at the stage of finalisation before it is submitted for adoption by the 19<sup>th</sup> ARF Ministerial Meeting in July 2012.

Non-traditional security issues remain at the top of the ARF's agenda, as seen in the series of activities held throughout the past year. Issues such as disease detection, nuclear forensics, and cyber security were specifically addressed in workshops and seminars participated by government representatives and subject matter experts. These activities were conducted with the main objectives of developing common understanding of the issues, sharing of best practices and eventually building capacity of ARF participants in addressing these challenges.

Mindful of the ever-changing regional security architecture, the ARF sees the need to maintain its relevance, particularly amidst the emergence of other fora with similar areas of cooperation. The expanded East Asia Summit (EAS) and the progress underway in the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus require the ARF to strategically develop its future cooperation to ensure added values to the current regional architecture. Promotion of synergy between the ARF, the expanded EAS and the ADMM-Plus in their future deliberation and practical cooperation is key to avoiding wasteful duplication of efforts and resources among these fora. Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief has been identified as possible area where the three fora could combine their efforts. Following the success of the ARF Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF DiREx) in 2011, the ARF plans to regularly conduct joint exercises every two years while convening smaller table-top exercises in between. In 2013, Thailand and the ROK will team up to organise another DiREx.

#### Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR)

Established	2009, meets regularly each month
Last Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting, 14 May 2012, Jakarta, Indonesia

On 13 December 2011, Indonesia formally handed over the Chairmanship of the CPR to Cambodia. Under Cambodia's Chairmanship, the CPR is actively implementing the CPR's Work Plan for 2012, with special attention to the key priorities of Cambodia's Chairmanship as outlined by the Prime Minister of Cambodia during the handover ceremony of the ASEAN Chairmanship for 2012 at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali last November.

During the period under review, the CPR continued to facilitate the implementation of the ASEAN Charter by assisting in the development, updating, finalisation, and implementation of the various rules of procedure and guidelines that govern ASEAN Community building efforts and external relations.

The CPR completed a number of significant tasks in early 2012 including, preparing for the ACC meetings and assisting the ACC in coordinating preparatory activities for the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. The CPR endorsed and recommended the indicative budget of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights' (AICHR) Five-Year Work Plan and the budget for the AICHR Priority Programme/Activities in 2012, which were approved at the AMM Retreat in January 2012 in Siem Reap. Another significant task by the CPR early this year was the finalisation of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Hosting and Granting Privileges and Immunities to the ASEAN Secretariat, which was signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and the Secretary-General of ASEAN on the sidelines of the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in April 2012 in Phnom Penh.

The Permanent Representatives individually and collectively as the CPR will continue their outreach activities in 2012 to increase public awareness of ASEAN and fostering ASEAN community building. The targeted audience include, but not limited to, various ASEAN and non-ASEAN government officials, academia, youth, media, private sector, civil society, other stakeholders and the public in general. In Indonesia, the CPR has met with Government Ministers and officials, university students and the media to help generate greater ASEAN awareness. The Permanent Representatives, individually or collectively as the CPR, have also participated in regional seminars and workshops organised by ASEAN and non-ASEAN organisations to create a better understanding of ASEAN.

To promote the ASEAN identity, the CPR would follow up on the successful initial implementation of the Guidelines on the Use of the ASEAN Flag, as recommended by the CPR and adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACC. By ASEAN Day on 8 August 2012, the ASEAN Flag will be flown at the remaining diplomatic and consular missions and residences of Heads of Missions of ASEAN Member States in accordance with the Guidelines.

ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	
Established	2009, frequency of meeting in 2012 is once every month
Last Meeting	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AICHR, 9 May 2012, Bangkok, Thailand

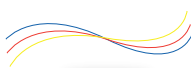
The Representative of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Rafendi Djamin, has completed his chairmanship and is succeeded by the Representative of Cambodia, H.E. Om Yentieng, as the Chair of AICHR for 2012.

AICHR has conducted many meetings from July 2011 to June 2012. AICHR has completed formulating the Five-Year Work Plan 2010-2015 with its indicative budget and its budget for Priority Programmes 2012, both of which were adopted by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) Retreat in January 2012. AICHR has adopted the Guidelines on the Operations of AICHR and the terms of reference of the thematic study on migration and human rights. AICHR's main focus in 2011 and 2012 is drafting the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD), to be submitted to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at the 45<sup>th</sup> AMM in July 2012 and to have the AHRD adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2012.

AICHR has met with several ASEAN sectoral bodies in the first regional consultation on the draft AHRD, to obtain their views, concerns and expertise to enrich the draft AHRD. AICHR will have the second regional consultation with the civil society organisations in ASEAN at its meeting in Kuala Lumpur in late June 2012.

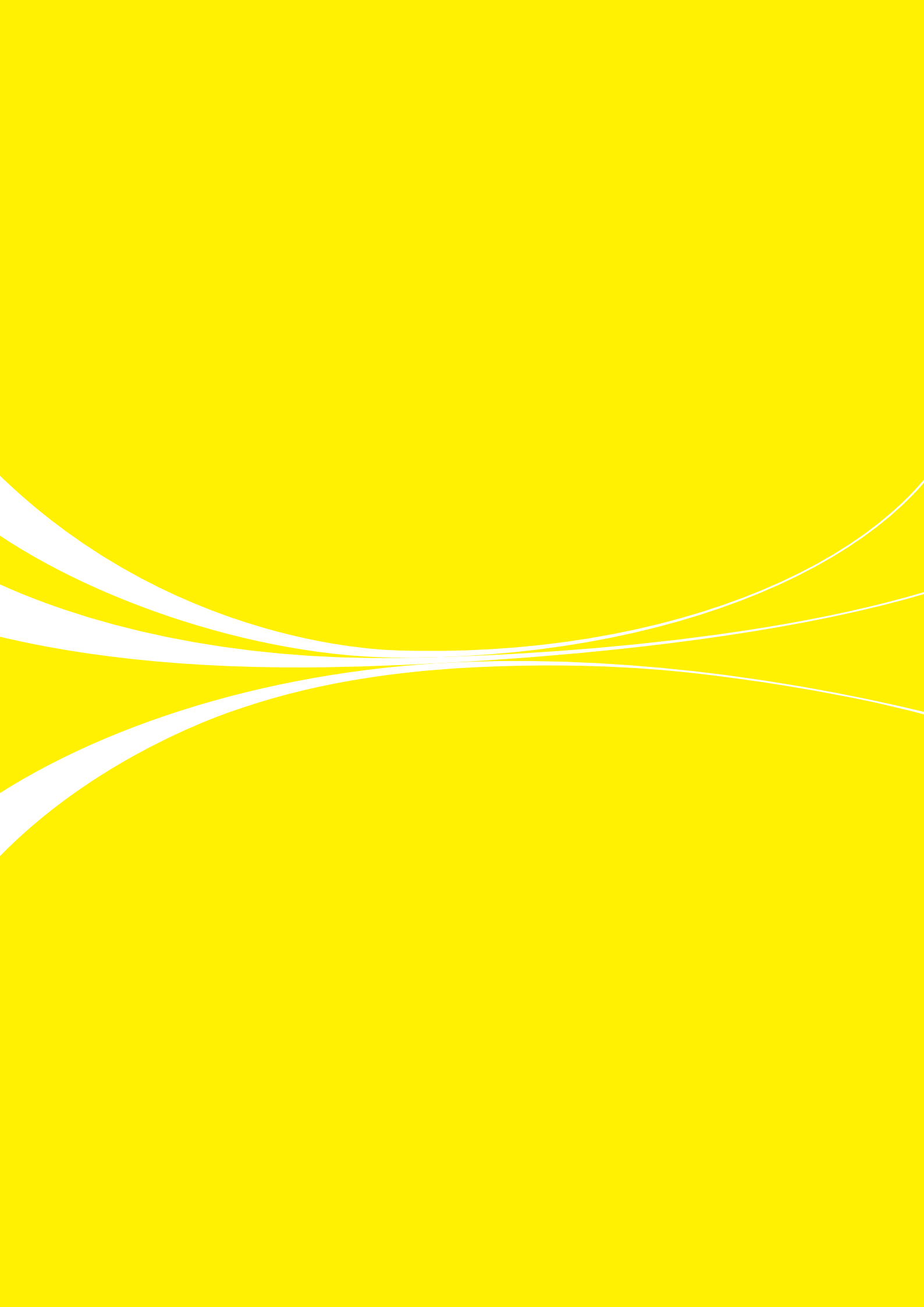
AICHR had the privilege to meet with H.E. Mdm. Navanethem Pillay, the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights, for an interface dialogue session during the 7<sup>th</sup> AICHR Meeting in November 2011 as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN, H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, for a dialogue. AICHR has also met with representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). AICHR had the first meeting on alignment with the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) in November 2011. AICHR had their first interface meeting with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 2 April 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. AICHR also had its annual dialogue with the Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to exchange views on further strengthening the coordination and cooperation between themselves.

AICHR has participated and jointly organised workshops and conferences with various development partners, such as UNDP, UN Women, UNHCR, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and the Center for Reproductive Rights. AICHR also organised the Regional Seminar on the AHRD on 2-3 November 2011 in Bali, which sought to learn from the experiences of other regional human rights organisations, such as the Inter-American, European and African System, on how they developed their respective regional human rights instruments.



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# Introduction of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

Despite the global economic uncertainties, the building of an ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) has remained on track. Both trade and financial integration continued to gain strength. As the region recognised the need to focus more on domestically sourced growth, strategies to harness internal competitiveness through deeper integration became critical. By end-March 2012, ASEAN has completed 67.9% of measures due under Phase I and Phase II of implementing the AEC Blueprint, as greater efforts were strengthened to reach the goals of AEC 2015.

ASEAN has intensified its trade and investment facilitation efforts. The pilot project on self-certification was implemented and a new customs agreement was signed. With the entry into force of the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA), ASEAN has moved further toward realising a liberal investment regime. New milestones were also reached in the liberalisation of financial and airport transport services, as well as in facilitating freer flow of capital.

In line with AEC's objective of achieving a competitive region, projects have been prioritised to implement the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity, while regional agreements were implemented and new strategies and roadmaps were developed to boost the integration of transport, energy, and information technology sectors. A new regional action plan on Intellectual Property (IP) rights was also developed that would transform ASEAN into an innovative region.

To implement the ASEAN Framework on Equitable Economic Development, an initial work program has been endorsed in six areas namely agriculture, investment, transport, trade facilitation, Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and implementing ASEAN Plus One FTAs. The Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) also continued to provide specific technical assistance and capacity building support for CLMV and other less developed areas in the region.

Meanwhile, the implementation of Free Trade Agreements and Economic Partnership with China, Japan, Korea, India, Australia, and New Zealand was well underway. The broad outline of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Implementation of the ASEAN Framework on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership) has been developed laying down the key features and scope of the RCEP Agreement. Three Working Groups on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services and Investment have also been established to look into the RCEP template in their respective areas of expertise.

Despite these gains, implementing the AEC remains a challenge. There is a need to address the remaining measures to be implemented, particularly the ratification of AEC agreements. It is critical that ASEAN continues to engage the private sector, strengthen connectivity, address the development divide, and build stronger institutional support and better macroeconomic and policy coordination.



### ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council

Established	2009, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AEC Council, 2 April 2012, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

As ASEAN becomes more open and connected to global economy, ASEAN needs to tackle cross-sectoral issues and take pro-active actions to mitigate the impact of adverse external developments. The role of the AEC Council has thus become even more important and pivotal in providing the strategic direction for the AEC in dealing with domestic and global economic challenges.

An additional meeting was held to the normal two times a year, in retreat mode on 15 October 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, specifically to move forward two important Strategic documents; the RCEP and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Equitable Economic Development (AFEED). The first on regional economic architecture and the second on development divide both within and between Member States.

The AEC continued to deal through direct interaction with the Chairs of specific sectoral bodies to be appraised on challenges faced by these sectoral bodies including cross-sectoral issues namely the ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting, the ASEAN Transport Ministers' Meeting and Directors-General of Customs; and reporting of the progress in services liberalisation which is a permanent agenda of the AEC Council.

Recognising the increased interdependence of ASEAN economies, the AEC Council saw the need for ASEAN to closely and regularly monitor the developments and challenges outside the region (e.g. the geopolitical situations in other countries that could affect energy security, financial volatilities and the rebalancing act taken by other economies in response to the global economic slowdown) and its implications to ASEAN and its economic integration goals, objectives and targets.

The AEC Council continued to monitor and looked into the implementation status of the AEC measures, tracked by the AEC Scorecard, based on the AEC Blueprint measures/activities. As of March 2012, an implementation rate of 86.7 percent for Phase I (2008-2009), 56.4 percent for Phase II (2010-2011) and 67.9 percent for both phases were recorded.

Based on these developments, the AEC Council submitted a report on 2 April 2012 to the Leaders at the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on the difficulties encountered by the region as a whole and individual Member States at national level. In particular that Member States have to tackle domestic concerns, which must be acted upon judiciously otherwise these could potentially delay implementation of activities in the AEC Blueprint.

The AEC Council will continue to encourage Member States and sectoral bodies to provide the needed political push and expeditiously resolve the differences to come to agreement on commitments.

### ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)

Established	1975, meets annually
Last Meeting	43 <sup>rd</sup> AEM, 10-11 August 2011, Manado, Indonesia
Senior Officials	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

The past year has seen important progress in areas under the purview of the AEM. The notable ones include: follow-on work on the RCEP, adopted by the ASEAN Leaders in November last year, which has seen considerable progress and is on track to engage in negotiations with FTA Partners on trade in goods by end of 2012; the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement entered into force on 29 March 2012 paving the way to making ASEAN an investment hub; the Guidelines for Notification and Information Exchange on Recalled/Banned Products on certain products by the ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) has been endorsed including the launch of the website on consumer protection; the ASEAN IPR Action Plan 2011-2015, which

has been endorsed with follow-up activities identified; The ASEAN Patent Search and Examination Cooperation is now ready for implementation through the national IP offices of the AMSs; A “Directory of Outstanding ASEAN SMEs 2011” that seeks to promote linkages of SMEs to the regional and global supply chains has been launched; and the new Customs Agreement, which was signed on 30 April 2012 and will replace the Customs Agreement signed in 1997 to operationalise the provisions on Customs under ATIGA.

The AEM agreed to be guided as highlighted by Cambodia as the ASEAN Chair for 2012 to: build ASEAN capacity to sustain growth and achieve greater prosperity, economic integration, connectivity, and competitiveness; provide a greater role for the private sector in ASEAN processes and policy making, and better utilisation of the benefits of ASEAN Free Trade Agreements and bilateral trade and cooperation relationships; strengthen ASEAN as an institution and its resources, through both intra-ASEAN cooperation, and through resource partnerships with ASEAN’s regional and international dialogue partners; alleviate poverty and narrow the development gap between ASEAN and its LDCs members (Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar); and work with ASEAN partners and others in the region to support Myanmar to achieve its aspirations.

In endorsing the work for 2012, the AEM agreed to give priority to the following areas: implementation of ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2012; completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) package; and implementation of capacity-building activities on self-certification in order to encourage more Member States to participate in the pilot project.

With the passing of the half-way mark to AEC by 2015, the AEM is intensifying its pace of work to ensure the work under its portfolio remains on track.

## Trade in Services

Under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services, ASEAN continues to progressively liberalize trade in services and achieve free flow of services by 2015. In May 2011 the ASEAN Finance Ministers launched the negotiations for the 6<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations on financial services liberalisation and in December 2011, ASEAN Transport Ministers signed the 7<sup>th</sup> package of commitments on air transport. Meanwhile, Member States are in the process of finalising the 8<sup>th</sup> package on services sectors under the ambit of the ASEAN Economic Ministers.

ASEAN has intensified its efforts to complete its negotiations for an ASEAN Agreement on Movement of Natural Persons (MNP) to facilitate the movement of persons engaged in trade in goods, trade in services and investment. The Agreement on MNP is expected to be completed in 2012.

So far much of the emphasis in the services area has been on meeting the targets of liberalisation as outlined in the AEC Blueprint. However, in order to move the services sector to the next level and to enhance its economic and sectoral integration and for this sector to remain competitive, a more strategic perspective on the approach to the services sector in ASEAN may need to be taken.

Based on these, ASEAN is currently reviewing the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) which was signed in 1995 with the objective of enhancing its provisions and transforming this into a comprehensive services agreement to achieve free flow of services by 2015.

## Competition Policy and Law

The ASEAN Experts Group on Competition (AEGC) implemented several initiatives in fostering competition policy in ASEAN. Among these was the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Competition Conference, held on the sidelines of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2011. This activity

aimed to foster regional acceptance of the importance of competition policy and was attended by more than 200 participants, including 30 prominent speakers from within and outside the ASEAN region.

Capacity building and intra and extra regional networking remain a focus of the AEGC. Five capacity building workshops have been conducted since June 2011 focusing on: (i) the establishment and organisational reforms of competition authorities; (ii) coordination on cross-border issues on competition; (iii) Australia's and New Zealand's sharing of experiences in implementing competition policy and law; (iv) relationships between competition policy and law and competitiveness of a nation; and (v) aligning and coordinating competition policy and enforcement between various government entities.

Other focal activities for completion in 2012-13 are the development of Manual and Action Plans on Regional Core Competencies in Competition Policy and Law (RCC), and of Strategy and Tools for Regional Advocacy on Competition Policy and Law.

A multi-year programme funded by GIZ has been implemented since June 2011. Several activities to improve and enhance competition-related institutional building, legal framework and, advocacy and awareness for regional and national level in Member States are being implemented until 2014.

In its many endeavours to fostering a culture of fair competition, the AECG has taken a notable strategic step, in the past year, by creating a platform for networking and engaging a wider level of various stakeholders in ASEAN to further promote competition policy and law in the region.

## Consumer Protection

The ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) together with the assistance from the ASEAN-Australia Development Programme II (AADCP II) collaborated to develop follow-on projects on two focus

areas: (i) institutional training and (ii) public awareness and advocacy. Off-shoot from this were four project proposals on: (i) Development of Complaint and Redress Mechanism Models in ASEAN; (ii) Strengthening Technical Competency for Consumer Protection in ASEAN; (iii) Supporting Research and Dialogue in Consumer; and (iv) Development of Public Awareness Models for Consumer Protection. All four projects will be implemented throughout 2012-2014.

The year 2011 also saw ASEAN wide activities in support of consumer protection where the Guidelines for Notification and Information Exchange on Recalled/Banned Products by the ACCP was endorsed which will cover all consumer products, except food, pharmaceuticals, health supplements, traditional medicines, cosmetics and medical equipment; the completion of the ACCP website on consumer protection which was recently launched at the ACCP meeting in Bali during 2-4 May 2012; and launch of the ASEAN Consumer Complaints Leaflet. The leaflet contains information on hotlines and/or national focal points in all AMSs where consumers, both visitors and tourists, can make their complaints when they have been shortchanged in the delivery of the promised services.

The ACCP will continue its efforts in propagating awareness on the rights of consumers in ASEAN.

## Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

The ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC) remains on track in meeting the AEC goals of transforming ASEAN into an innovative and competitive region through the use of Intellectual Property (IP) for their nationals and ensuring that the region remains an active player in the international IP community. The ASEAN IPR Action Plan 2011-2015 (Action Plan) was endorsed by the ASEAN Economic Ministers in August 2011. In order to strategise the implementation of Action Plan, the AWGIPC has identified twenty eight initiatives with corresponding work plans for the five strategic goals of the Action Plan. The work plans encompass activities dealing with: trademark and patent examination and

registration; IP management; technology transfer and IP commercialization; IPR enforcement; management of copyright and related rights in the digital environment; and traditional knowledge, genetic resources and traditional cultural expression. At the AWGIPC Meeting held in April 2012, ten initiatives have been adopted and are being readied for implementation. Work plans for the remaining eighteen initiatives are being reviewed and fined-tuned for adoption at the next AWGIPC Meeting scheduled in July 2012.

The ASEAN Patent Search and Examination Cooperation (ASPEC) is a regional patent cooperation project aimed at making it easier for entrepreneurs and inventors to obtain patents for their innovations. It is now ready for implementation through the national IP offices of the AMSs.

As regards the cooperation between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners, the First ASEAN-JAPAN Heads of IP Offices Meeting was held in Japan in February 2012 where the text of Memorandum of Cooperation on Industrial Property between ASEAN and JPO (MOC) was finalised and steps are being taken for the signing of the MOC. ASEAN is also engaged with China and both sides are developing the work plan of activities for implementation in 2012. Engagement with EU is through the ECAP III Project Phase II (2012-2015). The Office of Harmonisation for the Internal Market (OHIM) has been appointed as the new implementing agency to progress work under ECAP III. With the US, through joint ASEAN Secretariat-USPTO efforts, regional capacity-building programmes were carried out in 2011-2012 where over 400 participants took part.

The AWIPC will continue its efforts in transforming ASEAN into an innovative and competitive region and at the same time seek the support of the Dialogue Partners in progressing its work.

### **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**

Regional Cooperation on SMEs continues to be guided by the Strategic Action Plan for ASEAN SME Development

(2010-2015). Two projects under the Strategic Action Plan have recently been completed, namely the ASEAN Multi-media Self-reliant System Toolkit Package and the ASEAN Feasibility Study of the SME Service Centre project.

The ISO 9000:2008 compliant multi-media toolkit seeks to develop a quality culture in SMEs and create awareness on the necessity of providing high quality product or services to customers. The Feasibility Study of the ASEAN SME Service Centre compares and contrasts best practices in integrating SME Service Centers and information on services to SMEs at the local, national and regional levels specifically in ASEAN, Japan and the European Union. The SME Working Group (SMEWG) is currently following up with the recommendations of the study.

Efforts to promote SMEs in the region have continued to gain prominence; A “Directory of Outstanding ASEAN SMEs 2011” was launched alongside the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit (ASEAN BIS) in November 2011. The Directory, which lists more than 800 top SMEs from all AMSs, seeks to promote linkages of SMEs to the regional and global supply chains and production networks. The Directory is available online at <http://www.asean.org/23238.htm>. The ASEAN SMEWG is currently working towards the establishment of the ‘Directory of Innovative ASEAN SMEs 2012.’

The ASEAN SMEWG together with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) is working towards convening the ASEAN Business Awards (ABA) 2012. ABA seeks to recognise and promote innovative SMEs in the region, both from MNEs and SMEs, giving them the recognition “ASEAN’s Most Admired Enterprises.”

Recently, ASEAN Leaders adopted the ASEAN Framework on Equitable Economic Development (AFEED), which focuses on the third pillar of the ASEAN Economic Community, building an equitable economic region. As a follow-up to this, six sectors have been identified, including SMEs where the supporting work programme will be developed to provide further

emphasis on SMEs in contributing towards the narrowing development divide both within and between AMSs.

In the wider context, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the ASEAN SMEWG are developing an ASEAN SME Policy Index. This aims to be a comprehensive and effective monitoring tool for building a competitive, innovative, strong, dynamic and resilient SME sector, while ensuring that policies, programmes and institutions at both the regional and national levels are supportive of SME development.

### **Public-Private Sector Engagement (PPE)**

ASEAN sectoral bodies have long worked in consultation and collaboration with the private sector in support of the implementation of AEC Blueprint strategies and measures for regional development and integration. Several regular (annual) dialogues have been held between the ASEAN Economic Ministers and the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEANBAC) as well as between ASEAN bodies and the representatives of industry associations and business councils from ASEAN and the foreign chambers of commerce and industry associations based in AMSs.

In engaging with the industry associations in the region, ASEAN bodies have met and exchanged views with the ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX), the ASEAN Automotive Federation (AAF), ASEAN Electronic Forum (AEF), and representatives from the logistics services, electronics and electrical sector, pharmaceutical and medical devices sectors.

The annual engagements with the Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN (FJCCIA), the East Asia Business Council (EABC), the US-ASEAN Business Advisory Council (US-ABC), the ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC) and the recently formed ASEAN-EU Business Council (EU-ABC) are business driven. More joint ASEAN-Foreign based business councils are expected to be formed seeking to engage themselves in the AEC building process.

Joint public-private participations in expositions and trade fairs will continue to take place in 2012, such as the ASEAN-China EXPO (CAEXPO) and the ASEAN-China Business and Investment Summit (CABIS), which have created opportunities for ASEAN enterprises, particularly SMEs to exhibit their products, services and projects, to tap the potential markets and the enormous business opportunities within and outside of ASEAN. The 9<sup>th</sup> CAEXPO will be convened 21-25 September 2012 in Nanning, China, under the theme "Science and Technology Cooperation." The 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-India Business Fair and Business Conclave are also scheduled to be held in New Delhi, India, on 18 December 2012.

Private sector engagement and their feedback are very valuable and important in the community building process. ASEAN will continue to engage and work with the private sector for a more business friendly AEC.

### **External Economic Relations**

Work on the fourth pillar of the AEC, i.e. integration into the global economy, continued to focus on the implementation of the various ASEAN Plus One FTAs, including built-in agendas, where applicable, as well the follow-up work to implement the ASEAN Framework on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership that was adopted at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia in November 2011.

Two of the ASEAN Plus One FTAs, namely: the ASEAN-China FTA and the ASEAN-Korea FTA, have realised another milestone as ASEAN 6 and its respective FTA partners (i.e. China and the Republic of Korea) have completed tariff elimination for the remaining products classified under their Normal Track on 1 January 2012. Another important development for ASEAN's FTAs is the entry into force of the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) for Indonesia on 10 January 2012, bringing all Parties on board the implementation of ASEAN's most comprehensive and most ambitious free trade agreement to date.

Two Protocols were signed in Bali, Indonesia in November 2011 as part of efforts to continuously update and upgrade ASEAN's Plus One FTAs. These are: (i) Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Specific Commitments under the Agreement on Trade in Services of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Co-operation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China; and (ii) Second Protocol to Amend the Agreement on Trade in Goods under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea.

All in all, implementation of the ASEAN Plus One FTAs has generally been on track. The only and biggest challenge however, is the ongoing negotiations for trade in services and investment under the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP) and the ASEAN-India FTA. Completing these negotiations within the 2012 timelines given by the Ministers would require a significant degree of flexibility to be exercised by both ASEAN and the respective FTA partner.

Pursuant to the Work Program to Implement the ASEAN Framework on Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP Framework), adopted at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2011, the overall architecture and broad outline of an RCEP agreement were adopted by the AEC Council with the view to facilitating the scoping exercise that would determine the ASEAN FTA partners that would participate in the RCEP negotiations at the outset. The Working Groups on Trade in Goods, Trade in Services and Investment were also established to look into the RCEP template in their respective area of expertise, with the view to launching RCEP negotiations, starting with trade in goods, by the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2012.

Significant progress has also been achieved on the non-FTA aspects of ASEAN external economic relations. These include: (i) the ASEAN-Canada Joint Declaration on Trade and Investment, adopted in Jakarta, Indonesia

on 3 October 2011; (ii) the ASEAN-US TIFA Work Program for 2012, adopted in Bali, Indonesia in November 2011; and (iii) the establishment of the ASEAN-EU FTA Negotiating Capacity Program at the ASEAN Secretariat. Work is ongoing on the finalisation on several other important documents that include, among others: (i) the ASEAN-Russia Comprehensive Roadmap on Trade and Investment; and (ii) the ASEAN-Japan 10-Year Strategic Economic Cooperation Roadmap.

As a region highly-dependent on its external partners for trade and investment, ASEAN would continue to work with them, either through the various free trade agreements or trade and investment facilitation arrangements, in the pursuit of its goal to fully integrate its single market and production base into the global economy.

### Statistics Cooperation

An important milestone was the launch of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS)-Committee in November 2011 to support the establishment of ASEAN Community Statistical System by 2015. This was reinforced by the adoption of various enabling mechanisms and monitoring tools such as the ACSS Multi-Year Action Plan 2012-2015, Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2012 and AWP2013, and the Rules of Procedure and establishment of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination. The ACSS Sub-Committee will assist in the ACSS Committee's decision-making process and will serve as the national focal point to strengthen coordination among data producers at the national level. Significant efforts are underway to enhance data sharing and dissemination and user-producer consultation enhance the quality and timeliness of ASEAN statistics, and to strengthen the role of the ASEAN-stats as the technical arm of the ACSS-Committee and as a regional focal point for statistics.

ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council	
Established	1992, meets annually
Last Meeting	Joint AEM-25 <sup>th</sup> AFTA Council Meeting, 10 August 2011, Manado, Indonesia
Senior Officials	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

The AFTA Council continues to prioritise trade facilitation which is an integral component of the AEC Blueprint to create a single market and production base. With most tariffs eliminated or already at low levels, AFTA Council has requested for the development of a work programme for the elimination of any barrier component in existing non-tariffs measures (NTMs) and has also requested for the engagement with the private sector to obtain feedback on the implementation of NTMs that are not trade facilitative. The AFTA Council is continuously examining the implementation of the various provisions of the ATIGA to enhance trade facilitation by seeking to reduce if not eliminate existing impediments to trade.

### ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)

Trade facilitation activities continue to be enhanced through the implementation of the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA). The Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the ATIGA (CCA) and its relevant committees continue to play an important role in operationalising the elements in the ATIGA to ensure free flow of goods in ASEAN.

### Tariff Elimination

With the uploading of the tariff reduction schedules on the ASEAN Secretariat website, business entities can access all the information with regards to the preferential import duties of all products. For ASEAN-6, all import duties have been eliminated since 1 January 2010 except for those under General Exception (GE) List, Sensitive List (SL) and Highly Sensitive List (HSL). The tariffs for CLMV are currently at 0-5 percent and most of these will be eliminated by 2015 with a flexibility of 7 percent of tariff

lines which will be completely eliminated by 2018. The tariff reduction schedule can be accessed at the ASEAN Secretary website (<http://www.asean.org/25053.htm>).

Following the adoption of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2012, ASEAN Member States are in the process of transposing the ATIGA Tariff Schedules and the Products Specific Rules from AHTN 2007 into AHTN 2012. This transposition is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2012 and is expected to facilitate Intra ASEAN Trade by providing certainty to the business sector.

The CCA through the Sub-Committee on ATIGA Rules of Origin (SCA-ROO) is working on mechanisms to fully integrate the ASEAN region into a single production base:

- Self-Certification System:
  - The Self-Certification System in ASEAN commenced with three participating Member States, i.e. Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, and Singapore in November 2010 and Thailand subsequently joined in October 2011. The Self-Certification Pilot Project has been extended for another one year until October 2012 to provide more time for the participating ASEAN Member States to better assess implications for ASEAN wide implementation of the Self-Certification Pilot Project.
  - The 25<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council had agreed to the staged implementation of the Self-Certification to allow ASEAN Member States to achieve the level of comfort, particularly with the risk management system, and the confidence in implementing self-certification. A Second Pilot Project is being developed to allow ASEAN Member States to gradually learn the process and build their confidence for an eventual ASEAN-wide self-certification system.
- Certificate of Origin (CO): The proposal by the private sector to abolish the Free-On-Board (FOB) value in the ATIGA Form D has been endorsed by the 25<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council meeting. Discussions on



implementation aspects of this issue are still ongoing at the SCAROO.

- Rules of Origin (ROO): The study for the most appropriate ROO for the automotive industry has been completed. The study recommended adopting Change in Tariff Classification (CTC) as an alternative rule for automotive components whereas currently Regional Value Content (RVC) 40 percent rule applies for automotive products. The recommendation of the study is being considered by the CCA/SC-AROO. As mandated by the 25<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council Meeting, the SC-AROO will continue to explore the most appropriate ROO in other sectors such as the iron and steel.

In ensuring the full concessions under tariff elimination benefit the Member States, the CCA will continue its efforts in the supporting mechanisms by continually examining them to meet the requirement of changing times and doing business.

### **Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB)**

The Guidelines for the Implementation of Import Licensing Procedures (ILP) in ASEAN have been endorsed by the 25<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council Meeting with the aim to eliminate the Non-Tariff Barriers (NTB) component of ILPs applied by Member States as mandated by the 23<sup>rd</sup> AFTA Council Meeting.

The 25<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council Meeting has mandated the CCA to engage in dialogue with three priority industry sectors, i.e. textile, automotive, and electrical/electronics to identify and address Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) that impede Intra ASEAN Trade. So far, the CCA has engaged in dialogue with the ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX) to identify NTMs that act as barriers to trade from their perspective. The comments received have been circulated to the respective Member States for feedbacks. The CCA will have discussions with other industry associations, the automotive and the electrical/electronic sectors.

To address NTMs in a comprehensive manner, ASEAN has developed a NTM work programme which focuses on 3 main activities namely: updating of the NTMs database; identification/verification of barriers components in the NTMs by both through private sector engagement and Member States themselves; and elimination of such barriers as identified/verified. This is expected to improve the overall mechanism to capture all NTBs aspects of NTMs, to examine these barriers for trade-restricting effects and address these trade restrictive measures. Further a peer review mechanism will be established to assess the implementation/conformity with the Import Licensing Procedures in ASEAN (ILP) Guidelines as endorsed by the 25<sup>th</sup> AFTA Council Meeting, after one year of implementation.

### **Customs Integration**

#### ***Strategic Plan of Customs Development (SPCD) for 2011-2015***

The 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Directors-General of Customs Meeting endorsed the Policy Document to draft the new Strategic Plan of Customs Development (SPCD) for the period 2011-2015. The drafting of the new SPCDs includes measures under the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint and the ASEAN Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. The Final drafts of the new SPCDs are expected to be endorsed at the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs in June 2012.

The revised SPCDs once endorsed will set the work programme for the Customs under the various committees until 2015.

#### ***ASEAN Agreement on Customs***

With entry into force of ATIGA, ASEAN Customs reviewed the ASEAN Agreement on Customs signed in 1997 to take into account the requirements of the Customs Chapter of the ATIGA. The new Customs Agreement was signed on 30 April 2012 and will replace the Customs Agreement signed in 1997.

The new Customs agreement will provide the legal basis to operationalise the provisions of the Customs Chapter under ATIGA and will provide for predictability, consistency and transparency in the application of customs laws; promote efficient and economical administration of customs procedures and expeditious clearance of goods and to the extent possible, simplify and harmonise customs procedures.

#### ***ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN)***

As stated in the Protocol Governing the Implementation of ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN), ASEAN needs to review its Nomenclature to reflect the changing patterns of international trade and technology. The ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature Task Force has reviewed AHTN 2007 in line with the amendment to the Harmonised System (HS) of the World Customs Organisation version 2007, including all Member States requirements. The notable outcome of this will be the one tariff classification of trade will be used for both within ASEAN and with the rest of the world.

#### ***Development of the ASEAN Customs Transit System***

ASEAN Customs is responsible for the development of Protocol 2 (Designation of Frontier Posts); and Protocol 7 (Customs Transit System), including its Technical Appendix to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit. Protocol 7 (including its Technical Appendix), has been finalised and is currently undergoing endorsement from the ASEAN Customs Directors-General. Protocol 2, is still undergoing further consultations before finalisation.

One of the benefits of Protocol 7 for example, it would allow for importers the choice of any port in ASEAN to be used to import their goods thus making business more efficient and pricing more competitive, in-line with free flow of goods and supporting the notion of making ASEAN a single market and production base.

#### **ASEAN Single Window (ASW)**

The development of the endorsed design of the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) architecture on a scaled-down version commenced in November 2011 and is scheduled to complete towards the end of October 2012. Following this, a 2-month pilot testing among seven (7) participating Member States (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam), on the exchange of test documents namely ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) Form D and the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document (ACDD) will take place.

Two work plans namely, "Work Plan and Outline of Key Activities for the Working Group on Technical Matters for the ASEAN Single Window 2011-2012 and Beyond (not later than 2015)," and the "Work Plan and Outline of Key Activities for the Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matters for the ASEAN Single Window 2011-2015" have been endorsed. These two (2) work plans would guide the work of the Member States on the technical and legal aspects of the ASW development in the next five (5) years.

Likewise, a work programme on Consultations with Industries and Private Sector on ASW had been endorsed by the Member States with the objective to disseminate ASW information and progress, seek input and feedback on ASW, and share lessons learned in National Single Windows (NSWs) with private sector stakeholders. A more comprehensive and binding Legal Framework Agreement that would govern the legal aspects of the eventual implementation of the ASW will also be developed.

The ASW is envisioned as a system which enables a single submission of data and information, a single and synchronous processing of data and information and a single decision-making for customs release and clearance of cargo.

## ASEAN Trade Repository

The ASEAN Trade Repository (ATR) would require the setting up of the National Trade Repositories (NTR) which is a precursor to the ATR. ASEAN is taking a step-by-step approach towards establishing the ATR building on whatever Member States have established in their NSWs. ASEAN is currently considering on the possibility and the flexibility of including the ATR within the National Single Window or having a trade repository mechanism separate from the NSW depending on the current set-up in each AMS.

A workshop was held for AMS on the link between NTRs and an ATR. A stock take has been conducted by the ASEAN Secretariat among the AMS to identify the availability and form of trade repository in each AMS. This stocktaking will be used as a building block for the development of an NTR.

The ATR will help provide transparency in the form of a repository of information needed by traders to make sound business decisions and provide ready one-stop access to all trade-related laws and regulations passed, promulgated, and enforced at the national level among ASEAN Member States.

## Standards and Conformance

Elimination of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) supports the facilitation of trade in ASEAN. The harmonisation of standards and technical requirements are ongoing in the Priority Integration Sectors namely: agro-based products, automotive, healthcare (covering cosmetics, health supplements, medical device, pharmaceutical and traditional medicine), electrical and electronic equipment and rubber-based products sectors. The progress for harmonised standards and technical requirements for the different sectors are updated and uploaded on the ASEAN website <http://www.asean.org/20083.htm>.

Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) for the recognition of conformity assessment results have been progressing for electrical and electronic equipment where 20 testing laboratories and 5 certification bodies are listed and enjoying the recognition benefits among ASEAN Member States. The ASEAN Sectoral MRA on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Inspection of Manufacturers of Medicinal Products under the pharmaceutical sectors will be implemented by the Joint Sectoral Committee which has been established to monitor and implement the MRA.

Convergence of technical regulations has been achieved for the cosmetics sector where all AMS are implementing ASEAN Cosmetics Directive. Preparatory work for the implementation of the ASEAN Harmonised Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulatory Regime (AHEEERR) have made progress on the completion of the ASEAN Risk Assessment Guidelines, the List of International Standards to be used to demonstrate compliance with essential requirements of the AHEEERR and the development of Post Market Surveillance System.

The Sub-Committees on Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures have been established with FTA partners and inaugural meetings have taken place to support the implementation of the provisions for TBT namely, the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA as well as the ASEAN-Japan Close Economic Partnership. Mechanisms are also being put in place to support the implementation of the provisions for TBT under the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Goods Agreement.

The ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) the main body overseeing activities under standards and conformance is also aiming to finalise the broad policy for the harmonisation of standards and conformity assessment procedures to strengthen existing strategies and policies and consistencies of approach towards the objective set out in the AEC Blueprint.

### ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council

Established	1998, meets annually
Last Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> AEM-AIA Council, 10 August 2011, Manado, Indonesia
Senior Officials	Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

The AIA Council continued its efforts in ensuring that ASEAN enhances its attractiveness as an investment destination as AEC moves towards an integrated market by 2015. These include exerting concerted efforts in bringing the ASEAN Comprehensive Agreement (ACIA) into force; phasing out of the Temporary Exclusion List (TEL) i.e. investment restrictions under the ASEAN Investment Agreement (AIA); setting strategic direction for work till 2015; and the successful convening of the ASEAN Investment Forum comprising ASEAN Heads of Investment Agencies in taking a pragmatic approach on investment issues relating to investment facilitation and promotion, complementing the current work on liberalisation of the investments within ASEAN Member States as envisaged in the AEC Blueprint.

ACIA entered into force on 29 March 2012 following its ratification by Member States and subsequent endorsement of its Schedule (Reservation Lists). With its entry into force, ACIA replaced the two earlier ASEAN investment agreements signed in 1987 (Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investment) and 1998 (Framework Agreement on ASEAN Investment Area). ACIA as a comprehensive agreement is comparable with other international investment agreements with improved provisions providing better treatment and protection to investors and their investment.

ACIA is a single investment document covering the liberalisation, promotion, and protection of investments by both ASEAN investors and ASEAN-based foreign investors. ACIA provides: a more conducive environment for business to operate and provides for fair and equitable treatment; non-discriminatory treatment for compensation for losses arising from civil strife, riots etc.;

free transfer of funds including capital, profits, dividends; and protection of investments.

As part of the commitment of ASEAN to achieve free flow of investment, ASEAN continues to improve its investment regime and climate with the adoption and implementation of a modality to further reduce and/or eliminate impediments to entry of investments in the region.

ASEAN has also intensified efforts to promote and facilitate investment into the region. Supported by donor facilities, various initiatives are underway to promote ASEAN as a single investment destination such as the development of a guidebook on ACIA; development of an ASEAN investment website/portal which will serve as a gateway of investors into ASEAN; and technical assistance to improve business entry regulations in the region.

With these intensified efforts, ASEAN aims to enhance ASEAN's competitiveness through achieving a free and open investment regime by 2015, with the intention of making ASEAN the preferred investment destination.

### ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)

Established	1997, meets annually
Last Meeting	16 <sup>th</sup> AFMM, 30 March 2012, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM)

Moving closer towards the aimed ASEAN Community in 2015, the AFMM is strongly committed to take more concrete steps under the Roadmap for Monetary and Financial Integration to achieve the goals of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) through freer flow of capital.

On liberalising the capital accounts, ASEAN has successfully completed mutual assessment process by identifying rules and regulations to progressively liberalise current account transactions, direct and

portfolio investments. Financial services liberalisation in the region has completed the fifth round of negotiations, and is entering the next round which is to be completed in 2014.

In the area of capital market development, ASEAN has seen much improvement in the deepening of the regional capital markets. Significant progress has been shown through the cooperation between the Working Committee on Capital Market Development (WC-CMD) and the ASEAN Capital Market Forum (ACMF). In particular, the ASEAN Exchanges, which is a collaboration of seven stock exchange markets in the region, is working towards developing a model for the integration of post-trade services.

Development of the ASEAN bond markets scorecard has been a very useful tool to assess the progress of the region's bond markets development, openness, and liquidity. To further promote more efficient cross-border securities offerings within the ASEAN region, Member States have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Expedited Review Framework for Secondary Listings, launched the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard, and developed the ASEAN Disclosure Standards.

Establishment of the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund (AIF), currently at USD485.2 million, was confirmed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Shareholders Meeting in May 2012 through the signing of Shareholders Agreement Relating to the AIF. Commencement of AIF lending operations is expected in the near future. Members of the recently established ASEAN Forum on Taxation have formulated an initial work plan that will examine options to address the withholding tax and double taxation issues.

Under cooperation with the Plus Three partners, significant developments have been made, especially in the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) and the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI). The ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, during their Meeting in May 2012, agreed to double the size of the CMIM fund to USD240 billion from previously

USD120 billion, and to introduce a crisis prevention facility called the CMIM Precautionary Line. The ABMI has launched the initial projects of the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF).

Despite the progress in integration efforts, it appears that ASEAN financial services and capital markets remain more integrated with the global markets than with each other.

To deepen financial integration within the region, ASEAN should continue to develop regional financial structure, harmonise regulations, develop market standards and rules, strengthen Member States' capacity, and promote greater macroeconomic and policy coordination.

### ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office (AIMO)

In line with its mandate of monitoring the AEC, ASEAN Integrating Monitoring Office (AIMO) has started collaboration with the World Bank (WB) to develop capacity building program on AEC monitoring. The joint AIMO-WB project focuses on the development of analytical reports on trade integration and trade in services, development of databases on trade in services, and conduct of training programs on AEC. AIMO also continued to produce regional surveillance reports on trade and financial integration, investment, and insurance. The second public version of the AEC Scorecard was also produced as part of communicating AEC to the public.

### ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

Established	1979, meets annually
Last Meeting	33 <sup>rd</sup> AMAF, 6 October 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF)

For the period of 2011, AMAF continued to expedite measures and actions in ensuring contribution of food,

agriculture, and forestry sectors towards enhancement of food security and deepening regional integration which will contribute towards realisation of ASEAN Community.

Supporting AEC integration, AMAF has been focusing its efforts in the development of ASEAN Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) to provide a comprehensive regional standard, coupled with certification/recognition systems. Following the experiences of the fruits and vegetables sector, GAPs for animal husbandry and aquaculture were recently initiated, in providing an intra-ASEAN trade facilitation tool for agri-food commodities.

Under the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and the Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Food Security (SPA-FS 2009-2013), key achievements were recognised through the signing of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement on 7 October 2011 in Jakarta. The Agreement, which is expected to be entered-into-force in mid 2012, provides commitments among ASEAN Member States and the Plus Three Countries, namely PR China, Japan and Republic of Korea in mobilising earmarked or stockpiled rice reserves to meet emergency requirements and achieve humanitarian purposes. Supporting long-term food security planning and monitoring,

An epoch-making initiative under AMAF in providing regular platform for multi-stakeholders consultation and dialogues in food security and agrifood sector integration was launched in 2011. Representatives from national farmers association, civil societies, and agrifood firms met with AMAF during their annual meeting to discuss issues of common concerns and identify priority areas where partnership between public and private sector could be harnessed.

In 2011, AMAF endorsed the “Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020 and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020.” The resolution and plan of action is considered as a regional comprehensive policy and priority actions, covering fisheries management, aquaculture, post-harvest

technology, trade promotion, capacity development, Research and Development (R&D), and so on, for ASEAN and partners to address the emerging challenges facing the sector.

Commemorating the International Year of Forests 2011, AMAF also reaffirmed its commitments and support in advancing sustainable forest management. Key achievements were noted in areas of enhancing forest law and governance. In the effort to achieve sustainable development of forest as well as in addressing international trade of endangered species and wildlife enforcement, AMAF agreed expedite the implementation of timber certification and chain of custody to combat illegal logging, and at the same time to promote social forestry as an approach in bringing people to the center of sustainable forest management and in enhancing the contribution of the forestry sector to food security and to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

#### ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)

Established	1980, meets annually
Last Meeting	29 <sup>th</sup> AMEM, 20 September 2011, Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)

The 29<sup>th</sup> AMEM concluded in September 2011 in Brunei Darussalam further strengthened ASEAN’s commitment to expedite cooperation on regional connectivity projects; facilitate energy trade, investment and services; to apply clean energy technologies as well as to enhance cooperation with partner countries to promote robust East Asian energy connectivity, to ensure regional energy security and sustainable economic development.

Great efforts are focused in finalising the guidelines to speed up the implementation of the ASEAN Power Grid, notably on the issues of operational reliability, safety standards, and procedures in generation and transmission, reference model for investments in the interconnection projects, as well as issues concerning cross-border sales and transmission of electricity. Regional efforts are

also underway to consider harmonisation of regulatory frameworks and standards so that the respective power systems can work in tandem to facilitate regional energy connectivity.

Progress has been made in implementing the Trans-ASEAN Gas Pipeline Infrastructure Project, including infrastructure development for LNG trading, ratification and operationalisation of the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement, and the establishment of a common regional framework to facilitate more oil and gas trading and marketing within the region. The AMEM also acknowledged the important role of the private sector in the realisation of these projects by providing necessary investments to their construction and operations.

ASEAN is close to achieve the agreed aspirational goal on reducing regional energy intensity by at least 8% by 2015 (based on 2005 level—627 TOE/million USD). ASEAN is also on the way to achieve the collective target of 15% of renewable energy sources in the total installed power capacity by 2015. The Renewable Energy Sub-Sector Network (RE-SSN) is developing a mechanism for monitoring the achievement of the target of 15% RE in the total power installed capacity and to collect the data from Member States on national RE regulations.

Constructive cooperation with Dialogue Partners and international organisations in the efforts to balance energy security with the goals of economic development and environmental protection advanced remarkably. A Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Cooperation between ASEAN and the International Energy Agency was concluded on the occasion of the 29<sup>th</sup> AMEM to strengthen cooperation and assist ASEAN in the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC), especially through collaboration and promotion of affordable and sustainable energy in ASEAN region.

Joint programs under the ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit (EAS) energy cooperation frameworks have strengthened to mutually seeking the mitigation of the

economic impacts of the increasing energy costs. Formal consultations with EU, Russia and the US provide greater opportunities towards cooperation partnership in the energy sector.

### ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin)

Established	2005, meets bi-annually
Last Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> AMMin, 9 December 2011, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM)

It is expected that the ASEAN mineral industry will continue to expand to satisfy the increasing demand of mineral raw and refined materials that are needed for sustainable economic growth. Within this context, ASEAN Member States will strive to implement strategic policies, measures and initiatives to further enhance minerals trade and investment, to attract robust private sector participation and investment in the exploration and development of mineral resources, and to promote environmentally and socially sustainable mining practices.

In realising its potential, the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Scorecard 2009-2011, endorsed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> AMMin in 2008, was successfully implemented. Particularly, ASEAN Member States, in cooperation with Dialogue Partners, carried out, among others, the capacity building activities in 2010-2011: a) Training and Capacity-Building Programmes related to Reclamation and Rehabilitation of Abandoned Mines Lands (AML) including Wastewater Management and Treatment, b) Training Programme on Minerals/Metals Recovery and Recycling for Governmental Officials, c) Workshop on Sustainable Development of Mineral Resources, d) Mine Safety and Health Management Training Course, e) Mining Environmental Management Training Course, f) Training on Reclamation and Rehabilitation of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Including Wastewater Management and Treatment, and g) Seminar on Geoinformation Sharing among ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Countries.

In order to further enhance the minerals sector's contribution to the achievement of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) objectives, the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMMin adopted the Ha Noi Declaration on Sustainable ASEAN Connectivity in Minerals to provide policy directions to intensify cooperation in the ASEAN minerals sector. At the same time, Ministers also endorsed the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (AMCAP) 2011-2015 with "Dynamic Mineral Sector Initiatives for a Prosperous ASEAN" as its theme. The objective of the AMCAP 2011-2015 is to further boost the dynamism of the ASEAN minerals sector with initiatives that could enhance trade and investment, intensify cooperation and increase capacity for sustainable mineral development and prosperity of the ASEAN region.

The AMCAP 2011-2015 continues to focus on following strategies: promoting information sharing, facilitating trade and investment, promoting environmentally and socially sustainable mineral development, and strengthening institutional and human capacities in the ASEAN minerals sector. In supporting the implementation of the AMCAP 2011-2015, the ASEAN Mineral Trust Fund has been established with contributions from Member States to support the cooperative programmes, projects and activities under the AMCAP 2011-2015 and any other future plans approved by the ASEAN Senior Official Meeting on Mineral (ASOMM) ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin).

### ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)

Established	1980, held annually (including informal meeting)
Last Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST-14), 26 November 2011, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
Senior Officials	Committee on Science and Technology (COST)

The 14<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST-14) was held on 26 November 2011,

Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. Following the adoption of the Krabi Initiative in December 2010, the Ministers noted that while still anchored on science and technology, the ASEAN COST shall ensure that innovation benefitting the ASEAN peoples will be the ultimate goal of S&T collaboration in ASEAN. To this end, COST has agreed to engage in a special retreat next year in Myanmar to exchange views and agree on concrete actions to make its initiatives more meaningful.

The Ministers noted the initial key findings and recommendations indicated in the Report on the Study of State of S&T Development in ASEAN. ASEAN Member States were requested to review and provide additional inputs to enhance the report. The Ministers were of the view that the study could be a useful reference for COST and its subsidiary bodies in the planning and implementation of APAST and the Krabi Initiative.

The Ministers welcomed new developments with regard to cooperation with ASEAN Dialogue Partners. The Ministers welcomed the joint initiative of the ASEAN COST and the EU in marking 2012 as the ASEAN-EU Year of Science, Technology and Innovation (YoSTI). The 2012 YoSTI is part of the SEA-EU-NET programme and will be a year-long campaign with a series of activities that will be implemented to promote and raise the visibility of S&T cooperation between both regions. The Ministers also noted the interest of China to renew cooperation with COST through the signing of an ASEAN-China Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on science and technology. The Ministers appreciated the offer of the Republic of Korea to formalise its cooperation with COST through the setting up of an ASEAN-ROK Joint Science and Technology Committee (JSTC). The Ministers welcomed the proposals of the US to engage the COST in innovation-focused activities.



### ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)

Established	2001, meets annually
Last Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> TELMIN, 8-9 December 2011 Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Senior Officials	ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM), and ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC)

The important role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as an “Engine of Growth for ASEAN Countries” in providing fundamental services for socio-economic development is highlighted in the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 (AIM2015). Over the years, several key initiatives and various policy dimensions are being implemented, notably on formulation of national broadband plans, reducing international roaming charge, and promotion of ICT innovation in many segments of society.

As 2011 was the first year of the AIM2015 implementation, the TELMIN has reviewed and realigned the ASEAN ICT institutional structure, including synergising the TELSOM and ATRC working group functions and improving the financial procedures for the ASEAN ICT Fund to expedite the AIM2015 implementation. The ICT Infrastructure Task Force was set up to develop the ASEAN Broadband Corridor and ASEAN Internet Exchange, the key ICT infrastructure projects under the AEC Blueprint and AIM2015. The ASEAN Network Security Action Council was also established to coordinate regional actions in enhancing cyber safety and security.

ASEAN Member States are working on formulation of national broadband plans as the broadband network is a basic infrastructure and a critical foundation for socioeconomic development. As such, ASEAN will be paying more attention on the development of innovative services that emerge from such networks, inclusion of broadband into Universal Service provisioning, and cooperation on information security to increase users' confidence so that new technologies and services

developed for broadband network will be exploited to the fullest.

Joint efforts to reduce international mobile roaming charges have been put in place, with the adoption of the ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Addendum on Intra-ASEAN Mobile Roaming Rates (MRR) to the Record of Intent (ROI) and bilateral arrangements on international mobile roaming charges between several ASEAN Member States, i.e. Malaysia-Singapore, Brunei Darussalam-Malaysia, and Brunei Darussalam-Singapore.

In recognition of the need to promote and nurture innovative ideas and creativity in the ICT sector, the ASEAN ICT Awards program has been established and the first ASEAN ICT Awards will be conferred in 2012.

ASEAN ICT cooperation with its Dialogue Partners and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) continues to be strengthened. Joint programmes under the ASEAN+3 has been revitalised in order to minimise duplication while maximising common benefits for all parties. At the same time, the cooperation with China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, India, the European Union and ITU has reached new heights to cover new technology trends and utilisation of ICT, such as cloud computing, mobile computing and ICT for disaster management.

### ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)

Established	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	17 <sup>th</sup> ATM Meeting, 15 December 2011, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)

Through continuing joint efforts among ASEAN Member States and together with several Dialogue Partners, a remarkable progress had been witnessed in achieving a number of key milestones, stipulated under the ASEAN Strategic Transport Plan/ Brunei Action Plan 2011-2015 covering maritime, air, logistic, road safety, and transport facilitation.

Outstanding development in ASEAN air transport cooperation marked with the entry into force of the ASEAN Open Skies Agreements among the Contracting Parties through ratification of the Agreements and the adoption of the Implementation Framework of the ASEAN Single Aviation Market (ASAM) by the ASEAN Transport Ministers.

Through the signing of AFAFGIT Protocol 6 on Railways Border and Interchange Stations, all transport-related Protocols under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) are now in place. With this Protocol 6, transit transport of goods within ASEAN would become feasible not only via road transport, but also on railways, particularly the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link.

Recognising the critical role of the maritime transport contributing to realising ASEAN Economic Community, the sector's strategy is to stay focused on integration and connectivity. In this context, ASEAN maritime transport cooperation currently is working on an Implementation Strategy to realise an ASEAN Single Shipping Market. As a step forward, the Study on the Establishment of an ASEAN Roll-on/Roll-off (RO-RO) Shipping Network and Short Sea Shipping, which aims to assess the viability of establishing RO-RO routes linking mainland and archipelagic regions, is being conducted.

In terms of collaboration with Dialogue Partners, cooperation with Japan has been stepped up in the area of logistics. The ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers adopted the ASEAN-Japan Logistics Partnership. With China, cooperation in aviation has reached a significant milestone with the entry into force of the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement and its Protocol 1. Thus, the designated airlines of ASEAN would be allowed to provide air services from any city with international airport in its territory to any city with international airport in the territory of China and vice versa with full third and fourth freedom traffic rights. While with ROK, it was noted that the projects under the Roadmap have been catered to the specific needs of ASEAN Member States

and provided strong support to capacity building and transport infrastructure feasibility studies.

In realising ASEAN Economic Community and fulfilling the object of ASEAN connectivity, ASEAN transport cooperation's best strategy is to stay focused on an efficient, secure and integrated transport network. It is also importance in linking ASEAN transport with neighboring regions.

#### Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)

Established	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> M-ATM, 11 January 2012, Manado, Indonesia
Senior Officials	Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)

ASEAN tourism has proved to be a resilient industry by growing by more than 10.14 percent in 2011 despite the fact that almost all other regions experienced low growth due to the global economic slowdown. Intra-ASEAN has been always the major contributor with 46.5 percent share of almost 81 million total international visitor arrivals in 2011.

In order to maintain the healthy growth, ASEAN must continuously improve its markets awareness, quality experience and services, connectivity and product development. As charts out in the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (ATSP) 2011-2015, "By 2015, ASEAN will provide an increasing number of visitors to the region with authentic and diverse products, enhanced connectivity, a safe and secure environment, increased quality of services, while at the same time ensuring an increased quality of life and opportunities for residents through responsible and sustainable tourism development by working effectively with a wide range of stakeholders."

In January 2012, the ASEAN Tourism Ministers endorsed the ASEAN Tourism Marketing Strategy (ATMS) 2012-2015 to support and build a worldwide recognition of ASEAN as a tourism destination. Through this Strategy,

individual Member States are developing products and attractions to create regional packages, circuits and clusters. The ASEAN Tourism Market Research Group (ATMRG) was established to undertake analysis of marketing trends, situation and future of ASEAN tourism to enable well-informed decisions on strengthening activities of the Visit ASEAN Campaign. A number of joint promotional activities to create brand awareness and promote ASEAN as a region were also conducted in ASEAN Member States and in the major source markets such as Australia, India, Japan and Korea.

Three-year work plans for main ASEAN tourism products, namely nature, cultural and heritage, community, and cruise and river-based, have been finalised. ASEAN collaborates to collectively promote ASEAN Cruise Tourism at international cruise tourism events, and to develop cruise tourism in three main corridors of Malacca Straits, Karimata Strait-Java Sea- Flores Sea and South China Sea-Gulf of Thailand in collaboration with other ASEAN bodies and the private sector.

To increase the equality of tourism human resource and to facilitate the mobility of tourism professionals within the region, ASEAN is developing Toolboxes and organising training of trainers for a number of Priority Tourism Labour Divisions. A series of comprehensive tourism standards on green hotel, homestay, spa, public toilet and clear tourist cities are also being developed with a view to improving the quality and marketing competitiveness of tourism in ASEAN.

### ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)

Established	1996, meets annually
Last Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting on AMBDC, 12 August 2011, Manado, Indonesia
Senior Officials	AMBDC Steering Committee Meeting

The ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation was established to advance ASEAN integration by

enhancing economically sound and sustainable development of the Mekong Basin while strengthening inter-connections and economic linkages between ASEAN Member States and Mekong riparian countries, and with China. It is particularly focused on assisting the newer Member States of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam, in building a sufficient supply of infrastructure and developing human capital.

Development of sub-regions such as the Mekong is becoming increasingly important in achieving the ASEAN Economic Community as it promotes: continued economic growth, reduced development gap and improved connectivity among and between Member States and the rest of the world.

At the 13<sup>th</sup> AMBDC in 2011, Ministers from ASEAN and China reviewed ongoing projects in the areas of infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, forestry and minerals, industry, tourism, human resource development, and science and technology. Ministers likewise called on various parties to mobilise resources for AMBDC projects and to explore new modalities to obtain the necessary financing and technical assistance to complete the activities.

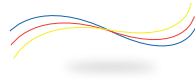
For its part, China has promoted the construction of economic corridors in the Mekong region, and efforts to enhance regional trade facilitation together with the industrial and business sectors; initiated projects on transport, energy and tourism in the sub-region with individual countries to foster cross-border trade and investment; and extended financial support to ASEAN countries for AMBDC projects through the China-ASEAN Investment Cooperation Fund and China-ASEAN Loan Fund.

As the flagship project of the AMBDC and a priority agenda in the ASEAN transport cooperation, the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL) project is expected to provide an alternative mode of land transportation that is environmentally friendly. At the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Special Working Group on the SKRL, held in 2011 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, countries were briefed on

the progress of the SKRL Project at the national level and deliberated on the implementation details of the ASEAN land transport/SKRL-related measures under the Brunei Action Plan and Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC). Good progress has been made on various rehabilitation projects, construction works, and feasibility studies which exemplify the strenuous efforts of ASEAN Member States and China towards the completion of the SKRL.

Under the auspices of the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee, efforts are also underway for resource mobilisation and outreach to support the priority projects of MPAC which include the completion of missing links in the SKRL.

The AMBDC is an important platform for narrowing the development divide in the ASEAN region, and is also a useful forum for ASEAN and China to continue cooperating in the Mekong region and fostering economic partnership of mutual benefits.



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# Introduction of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)

The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community continues to play its role in building an ASEAN Community. To achieve this goal, the ASCC pillar has focused on putting into place elements that will help inform and guide transformational change and lead to greater efforts to harmonise, align, and enhancing crosssectoral and cross-pillar coordination mechanisms, and reinforcing capacities to measure progress and achievements in Blueprint implementation. Such efforts will also entail identifying and putting in place innovative partnerships, leveraging the diversity of multi-stakeholder partnerships and managing their expectations. Funding will be an important challenge and will require innovation, entrepreneurial resource management, equity and balance in resource mobilisation.

The ASCC pillar continues to exert efforts in ensuring that the policies framework and implementation mechanism are better defined, taking into account the emergence of multisectoral partnerships in a number of sectors. The ASCC Community is deliberating on establishing mutually supportive roles of the Senior Officials Committee for ASCC (SOCA) and Socio-Cultural Community Plan of Action (SOCCOM).

A number of emerging cross-cutting issues and priorities require urgent (horizontal) coordination of efforts of

sectoral bodies across Communities. These cross-cutting issues include, among others, Climate Change; Disaster Management; Energy and Food Security; Emerging Infectious Diseases; Poverty Alleviation; Financial Crises, etc. Addressing cross-cutting issues require the involvement of relevant sectoral bodies within and across and communities to engage in focused discussion and planning of actions.

2012 marks the year for ASEAN to take stock and assess the ASEAN Community's current achievements, milestones and challenges, and prioritising its work in the next five years to safeguard social justice and rights of vulnerable groups in the region. Work on defining the scope and methodology for the mid-term review of the ASCC Blueprint implementation will need to be completed, and synchronised with efforts to the review of the ASEAN Charter.

The ASCC/SOCA's endorsement of the Scorecard system now paves the way for establishing a robust, integrated and web-based M&E system. Consultations with other communities and possibly with external partners should be initiated and aimed at developing appropriate information and resource-sharing infrastructure to reduce duplication and overlapping functions.



ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council	
Established	7 October 2003, Bali Concord II (ASCC community defined and established) 20 November 2007, ASEAN Charter signing on 20 November 2007 (defined inter alia the ASCC Council) Adoption of ASCC Blueprint, 14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, 1 March 2009, Thailand
Last Meeting	2 April 2012, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Committee on the ASCC (SOCA)

The ASCC Council held its 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Phnom Penh, Cambodia and expressed satisfaction with the progress in implementing and monitoring the ASCC Blueprint, the expansion of ASCC sectoral ministerial bodies and its impact on the Blueprint, financial resource, and the significant ASEAN Connectivity activities affecting the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community. The Council also reported several achievements in the implementation of the ASCC Blueprint during the period:

- Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs on the sidelines of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;
- Declaration of ASEAN Unity in Cultural Diversity: Towards Strengthening ASEAN Community by ASEAN Ministers responsible for Culture and Arts on the sidelines of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;
- ASEAN Leaders' Statement on Climate Change to the 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (COP17) by the ASEAN Leaders at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;
- ASEAN Declaration of Commitment: Getting To Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination, Zero AIDS-Related Death by the ASEAN Leaders at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;
- Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of Persons with Disabilities in the

ASEAN Community by the ASEAN Leaders at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit;

- The establishment of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW) and the adoption of the ASEAN Committee on Women's Work Plan (2011-2015), the ASEAN Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development (2011-2015), as well as the Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2011- 2015);
- The Informal Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three ASEAN Education Ministers and the Informal Meeting of East Asia Summit of Education Ministers in Bali, July 2011; and
- The establishment of asports sectoral body in the 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Officials on Sports in Jakarta, November 2011 and the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS) in Yogyakarta, December 2011.

Underscoring regional commitment to ASEAN community building, the ASEAN Member States continue undertake their respective national efforts in the ASCC pillar and fulfilling the desired Strategic Objectives articulated in the ASCC Blueprint. In addition, there have been intensified efforts among ASEAN Member States (AMS) to collaborate across sectors on cross-cutting issues, inclusiveness of ASEAN policy and programme development through engagement of various stakeholders in the processes, and more efforts undertaken to promote ASEAN awareness.

The ASCC Scorecard indicators were finalised and designed to facilitate assessment of the progress of implementation of ASCC Blueprint. The Council expressed the hope that with the indicators the ASEAN Secretariat will be able to initiate the first ASCC Scorecard to be prepared by end of 2012, and that this will form the basis for a mid-term assessment of progress.

To expand and diversify the potential sources of funding for the ASCC Pillar, Cambodia is leading an effort to conceptualize the ASCC Fund and consultations are being held with relevant sectoral bodies at the national level.



The Council noted ongoing, pending and completed activities under ASEAN Connectivity, and significant ASEAN Community building efforts, with particular reference to the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community on People to People connectivity.

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)	
Established	1989, meets once in 18 months
Last Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the AMRI (11 <sup>th</sup> AMRI), 1 March 2012, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI)

In an effort to promote ASEAN awareness and enhance the media capacity to promote community-building efforts in ASEAN, several projects under the Information sector are ongoing, including the recurring ASEAN Television News and the ASEAN in Action Programme which have entered their 18<sup>th</sup> year of implementation, and the ASEAN Quiz which have entered its 5<sup>th</sup> year of implementation.

Media exchange programmes between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners, namely India, the Republic of Korea and China are ongoing and involving participation of a sizeable number of ASEAN journalists and their colleagues from the host countries.

Cooperation in Digital Broadcasting has been pursued by ASEAN since 2004. The ASEAN Member States have been meeting regularly every year to share information amongst themselves on the development of the implementation of Digital Television (DTV) in their respective countries, and to move towards digital switchover in the region. The 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of the AMRI noted the progress in the implementation of digital broadcasting in ASEAN Member States towards Analogue Switch-Off from 2015 to 2020, and endorsed the 'Guidelines for ASEAN Digital Switch-Over' which will serve as a shared blueprint to aid all Member States in their transition towards digital broadcasting

At the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI), the Ministers also agreed to adopt the theme "Media: Connecting Peoples and Bridging Cultures Towards One ASEAN Community." The Ministers recognised that the theme was highly relevant as both the new and traditional media would continue to play a significant role in the dissemination of information to the peoples of ASEAN, subsequently connecting them beyond their borders and bridging the cultural gap. The Ministers recognised the emergence of new and social media as an important tool for communications and interaction in ASEAN today. The Ministers agreed that efforts should be made to leverage on social media to promote ASEAN awareness towards achieving an ASEAN Community by 2015.

The cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus Three countries in the information sector is pursued through the AMRI+3 and SOMRI+3. At the recently concluded 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the AMRI, the ASEAN Plus Three Ministers endorsed the Work Plan on Enhancing ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Through Information and Media 2012 – 2017, which listed out programmes ASEAN and the Plus Three countries could collaborate on. ASEAN Member States have agreed to take the lead in coordinating 17 concrete activities listed in the Work Plan.

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)	
Established	2003, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> AMCA Meeting, 24-25 May 2012, Singapore
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting for Culture and Arts

ASEAN continues to enhance cooperation in the areas of culture and the arts. The 4<sup>th</sup> AMCA endorsed the Work Plans of the Working Groups set up by SOMCA that focuses on human resources development; the protection, preservation and promotion of ASEAN cultural heritage; and the development of small and medium-sized cultural enterprises.

To raise ASEAN awareness in the region, various activities have been implemented such as the Best of ASEAN Performing Arts, a series of cultural events showcasing the richness and diversity of performing arts in the region. The series is almost complete; Philippines and Lao PDR are expected to end the series by the end of 2012.

The ASEAN Musical Extravaganza is another event raising ASEAN awareness. Held in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) in Kuala Lumpur from 28 February – 1 March 2012, the Ministers witnessed 15 traditional and contemporary cultural performances by all ASEAN Member States.

Future efforts are also currently being organised such as the ASEAN Festival of Arts and the ASEAN City of Culture, both scheduled for kick-off at the 5<sup>th</sup> AMCA Meeting Scheduled in May 2012. These initiatives not only celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of the people of ASEAN, but also reflect ASEAN’s shared history that contributes towards building an ASEAN identity and ASEAN awareness.

Steady progress was also achieved in engagement with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and the Plus Three Countries in the areas of culture and arts, including the development of an ASEAN Plus Three Work Plan containing concrete programmes and projects to steer cultural cooperation between the ASEAN Member States and the Plus Three Countries.

Other activity between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners also includes Commemorative activities with Russia and China, celebrating 15 and 20 years of dialogue relations respectively in the form of a joint ASEAN-Russia Symphony Orchestra held in conjunction of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali and an ASEAN-China textile exhibition and workshop “Traditional Woven Splendor” held in October 2011 in Nanning, China and “plight of ASEAN-China Traditional Weavers,” held in Laoag, Philippines in March 2012.

To maintain and preserve ASEAN’s unique and diverse culture amidst the forces of globalisation, an ASEAN Statement was signed at the sidelines of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia, on 17 November 2011 entitled “ASEAN Declaration on Cultural Diversity: Towards Strengthening ASEAN Community.”

The document commits ASEAN to project, disseminate and develop the unique cultural identity as a creative policy for sustainable tourism by harnessing youth, the resources and expertise of artists in the wise use of media content with the latest forms of communication technology (digital, cinema, broadcast, webcast, podcast, linked portals) to encourage new routes of artistic expression from ancestral roots that communicates in cultural symbols people understand.

ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)	
Established	2006, meets biennially
Last Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> ASED Meeting, 29 January 2011, Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)

As stated in the ASEAN Charter (Article 1, para 10), one of ASEAN’s purposes as reflected on the Charter is to “develop human resources through closer cooperation in education and life-long learning, and in science and technology, for the empowerment of the peoples of ASEAN and for the strengthening of the ASEAN Community.” This highlights the very strong focus on the social dimensions of development in ASEAN and represents ASEAN’s aspirations to promote greater educational cooperation among Member States and to strengthen education within them, in order (1) to narrow the development gaps, (2) to prepare youth for regional leadership, and (3) to increase the competitiveness of the people.

Following the adoption of the ASEAN Five-Year Work Plan on Education (2011-2015) in early 2011, which covers four strategic priorities, specific activities are being designed and developed for each priority area,

leveraging past and on-going activities. The four priorities of ASEAN cooperation on education will be pursued in collaboration with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization's (SEAMEO), as well as other partners such as development agencies, civil society organisations, and the private sector.

With regard to cooperation in higher education, which is overseen by the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Secretariat, numerous activities and projects have been initiated and convened in line with the priority 3 of the ASEAN Five-Year Work Plan on Education (2011-2015) and the growing number of cooperation frameworks with ASEAN Dialogue Partners (e.g. ASEAN Plus Three and East Asia Summit frameworks). The AUN, which comprises 26 leading universities of ASEAN, has officially launched the ASEAN Credit Transfer System (ACTS) to enhance and facilitate student mobility among AUN member universities. The system will be open to non-AUN member universities subsequently.

Meanwhile, AUN has also embarked on Quality Assessment initiatives (QA) to maintain, improve and enhance teaching, research and overall academic standards among member universities. Efforts are also underway to develop more ASEAN-related content that can serve as common source references in universities in the region. This is with a view to enriching education materials on ASEAN, and also enhancing awareness, understanding and a sense of ASEAN identity among the diversity of cultures and education systems; and in strengthening ASEAN university networking.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)	
Established	2004, meets as necessary
Last Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> AMMDM, 7-8 December 2004, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)

Two years after the entry into force of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) in December 2009, the ASEAN

Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) has put in place the operational and legal requirements to establish the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre). The Agreement on the Establishment of the AHA Centre was signed by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 17 November 2011 at the sidelines of the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Bali. The ASEAN Leaders witnessed the signing of this instrumental agreement, and welcomed the official launch of the AHA Centre, located in Jakarta, Indonesia.

By the time of the official launch, the office and operation room for the AHA Centre were fully renovated, and its infrastructure was fully installed and is now operational. The concept of operations, the organisational structure, the standard operating procedure for the operation centre, and the strategic work plan are in place.

The operationalisation of the AHA Centre in 2012 will focus on staff recruitment, establishing connectivity with all operation centres in ASEAN Member States, developing capacity in the areas identified in its strategic work plan, and putting in place necessary rules, procedures, and regulations as a new organisation.

The First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-1) to the AADMER, which was held on 15-16 March 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia, agreed to the annual and equal contributions for the AHA Centre Fund to provide sustainable resources for the Centre. The ACDM as the main subsidiary body under the COP will also function as the Governing Board for the AHA Centre. The COP also endorsed the decision of the ACDM to appoint the Executive Director for the AHA Centre for the next three years.

The COP also agreed to set up the financial procedures for the ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Relief (ADMER) Fund, and welcomed contributions from ASEAN Dialogue Partners and international donor community to the Fund.

The COP reaffirmed the Leaders' decision that AADMER should remain as the main regional policy backbone

and coordinating platform for disaster management in ASEAN, and that other sectors and mechanisms related to disaster management in ASEAN, including those under ASEAN + 1, ASEAN + 3, East Asia Summit (EAS), ASEAN Regional Forum, ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) and ADMM Plus, to synchronise their policies using AADMER as the common platform to ensure the principles of ASEAN Centrality.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)	
Established	1981, meets once every three years, annual informal meetings in between
Last Meeting	13 <sup>th</sup> IAMME, 18 October 2011, Bali, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)

ASEAN Environment Ministers endorsed the ASEAN Guidelines on Eco-schools in 2011. The Guidelines serve as reference for ASEAN Member States (AMS) on national environmental education policies and eco-schools criteria, as well as ASEAN eco-schools criteria and indicators. In conjunction with ASEAN Environment Year 2012, the first ASEAN Eco-schools Award Ceremony will be held in mid-2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to recognise exemplary efforts in inculcating environmental awareness in every aspect of education to students and surrounding communities.

On biodiversity conservation, Ministers endorsed the nomination of Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park (Philippines) and Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (Singapore) as the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP) respectively, under the AHP Programme. As a regional network of national protected areas of high conservation importance, the Programme aims to preserve a complete spectrum of representative ecosystem through greater awareness, pride, appreciation, enjoyment, and conservation of ASEAN’s rich natural heritage. The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) is the AHP Programme Secretariat, based in the Philippines.

The ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Development Film Festival themed ‘Change the Climate Change’ was

held on the sidelines of the 13<sup>th</sup> IAMME. Unique, creative, indigenous and impactful initiatives taken by various stakeholders in ASEAN countries were showcased to inspire and promote awareness among ASEAN citizens of the importance of multi-stakeholder participation in addressing climate change.

For the second time, ASEAN Environment Ministers presented awards to ASEAN City Mayors or their representatives in recognition of exemplary efforts and indigenous practices to keep cities clean, green and liveable even as they continue to grow as centres of economic and industrial activity. The ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) Award Ceremony in November 2011 included the presentation of Certificates of Recognition to six cities for notable efforts in the categories of small cities (20,000 – 750,000 people) and big cities (750,000-1.5 million people) for “Clean Air,” “Clean Land,” and “Clean Water.”

As the ASEAN Eco Model Cities Programme in 14 cities of eight AMS reaches its final stage, achievements were shared at the 3<sup>rd</sup> High Level Seminar on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (HLS-ESC) in March 2012 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. This Japanese-funded regional collaboration among East Asia Summit (EAS) Participating Countries supports development of national programmes to promote ESCs, emphasising local level innovative and voluntary bottom-up initiatives. Cities of other East Asian countries are encouraged to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Programme.

Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	
Established	2003, meets at least once every year
Last Meeting	COP-7, 18 October 2011, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	Committee under COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

From February to April 2012, the northern ASEAN region was affected by smoke haze from land and forest fires in the Mekong Sub-Region. PM10 concentrations

exceeded national standards and reached unhealthy levels in districts of northern Thailand. In the southern ASEAN region, hotspots were generally subdued due to wet weather conditions during the same period.

The Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution (MSC) comprising Environment Ministers of the five ASEAN Member States (AMS) most affected by the haze – Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand-have strongly supported the implementation of the Strategic Review of the MSC Programmes and Activities adopted at their 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in February 2011. At the 13<sup>th</sup> MSC Meeting held in Brunei Darussalam in May 2012, progress made by MSC countries in haze control management through early warning and monitoring, and fire prevention and fire suppression, including refinement of the Fire Danger Rating System (FDRS), was acknowledged. Considering the usefulness of the FDRS, the Ministers agreed to recommend the development of the proposed ASEAN-wide FDRS to be considered by the ASEAN Leaders. FDRS, which provides assessment of ignition potential, occurrence, and spread of fires based on weather, fuel and soil conditions, will be a useful complement to the weather and hotspot monitoring being done by the ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC).

Enhanced bilateral collaborations to fight haze pollution were exemplified by the successful completion of the Indonesia-Singapore collaboration in Jambi Province and the Indonesia-Malaysia collaboration in Riau Province. The 2<sup>nd</sup> MSC Forum themed “Management of Forest Fires: Leveraging Partnerships” held in Brunei Darussalam on 8-9 May 2012 which built upon the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum in 2009 in Singapore provides a platform for various stakeholders – academics, researchers, think tanks, civil society organisations, private sector, financial institutions, among others – to interact with ministers and local government representatives on collaborative efforts to address fires and transboundary haze pollution.

Good progress has been made by the ASEAN Peatland Forest Project (APFP) and associated SEApeat project

undertaken with financial support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and European Union (EU) respectively. These projects support the implementation of the ASEAN Peatland Management Strategy 2006-2020, and National Action Plans on Peatlands as well as to showcase practical measures for peatland management at pilot sites in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Viet Nam. The Ministers had invited collaboration from relevant parties to further expand and deepen cooperation on peatland management and fire prevention.

### ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)

Established	1980, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> AHMM, 22-23 July 2010, Singapore
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)

The ASEAN Strategic Framework on Health Development for 2011-2015 (endorsed by the AHMM, July 2010) operationalises the 55 health action lines of the ASCC Blueprint. This is done through the identified lead countries in each of the ten (10) health subsidiary bodies. The activities implemented are detailed in their respective work plans (endorsed by the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)).

New Bodies: Four new task forces have been endorsed by SOMHD to oversee implementation of focus areas on traditional medicine (TM), mental health, non-communicable diseases (NCD), and maternal and child health (MCH). These focus areas are contained in the ‘Strategic Framework’ which also includes communicable diseases/emerging infectious diseases (CD/EID), pandemic preparedness and response (PPR), tobacco control (TC), HIV and AIDS, food safety, and pharmaceutical development.

Critical Documents: The ASEAN Declaration of Commitment: Getting to Zero New HIV Infections, Zero Discrimination, Zero AIDS Related Deaths (adopted by

the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Indonesia, November 2011) currently mandates regional directions in sustaining successes in HIV response in ASEAN. Concrete followup actions are being laid out for the ASEAN Cities Getting to Zeros Project. The ASEAN Position Paper on NCDs, presented at the UN High Level Meeting on NCDs last September 2011, are operationalised in the work plans of the NCD and TC groups. The Tawangmangu Declaration on Traditional Medicine in ASEAN resulted from the Third Conference on TM last November 2011 in Indonesia. This document has been operationalised in the endorsed work plan on TM. The Jakarta Call To Action for the Control and Prevention of Dengue resulted from the First Dengue Conference last June 2011 in Indonesia. Activities for this specific disease have been incorporated in the work plan on CD/EID. The Policy on Smoke-Free ASEAN Events was endorsed by the 6<sup>th</sup> SOMHD (July 2011, Myanmar). The implementation of this policy is being observed in all health-related events under AHMM. ASEAN Secretariat was officially declared last May 2012 as a Smoke-Free Building.

Communications: ASEAN Health Cooperation Towards a Smoke-free ASEAN Campaign activity was launched last March 2012 in Singapore as part of the World Conference on Tobacco Or Health (WCTOH) opening activities. Similar communication activities endorsed by SOMHD included the FETN Website, ASEAN Health Profile: Regional Priorities and Programmes, ASEAN Tobacco Control Report (2012), and the ASEAN E-Health Bulletin.

Collaborations: Specific collaboration with development and civil society partners such as WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF, USAID, Prepare Project and Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance (SEATCA) focused on critical issues on regional framework for Maternal and Child Health (MCH), MCH data harmonisation, anti-malaria drug resistance, responses to impacts of pandemics, smoke-free/tobacco control advocacies, rational use of medicines, and multisectoral consultations on animal health and disaster management stakeholders.

ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	
Established	1975, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	22 <sup>nd</sup> ALMM, 10 May 2012, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)

ASEAN continues to implement projects and activities planned under the ASEAN Labour Ministers Work Programme 2010-2015, and collaborate with Dialogue Partners, relevant international organisations, and social partners in their endeavours.

The Third ASEAN Human Resource Conference was successfully convened on 9 May 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Participants shared information and dialogued on key aspects of skills development that are essential towards a greater mobility of skilled labour in ASEAN. They also recommended all ASEAN Member States to develop their respective national skills qualification frameworks in preparation for discussing a regional skills recognition framework.

Aiming at strengthening the capacity and standards on occupational safety and health as well as labour inspection, the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Labour Inspection Conference was convened on 14-15 March 2012 in Dong Nai, Viet Nam, with the theme “Promoting Decent Work: Occupational Safety and Health, Prevention and Labour Inspection-Challenges and Solutions.” The ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (OSHNET) also adopted a Plan of Action for 2011-2015 aiming at revitalising the Network and raising its profile at global level.

One of the completed activities to promote progressive labour practices is the convening of the ASEAN Seminar on Work-Life Harmony and Flexible Labour Practices on 25-26 August 2011 in Singapore. The Seminar helped raise awareness of the latest trends in work life harmony and flexible labour practices.

A Comparative Study on ASEAN Labour Law and Practices (Volume II) is currently being carried out under the joint coordination of Viet Nam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar. The Study Report will provide assessment and comparison of labour legislations related to the protection of vulnerable groups of workers and anti-discrimination laws in the region.

As part of the efforts to improve labour market information systems, the labour officials gathered together at the Regional Workshop held on 23 November 2011 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. They exchanged views on the nature and volatility of labour markets, strategies and challenges in improving the information systems, among others.

The Working Group on HIV Prevention and Control in the Workplace met for the first time in July 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Working Group developed the medium-term work plan for 2011-2015, and the ASEAN Guidelines on Essential Workplace Action for Enterprises on the Prevention and Management of HIV and AIDS in ASEAN Member States.

Concerning the issue of migrant workers, the Fourth ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour which was held on 24-25 October 2011 in Bali, Indonesia, with the theme “Improving the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Migrant Workers through Public Campaigns.” Taking a phased approach, the development of the ASEAN instrument on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers is currently ongoing.

ASEAN Ministers on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)	
Established	1997, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> AMRDPE, 2 November 2011, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

The year 2011-2012 has witnessed the continuous commitment of ASEAN in promoting rural development and poverty eradication in the region. The Ministers adopted the Framework Action Plan on Rural

Development and Poverty Eradication (2011-2015) last year with the priorities given on food security and food sovereignty amidst climate change, promotion of social protection and safety nets, and the development of human resources, among others.

Recognising the importance of joining hands with various stakeholders in developing rural areas and reducing poverty, the ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication was planned under the Framework Action Plan. The Forum will serve as a regular platform of dialogue with non-governmental organisations on issues of common interest. The First Forum has been scheduled for 12 June 2012 in Da Nang, Viet Nam, to discuss regional issues concerning food security, climate change adaptation strategies, and their linkages with efforts to improve the livelihood of poor and vulnerable groups.

Various joint efforts with the Plus Three Countries are being prepared for implementation this year, including the ASEAN Regional Training Course on Thailand’s Land Management for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Scheme which is being coordinated by Thailand with the support of Japan, the ASEAN Plus Three Village Leaders Exchange Programme which is being coordinated by Malaysia and China, the Sixth ASEAN Plus Three High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction which will be hosted by China; the Youth Rural Activist Exchange Programme which is being coordinated by Indonesia; as well as the Grassroots Economic Development Project and the Secure Housing “Baan Mankong” Project which are being coordinated by Thailand.

Following the adoption of the ASEAN Roadmap for the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals last year, the SOMRDPE is currently preparing for a regional assessment to assess the progress of the MDGs by 2015 in collaboration with UNDP. Complementing this initiative, an ASEAN Multisectoral Workshop on MDGs will be hosted by Myanmar in Yangon in June 2012. Representatives of numerous ASEAN sectoral bodies in charge of poverty reduction, education, women, social

welfare, health, environment, agriculture, statistics and development planning will be invited to discuss the strategies, progress and challenges in accelerating the MDG attainment, and the possible regional priorities beyond 2015.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)	
Established	1979, meets once every three years
Last Meeting	7 <sup>th</sup> AMMSWD, 25 November 2010, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)

ASEAN continues its cooperation to safeguard the rights and welfare of children, older people, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups through projects and activities planned under the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development (2011- 2015).

Following to the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Children’s Forum last year, the Second ASEAN’s Children Forum was held on 6-8 June 2012 in Singapore. Children will be encouraged to express their views and aspirations, and take actions on issues concerning their lives. The ASEAN Conference on Working Toward a Cyber Pornography and Cyber Prostitution Free Southeast Asia was convened on 19-21 June 2012 in Manila, the Philippines.

Concerning the issues of persons with disabilities, ASEAN in committed to bring into actions the commitments set forth in the Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of the Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community adopted at the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit last year. Activities and resource mobilisation strategies are being planned to make the ASEAN Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2011-2020) meaningful.

The Sixth ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development was held on 20 September 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand. Both government officials and civil society

organisations dialogued on issues pertaining to social protection floor for vulnerable groups in ASEAN.

The past year has also witnessed the continued ASEAN cooperation with the Plus Three Countries. The 9<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies was held on 25-28 October 2011 in Tokyo, Japan. High-level officials from health, social welfare and labour sectors exchanged views on topics pertaining to the theme “Human Resource Development in the Sectors of Welfare and Health with a Focus on Capacity Building of Service Providers and Employability Promotion of Vulnerable People.” The ASEAN-Republic of Korea Project Phase III of Home Care for Older People in ASEAN is ongoing. A workshop was held on 22-25 May 2012 in Melaka, Malaysia, to set the Phase IV’s priorities.

Numerous projects and activities are currently in the pipeline, including the regional training for policy makers, social workers, judiciary, practitioners, and front-line workers which is coordinated by Brunei Darussalam; the development of an ASEAN+3 network for the empowerment of persons with disabilities which is coordinated by Thailand; the Program Evaluation for Persons with Disability led by the Philippines; the ASEAN Ministerial Forum on Protection and Care for Victims of Trafficking which will be hosted by Malaysia.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)	
Established	1992, meets once in two years
Last Meeting	AMMY VII, 20 October 2011, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Senior Officials	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)

Following the adoption of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint in 2009, ASEAN reaffirmed the growing importance of youth cooperation in the region by promoting youth participation in building the ASEAN Community, as well as in the enhancement of human resource development, that is, in developing the youth towards a better future of the region. Promotion of ASEAN Awareness, Strengthening Entrepreneurship Skills for Youth,



Instilling Leadership Values in Youth Development, and Youth Volunteerism, are common themes emphasised to stimulate a strong commitment of the youth in ASEAN community-building efforts. To support youth cooperation activities, the establishment of an ASEAN Youth Cooperation Fund is currently being considered.

The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Youth Day Meeting (AYDM) with the theme of “Leading and Linking Communities” was held in Singapore from 13 to 16 September 2011. On this occasion, the presentation of the ASEAN Youth Day Award and Ten ASEAN Youth Organisations (TAYO) Awards were held respectively to enhance ASEAN awareness and to strengthen mutual understanding and regional solidarity among the young people in ASEAN.

The ASEAN Youth Forum 2012 under the theme, “The Role of Youth in ASEAN Community Building” was held on 1-2 April 2012 in Phnom Penh. The two-day event was attended by thirty three youth participants. Youth representatives who were participating in this event had the opportunity of meeting with the ASEAN Leaders on the fringe of the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 3 April 2012 and presented the recommendations to the Leaders.

With a view to establish the appropriate regional mechanism to support youth volunteerism in ASEAN, the Ministers supported the proposed establishment of an ASEAN Youth Volunteers Programme (AYVP) by Malaysia. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) took the initiative to develop and implement the ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme (AYVP). AYVP is a dedicated youth volunteerism platform that intends to create opportunities in volunteerism, support the exchange of learning experiences, develop capacity, enhance cross-cultural understanding and forge a sense of regional identity, while making a sustainable difference to communities across ASEAN.

Various youth programmes continued to be implemented with the support and participation of ASEAN Dialogue Partners, including China-ASEAN Youth Camp, China-ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Forum (CAYEF), China-ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs Exchange Programme

(under the ASEAN-China Young Entrepreneurs Association), ASEAN Young Leaders Training Programme and Mekong Youth Friendship Programme by China; Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Program by Japan. In addition, the National Council of Youth Organizations in Korea (NCYOK) organised the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Future-Oriented Youth Exchange Project, which was intended to promote cross-cultural understanding and trust between ASEAN and ROK youths. Asia Exchange Association organised the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum (AKFF) on 22-29 September, 2011 in Seoul. This Forum was aimed at bringing the next generation of young leaders of ASEAN and ROK to discuss the role of youth in strengthening ASEAN-ROK dialogue relations in the field of (i) business, (ii) environment, and (iii) tourism through discussion and presentation.

Under the ASEAN+3 Framework, Viet Nam organised the ASEAN+3 Youth Caucus in Ha Noi and Halong Bay. The Caucus was held on 16-20 October 2011. The representatives of the Caucus were invited to present their recommendations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMMY+3 Ministers on 20 October 2011.

### ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)

Established	1980, former name: ASEAN Conference on Reform in the Civil Service (ACRCS), meets every two years
Last Meeting	The Senior Officials Meeting of the 16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters, 18-19 October 2011, Malacca, Malaysia
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters

As accountability and good governance are cornerstones for any governance structure, be it national, regional, or global, ASEAN through its Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) works towards establishing robust and

efficient civil service that promotes accountability in the region. Since last year, several activities on three priority areas namely: enhancing workforce competencies, building institutional capacity and strengthening leadership have been undertaken to operationalise the ACCSM Work Plan 2008-2015.

Much of the work under ACCSM was being done through its ASEAN Resource Centres (ARC) which have played an instrumental role in improving civil services in ASEAN Member States. At the last ACCSM Meeting in October 2011, the ASEAN Member States provided for the first time a self-evaluation report on projects led by the ARC. A proposal on the development of the ARC Directory Handbook was also adopted at the Meeting in October 2011.

Following the adoption of the Luang Prabang Joint Declaration on ASEAN Plus Three Civil Service Cooperation by the Leaders, the Rules of Procedures for the ACCSM+3 Joint Technical Working Group and the ACCSM+3 Work Plan (2012-2015) were adopted by ASEAN Member States in October 2011. Joint activities will be discussed at the Inaugural Meeting of the ACCSM+3 Joint Technical Working Group in October 2012 in Malaysia.

Regular projects and trainings are carried out as part of the implementation of the ACCSM Work Plan. Some of the key activities are notably: Seminar Workshop on Test Development and Administration; Competency-based Recruitment and Selection, and Trends in Testing led by the Philippines; Attachment Programme on Public and Human Resource Management in ASEAN+3 Countries led by Malaysia; and Training for Trainers to develop skills for professional trainers from CLMV Countries led by Thailand.

Acting on the need for an information database related to civil service matters, Indonesia spearheaded the ASEAN Resource Center on Information Exchange (ARCIE). In 2011, a prototype of the ARCIE's web portal has been developed and placed under the National Civil Service

Agency infrastructure. The ARCIE will serve as resource centre that archives documentations and reports and will be the main vehicle for information exchange among ASEAN Member States on civil service matters.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW)	
Established	2011, once every three years
Last Meeting	Preliminary Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Women, 6 October 2011, Bogor, Indonesia
Senior Officials	ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)

At the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in November 2011, the Leaders endorsed the establishment of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW) to elevate ASEAN's priorities for gender issues to a higher level and support gender mainstreaming in regional policies and cooperation. Prior to this, the Preliminary Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Women which was convened on 6 October 2011 in Bogor, Indonesia, adopted the Terms of Reference of AMMW. The First AMMW will be convened in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in October 2012.

The work of AMMW is supported by ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) which has been in existence since 1975. Currently, ACW is in the midst of operationalising its Work Plan for (2011-2015) which is focused on mainstreaming gender perspective in the areas of human development, social welfare and social protection, environment, labour, health and education.

The work of ACW undertaken in 2011-2012 entailed reducing gender gaps in order to accelerate Millenium Development Goals (MDG) achievement through gender equality legislations. The 10<sup>th</sup> ACW Meeting held on 3-4 October 2011 centered its substantive discussions on how to reduce gender gaps to accelerate the achievement of the MDGs, and what gender measures have been taken in ASEAN Member States, particularly towards the establishment of gender equality legislations.

ACW also deliberated on how a government's budgetary policy plays a major role in achieving objectives of gender equality and transforming political commitments into practice. With that objective, the ACW convened a Conference on Gender Responsive Budgeting Initiatives in ASEAN: Key Dimensions and Practical Experiences on 5 October 2011 in Bogor, Indonesia.

As a part of the series of activities aiming at developing women's economic skills, the Regional Workshop on ICT and Skill Trainings for ASEAN Women Entrepreneur and Women Youth was conducted on 23-25 March 2011 in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The Workshop on Best Practices of Women Empowerment in Micro and Small Entrepreneurship was held on 14-16 June 2011 in Lombok, Indonesia. This year, the Regional Workshop on the Promotion of Female Entrepreneurs to be Leaders of Local Wisdom Products and Business is being prepared. The ACW is also working towards the establishment of an ASEAN Network of Women Entrepreneurs by finalising the Network's Terms of Reference.

Numerous activities scheduled for implementation in 2012 are now being planned, including the ASEAN Workshop on Strengthening National Capacities to Collect Violence against Women (VAW) Statistics in the ASEAN Region scheduled for 6-9 August 2012 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

### ASEAN Commission on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)

Established	7 April 2010, meets at least twice a year
Last Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> ACWC Meeting, 16-18 February 2012, Vientiane, Lao PDR

The year 2011-2012 has been productive with milestones of achievement for the ACWC. With its Rules of Procedures (ROP) and Work Plan for 2012-2016 finalised, the Commission is now running at full speed. Projects and activities were concretised to ensure that the Commission's journey in the next five years would bring impacts to women and children in the region. At this initial stage, the

Commission planned to compile and analyse good practices and legislations in combating violence against women and children in ASEAN, and also establish a regional network of social service agencies involved in preventing, protecting and helping victims of violence against women and children in the region.

The Commission dialogued with the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC) and prominent international experts on elimination of violence against women on 16-17 January 2012 in Manila, the Philippines. They exchanged views on a rights-based approach in preventing and addressing all forms of violence against children and women based on international human rights standards. The Commission and the SRSG-VAC expressed their commitment to pursue collaboration on areas of mutual interest in years to come.

Recognising the importance of dialoguing and exchanging views with the concerned stakeholders in promoting women's and children's rights, the Commission convened a dialogue with forty national and regional civil society organisations in the region on 18 January 2012 in Manila, the Philippines. Another dialogue has been planned for July 2012.

A study visit to the United States from 18-25 April 2012 was concluded by the Commission with the support of the ASEAN-U.S. Technical Assistance and Training Facility. With stops in Washington D.C. and New York City, the Commission met and exchanged views with various U.S. senior government officials, civil society, private entities, academic organisations, media, and UN Agencies. Both the Commission and the U.S. State Department expressed interest to cooperation on areas of mutual interest.

Cooperation with other Dialogue Partners and relevant international organisations are being explored, including with the European Union, UNICEF, and UN Women.

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS)	
Established	May 2011, (to be) held once every two years
Last Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS), 14 December 2011, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Senior Officials	Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS)

Following the endorsement of the establishment of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports at 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 7-8 May 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia, the First ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS) was held on 14 December 2011 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

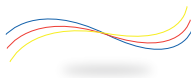
The Ministers endorsed the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS) as well as the TOR of the AMMS. The Ministers also adopted the proposal for the inclusion of a new element on sports; its strategic objective and actions under Human Development in the ASCC Blueprint.

The Ministers further tasked the SOMS to develop and operationalise its work plan, identify, and implement sport-related activities to promote and enhance sports development in ASEAN Region. The Ministers further tasked the SOMS to explore possible cooperation and engagement of ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other partners on sport related activities.

The Ministers recognised the huge opportunities and possible contributions of the sports industry to the economic development of ASEAN. In this regard, the Ministers tasked the SOMS to work out the details involved in marking 2013 as the ASEAN Sports Industry Year.

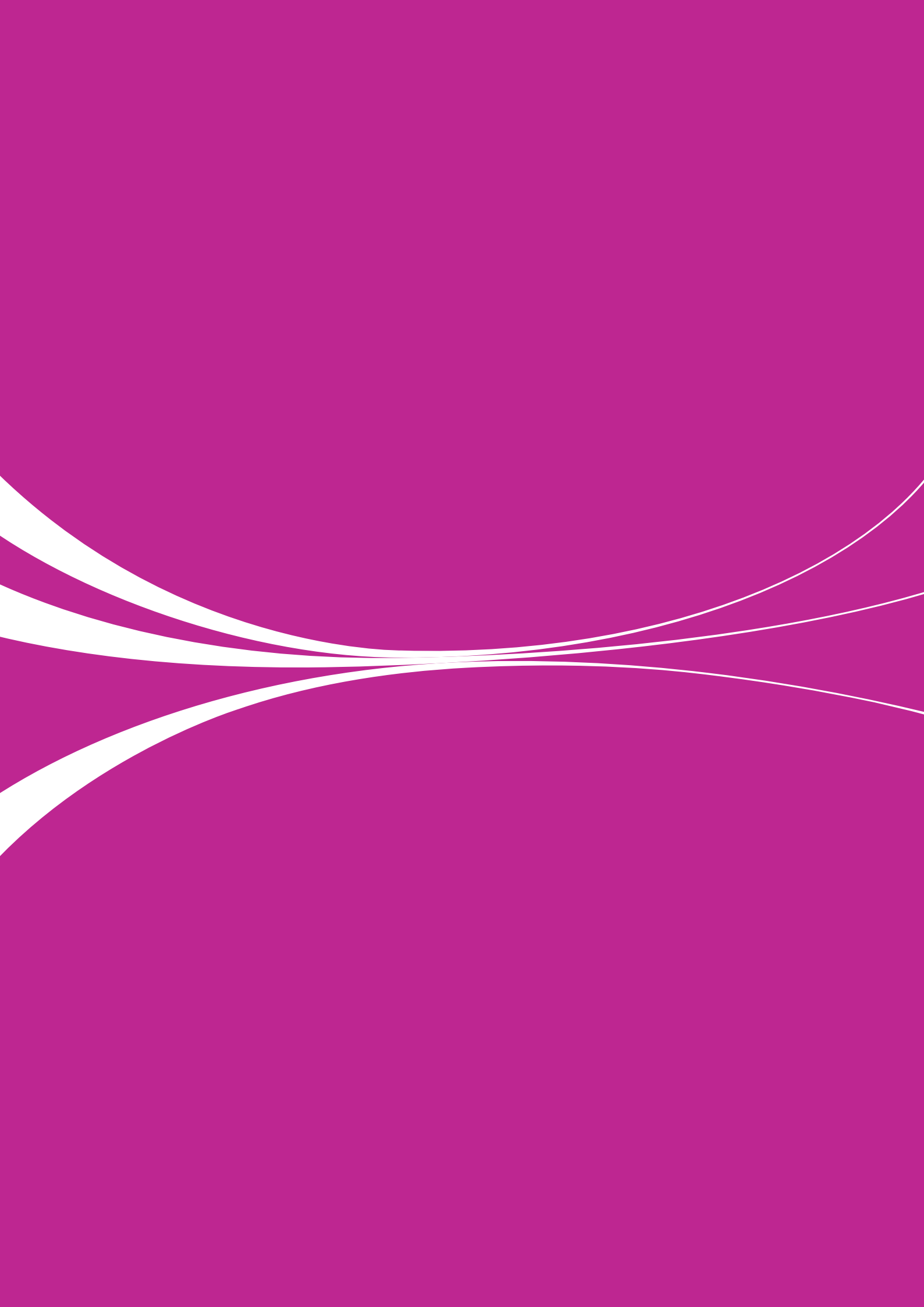
The Ministers also tasked the SOMS in consultation with the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) to undertake the necessary studies and actions to prepare for the ASEAN bid for the possible hosting of the FIFA World Cup in 2030.

The Ministers discussed issues and concerns on the current regional sports activities as well as emerging issues that could impede sports development and hinder the contribution of sports to the establishment of ASEAN Community. The Ministers also considered issues related to: human resource development related to sports needs such as athletes, coaches, technical officials and administrators; enhancing governance in sports management, sports science and sports medicine; improving sports infrastructures, livelihoods of the athletes; prospects of employment in sports-related activities; and initiate various sports events by involving business sectors and to promote and develop a vibrant sport industry.



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## ASEAN SUMMIT

17-19 November 2011	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits	Bali, Indonesia
3-4 April 2012	20 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
4 April 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> Brunei- Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines-East Asia Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) Summit	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
4 April 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand-Growth Triangle Summit	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

## ASEAN COORDINATING COUNCIL (ACC)

15-16 November 2011	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)	Bali, Indonesia
2 April 2012	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Council (ACC)	Phnom Penh

## ASEAN POLITICAL-SECURITY COMMUNITY

### ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council

29-30 September 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Conference for the APSC (ASCCO)	Jakarta, Indonesia
16 November 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) Council	Bali, Indonesia
2 April 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

### ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)

20 June 2011	Joint Working Group of ASEAN SOM and ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM) on an ASEAN Security Outlook (ASO)	Semarang, Indonesia
16-23 July 2011	ASEAN SOM 44 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) / Post Ministerial Conference PMC	Bali, Indonesia
13 September 2011	ASEAN Senior Official's Meeting (SOM)	Medan, Indonesia
24 September 2011	Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting	New York, USA
27 September 2011	ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting with the President of the 66 <sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly and the UN Secretary General	New York, USA
10-11 October 2011	ASEAN SOM	Bali, Indonesia
13 November 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN SOM Working Group on the Regional Code of Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (SOM WG on COC)	Bali, Indonesia
13-14 November 2011	ASEAN SOM	Bali, Indonesia
15 November 2011	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)	Bali, Indonesia
9 January 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on COC	Siem Reap, Cambodia
9-10 January 2012	ASEAN SOM	Siem Reap, Cambodia
10-11 January 2012	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Retreat	Siem Reap, Cambodia
11 January 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN SOM Working Group on the Establishment of an ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (SOM WG on AIPR)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
28 February 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on COC	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
29 February 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on AIPR	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
4 March 2012	ASEAN SOM	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
30 March 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on COC 3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on AIPR	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
1 April 2012	ASEAN SOM	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2 April 2012	ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
10 April 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on COC 4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on AIPR	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15 May 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on COC	Bandung, Indonesia
16 May 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on AIPR	Bandung, Indonesia
23 May 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on COC 6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN SOM WG on AIPR	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
24 May 2012	ASEAN SOM	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>SEANWFZ Commission</b>		
16-23 July 2011	Meeting of the Working Group of the Excom SEANWFZ Commission	Bali, Indonesia
	Meeting of the Excom SEANWFZ Commission	
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24 September 2011	Meeting of the SEANWFZ Commission	New York, USA
12-14 October 2011	EXCOM SEANWFZ	Bali, Indonesia
	WG EXCOM SEANWFZ	
14 November 2011	EXCOM SEANWFZ	Bali, Indonesia
	SEANWFZ Commission	
10 January 2012	EXCOM SEANWFZ	Siem Reap, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)</b>		
20-22 July 2011	Inaugural ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group (EWG) on Maritime Security Meeting	Perth, Australia
28-30 July 2011	Inaugural ADMM-Plus EWG on Military Medicine Meeting and Workshop	Singapore
19-20 September 2011	Inaugural ADMM-Plus EWG on Counter-Terrorism Meeting and Workshop	Makassar, Indonesia
22-25 October 2011	ASEAN Defence Senior officials' Meeting (ADSOM) Retreat/ADMM Retreat	Bali, Indonesia
2-5 November 2011	First Meeting of the ADMM-Plus EWG on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)	Beijing, China
21-23 November 2011	ADMM-Plus EWG on Peacekeeping Operations (PKO) First Meeting and Seminar on the Legal Aspects of PKO	Wellington, New Zealand
8-10 February 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ADMM-Plus EWG on Maritime Security	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
20-23 February 2012	ADSOM Working Group (WG) and ADSOM-Plus WG	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
3-5 April 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ADMM-Plus EWG on Counter -Terrorism	Washington DC, USA
18 April 2012	Workshop on ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration (ADIC)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24-27 April 2012	ADSOM/ADSOM-Plus	Siem Reap, Cambodia
28-30 May 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> ADMM	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)</b>		
27-28 July 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting Working Group on the Model ASEAN Extradition Treaty	Jakarta, Indonesia
31 October 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting Working Group on Strengthening on Mutual Judicial Assistance in Civil and Commercial Matters among ASEAN Member States (ASLOM WG on Civil and Commercial Matters)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
31 October 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting Working Group on Examining the Modalities for the Harmonisation of the Trade Laws of ASEAN Member States (ASLOM WG on Trade Laws)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
1-5 November 2011	14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) and the 8th ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
12-13 March 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting Working Group on the Model ASEAN Extradition Treaty (ASLOM WG on Extradition)	Bangkok, Thailand
12-13 June 2012	Strengthening Members' Participation in Legal Information Networks	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)</b>		
13-17 June 2011	ASEAN – New Zealand Cybercrime Workshop	Singapore
5-6 July 2011	ASEAN-Japan Seminar on Aviation Security Indonesia	Jakarta, Indonesia
13-15 July 2011	5 <sup>th</sup> SOMTC Working Group on Trafficking in Persons (SOMTC WG on TIP), 20 <sup>th</sup> Heads of Specialist Unit (HSU) Meeting and Experts' Meeting to Study the Feasibility of Developing an ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP)	Makati, Philippines



25-29 July 2011	11 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) & Related Meetings	Singapore
22-23 September 2011	Second Experts' Meeting to Study the Feasibility of Developing an ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP)	Boracay Island, Philippines
3-6 October 2011	15 <sup>th</sup> Directors-General of Immigration and Heads of Consular Affairs of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM), 17 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Immigration Intelligence Forum (AIIF) and 7 <sup>th</sup> DGICM-Australia	Singapore
9-13 October 2011	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes (AMMTC) & Related Meetings	Bali, Indonesia
10-12 October 2011	32 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matter (ASOD) Meeting & Related Meetings	Vientiane, Lao PDR
26 February-1 March 2012	ASEAN Initiative Seminar on Inland Water Management	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
27-31 March 2012	ASEAN Workshop and Study Visit on Illicit SALW and UXO Control	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2-3 April 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> SOMTC Working Group on Trafficking in Persons (WG on TIP) & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Heads of Specialist Unit (HSU) Meeting	Singapore
29 April- 1 May 2012	Seminar on the Outcome of the Research on the Preventive Side of Terrorism: Research on the 2012 Motivation of Terrorist and Root Causes of Terrorism	Jakarta, Indonesia
29-30 May 2012	Regional Coordination Workshop for the Mid-Term Review on the Implementation of the ASOD Work Plan	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)</b>		
7 June 2011	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue (DOD)	Surabaya, Indonesia
8 June 2011	8 <sup>th</sup> ARF Security Policy Conference (ASPC)	Surabaya, Indonesia
10 June 2011	ARF Senior Officials' Meeting (ARF SOM)	Surabaya, Indonesia
23 July 2011	18 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
13-15 September 2011	ARF Workshop on Disease Detection and Surveillance	Manila, Philippines
27-29 November 2011	ARF High-Level Workshop on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy in Asia and Europe	Berlin, Germany
29 November-2 December 2011	15 <sup>th</sup> ARF Heads of Defense Universities/Colleges/Institutions Meeting (HDUCIM)	Bali, Indonesia
7 December 2011	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue (ARF DOD)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
7-9 December 2011	ARF Workshop on Non-Proliferation Nuclear Forensics	Bangkok, Thailand
8-9 December 2011	ARF Inter-Sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ARF ISG on CBMs and PD)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
1-3 February 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> ARF Experts and Eminent Persons (EEPs) Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
8-9 March 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (ISM on NPD)	Sydney, Australia
14-15 March 2012	ARF Workshop on Proxy Actors in Cyber Space	Quang Nam, Viet Nam
16-17 March 2012	10 <sup>th</sup> ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime (ISM on CTC)	Quang Nam, Viet Nam
16-17 April 2012	11 <sup>th</sup> ARF Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR)	Brisbane, Australia
7 May 2012	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue (ARF DOD)	Wellington, New Zealand
8-9 May 2012	ARF Inter-Sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ARF ISG on CBMs and PD)	Wellington, New Zealand
24 May 2012	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue (DOD)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
25 May 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> ARF Security Policy Conference (ASPC)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
26 May 2012	ARF Senior Officials' Meeting (ARF SOM)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>Committee of Permanent Representative to ASEAN (CPR)</b>		
7 June 2011	13/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Surabaya, Indonesia
6 June 2011	16/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Surabaya, Indonesia
16 June 2011	Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) with the Secretary-General of ASEAN	Jakarta, Indonesia
20 June 2011	17/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
23 June 2012	14/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 June 2011	18/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
29 June 2011	15/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Medan, Indonesia
5 July 2011	19/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
7 July 2011	16/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
15 July 201	20/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Bali, Indonesia
16 July 2011	17/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Bali, Indonesia
2 August 2011	21/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
4 August 2011	18/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
16 August 2011	22/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
18 August 2011	19/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
5 September 2011	23/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
7 September 2011	20/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
19 September 2011	24/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 September 2011	25/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Manado, Indonesia
29 September 2011	21/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Manado, Indonesia
9 October 2011	26/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Bali, Indonesia
10 October 2011	22/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Bali, Indonesia
17 October 2011	27/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
20 October 2011	23/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
31 October 2011	Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) with the Secretary-General of ASEAN	Jakarta, Indonesia
	28/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	
2 November 2011	24/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
11 November 2011	29/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Bali, Indonesia
13 November 2011	25/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Bali, Indonesia
25 November 2011	30/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
1 December 2011	26/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
7 December 2011	31/2011 Meeting of the CPRWG	Pangkal Pinang, Indonesia
8 December 2011	27/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Pangkal Pinang, Indonesia
13 December 2011	28/2011 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
6 January 2012	1/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
9 January 2012	1/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Siem Reap, Cambodia
18 January 2012	2/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
31 January 2012	2/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
10 February 2012	3/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
24 February 2012	3/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
1 March 2012	4/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
3 March 2012	4/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
12 March 2012	5/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
20 March 2012	5/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
26 March 2012	6/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
30 March 2012	6/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Phnom Penh, Indonesia
23 April 2012	7/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
25 April 2012	8/2012 Meeting of the CPR	Jakarta, Indonesia
8 May 2012	8/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 May 2012	9/2012 Meeting of the CPRWG	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)</b>		
5-9 June 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	Bandung, Indonesia
25-29 October 2011	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)	Jakarta, Indonesia
8-9 January 2012	AICHR Meeting to prepare Progress Report on the AHRD to the AMM Retreat	Siem Reap, Cambodia
9-13 March 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of AICHR + Meeting on the AHRD	Jakarta, Indonesia

## ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

<b>ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council</b>		
14-15 October 2011	AEC Council Retreat	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15-16 November 2011	ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council	Bali, Indonesia
2 April 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Council	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)</b>		
June 2011	28 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprises Agencies Working Group (ASEAN SMEWG); 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN SME Advisory Board; 1 <sup>st</sup> Expert Panel Meeting on SME Access to Finance; 9 <sup>th</sup> Joint Consultation between the ASEAN SMEWG and SME Agencies of the Plus Three Countries; and 8 <sup>th</sup> Joint Consultation between the ASEAN SMEWG and Japan	Singapore
21-23 June 2011	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Cosmetic Committee	Brunei Darussalam
26-28 June 2011	27 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Standards and MRA (WG 1)	Myanmar
4-6 July 2011	54 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Bangkok, Thailand
8-9 July 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Business Dialogue with the Federation of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN (FJCCIA)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
12-14 July 2011	Coordinating Committee on Services Meeting	Bandung, Indonesia
13-17 July 2011	SEOM 4/42 and related Meetings	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
15-16 July 2011	65 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) Meeting	Indonesia
2-3 August 2011	20 <sup>th</sup> High Level Task Force (HLTF) Meeting on Economic Integration	Palembang, Indonesia
August 2011	43 <sup>rd</sup> AEM and Related Meetings	Manado, Indonesia
21-22 September 2011	Special SEOM	Makassar, Indonesia
26-27 September 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> Preparatory Meeting for the ASEAN Self-Certification Regime	Singapore
28-29 September 2011	66 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Singapore
12-13 November 2011	ASEAN SEOM	Bali, Indonesia
15-16 November 2011	ASEAN Economic Ministerial Meeting (AEM)	Bali, Indonesia
10-13 January 2012	67 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Solo, Indonesia
17-19 January 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) 1/43	Siem Reap, Cambodia
19 January 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> CLMV-SEOM	Siem Reap, Cambodia
5-6 February 2012	21 <sup>st</sup> High Level Task Force – Economic Integration (HLTF-EI)	Thailand
21-22 February 2012	Special ASEAN Cosmetics Committee-Head of Delegations (ACC-HOD)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
27-29 February 2012	18 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Retreat	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
12-17 March 2012	38 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and related Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
13-16 March 2012	68 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
29 March-1 April 2012	37 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC) Meeting	Phuket, Thailand
31 March-1 April 2012	Senior Economic Officials' Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
31 March-1 April 2012	ASEAN Senior Officials Preparatory Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
28 March 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Australia New Zealand Free Trade Area Intellectual Property Committee (AANZFTA IPC) Meeting	Phuket, Thailand

29 March 2012	Roundtable Discussion on Investment Policy Framework for CLMV Countries/GMS	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2 April 2012	Preparatory Meeting of AEM	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
17-19 April 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting on ASEAN Standards for Horticulture Produce (MASHP)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
23 April 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN High-Level Meeting on Competition	Brunei Darussalam
23-24 April 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> Experts Group on Competition (AEGC) Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
23-24 April 2012	ASEAN-Australia New Zealand Free Trade Area Committee on Investment (ANZFTA COI) ASEAN Caucus	Philippines
24-26 April 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Planning and Coordination Sub-Committee	Jakarta, Indonesia
2-4 May 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
2-4 May 2012	69 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
2-4 May 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection (ACCP) Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
9-10 May 2012	17 <sup>th</sup> ACCSQ Working Group on Legal Metrology (WG3)	Jakarta, Indonesia
14-18 May 2012	SEOM 2/43 and related meetings	Philippines
18 May 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> CLMV-SEOM Meeting	Philippines
30-31 May 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council</b>		
August 2011	AFTA Council/AIA Council/AEM- AEM-DPs Consultations	Manado, Indonesia
12-15 September 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Working Group on Rules of Origin (APWG-ROO)	Makati City, Philippines
13-17 February 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on ATIGA (ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement) (CCA) and related Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
14-17 February 2012	18 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Technical matter on ASEAN Single Window (TWG)	Viet Nam
20-21 February 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matter on ASEAN Single Window (LWG)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
13-15 March 2012	12 <sup>th</sup> Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group (CPTWG)	Singapore
3-5 April 2012	10 <sup>th</sup> Customs Capacity Building Working Group (CCBWG) Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
24-26 April 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (ASWSC)	Singapore
25-27 April 2012	15 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Legal Regulatory Matter on ASEAN Single Window (LWG)	Brunei Darussalam
27-29 April 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Sub-Working Group on ASEAN Customs Transit System Pilot Project Phase (5 <sup>th</sup> SWG-ACTS Meeting)	Malaysia
1-3 May 2012	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Legal and Regulatory Matters for the ASEAN Single Window (LWG)	Brunei Darussalam
4-6 May 2012	16 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Customs (CCC) Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
9-11 May 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (ASWSC)	Lao PDR
22-25 May 2012	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Technical Matters for the ASEAN Single Window (TWG)	Philippines
27 May-2 June 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (CCA) and related Meetings	Singapore

<b>ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council</b>		
January 2012	55 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Jakarta, Indonesia
16-17 January 2012	24 <sup>th</sup> Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (WGFDIS)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
25-27 April 2012	56 <sup>th</sup> Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Philippines

<b>ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)</b>		
12 September 2011	Working Committee on Capital Market Development	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
	19 <sup>th</sup> Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalization (WC-CAL)	
13 September 2011	Task Force on ASEAN Infrastructure Mechanism	Yogyakarta, Indonesia

14 September 2011	31 <sup>st</sup> Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalization (WC-FSL)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
15 September 2011	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting Working Group (AFDM-WG)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
24 September 2011	Informal ASEAN Finance Ministerial Meeting (AFMM) ASEAN Finance Ministers Investor Seminar (AFMIS)	Washington, USA
October 2011	Asian Bond Market Initiative (ABMI) Task Force ABMI Steering Group Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) Task Force Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM)	Lombok, Indonesia
17-21 October 2011	22 <sup>nd</sup> Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (WG 2)	Singapore
18-19 January 2012	ASEAN Capital Market Forum Working Group (ACMF-WG)	Bangkok, Thailand
29 February 2012	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Working Group Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
1 March 2012	Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
2 March 2012	Task Force on ASEAN Bond Market Initiative (ABMI) and Working Group on Economic and Finance Monitoring (ETWG) Meetings	Siem Reap, Cambodia
7 March 2012	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Capital Market Forum (ACMF)	Singapore
9 March 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Level Committee on ASEAN Financial Integration Meeting	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
26 March 2012	The ASEAN Central Bank Forum	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
27-29 March 2012	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM) and Related Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
29 March 2012	ASEAN Central Bank Governor's Meeting (ACGM) ASEAN Finance Ministers' Retreat	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
29-31 March 2012	ASEAN Conference of Deputy Governors of Central Bank Meeting (ACDM) ASEAN Conference of Governors of Central Bank (ACGM) Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
30 March 2012	16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
31 March 2012	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2-3 April 2012	ASEAN Finance Minister's Retreat and ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM)	Cambodia

#### ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

4-9 July 2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Prepared Food Stuff Products Working Group	Cambodia
23-25 August 2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Rubber Based Product Working Group	Bangkok, Thailand
3-9 October 2011	33 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Minister on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
16-19 January 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PFPWG) and Related Meeting	Brunei Darussalam
11-13 April 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> Rubber-Based Product Working Group (RBPWG) and Related Meeting	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
1-3 May 2012	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agriculture and Extension (AWGATE)	Bali, Indonesia
8-11 May 2012	20 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock (ASWGL) Meeting & 14 <sup>th</sup> NFPV Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
14-16 May 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Expert Working Group on Good Agricultural Practices (EWG-GAP) Meeting	Thailand
22-23 May 2012	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Working Group on Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Meeting	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
24-25 May 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Genetically Modified Food Testing Network Meeting	Manila, Philippines

#### ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)

18-22 September 2011	Senior Officials' Meeting on Energy	Brunei Darussalam
18-22 September 2011	29 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and Related Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
15-16 November 2011	Special Meeting of Senior Officials on Energy (SOME) and Meeting of the Governing Council of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE)	Brunei Darussalam

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin)</b>		
5-9 December 2011	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials on Minerals Meeting (ASOMM) and 3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting of Minerals (AMMin) and associated meetings	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
17-18 April 2012	ASEAN Minerals Working Groups Meeting	Ha Noi, Viet Nam

<b>ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)</b>		
4-7 July 2011	Special Meeting of the ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials (Special TELSOM)	Pattaya, Thailand
11-14 July 2011	17 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators Council (17 <sup>th</sup> ATRC) and Related Meetings with Dialogue Partners (China/Japan/EU)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
4-5 October 2011	Joint TELSOM-ATRC Leaders Retreat	Singapore
5-9 December 2011	12 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) and 11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN) and associated meetings	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
5-7 March 2012	ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators Council (ATRC) Working Group Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
28-30 March 2012	Telecommunications and Information Technology Senior Officers Meeting (TELSOM) Working Groups Meetings	Bandung, Indonesia
23-24 April 2012	Joint Telecommunications and Information Technology Senior Officers Meeting and ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (TELSOM-ATRC) Retreat	Bangkok, Thailand

<b>ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)</b>		
3-7 October 2011	22 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
12-16 December 2011	32 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Transport Senior Officials Meeting (STOM), 17 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM) and associated meetings	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
19-21 March 2012	23 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting (MTWG)	Yangon, Myanmar
23-27 April 2012	25 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Air Transport Working Group (ATWG) and related meetings	Bangkok, Thailand
2-4 May 2012	11 <sup>th</sup> Forum on the Operationalisation of the ASEAN Transport Facilitation Agreements and 23 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group (TFWG) Meeting	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
22-24 May 2012	33 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Bandung, Indonesia

<b>Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)</b>		
21-22 June 2011	34 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN NTOs Meeting	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
3-6 October 2011	ASEAN Tourism Working Groups Meetings	Brunei Darussalam
22-23 November 2011	Special Meeting of ASEAN Quality Tourism Working Group	Siem Reap, Cambodia
8-9 January 2012	35 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN NTOs Meeting	Manado, Indonesia
January 2012	ASEAN Tourism Forum 2012	Manado, Indonesia
11 January 2012	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-ATM)	Manado, Indonesia
14-15 February 2012	Special Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Marketing and Communication Working Group	Bangkok, Thailand
20-22 March 2012	ASEAN Tourism Working Group Meetings	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
13 April 2012	Special Meeting of ASEAN Cruise Tourism Sub-Working Group	Bali, Indonesia
28 May 2012	Special Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Product Development Working Group (PDWG) and ASEAN Tourism Marketing And Communication Working Group (MCWG) with ASEANTA	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Brunei Darussalam

## ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY

<b>ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council</b>		
31 March-1 April 2012	Senior Official Committee for ASCC Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
2 April 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Council (ASCC) Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)</b>		
26-29 July 2011	Special SOMCA to discuss Draft Declaration on a Shared ASEAN Cultural Identity-Towards Strengthening ASEAN Community	Yogyakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)</b>		
7-10 June 2011	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Culture (SCC)	LuangPrabang, Lao PDR
November 2011	ASEAN Cultural Youth Camp	Central Java, Indonesia
5-8 December 2011	46 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI)	Bangkok, Thailand

<b>ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)</b>		
17-18 July 2011	Informal ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (Working Dinner)	Bali, Indonesia
28-29 July 2011	27 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN University Network Board of Trustees (AUN-BOT)	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
21 October 2011	18 <sup>th</sup> AUN/SEED-Net Steering Committee Meeting and Year 2011 Annual Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
19 January 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOMED)	Bangkok, Thailand

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)</b>		
6-7 February 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> AHA Centre ICT Review Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
23-24 February 2012	AHA Centre ICT Users' Workshop	Jakarta, Indonesia
15-16 March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-1) to the AADMER	Jakarta, Indonesia
22-23 March 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> AHA Centre ICT Users' Workshop	Tokyo, Japan

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)</b>		
15-18 June 2011	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME)	Nha Trang City, Viet Nam
30 June-1 July 2011	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (AWGMEA)	Singapore
2-4 July 2011	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)	Singapore
6-7 September 2011	21 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
September 2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan,
12-15 September 2011	22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN) Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan,
October 2011	Senior Officials Meeting for the 13 <sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (IAMME)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
16-20 October 2011	13 <sup>th</sup> Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (IAMME)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
30 January 2012	ASEAN Initiative Seminar on Inland Water Management	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
17-18 April 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan,

21-22 May 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
29-30 May 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Environmental Education (AWGEE)	Vientiane, Lao PDR
	Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	
22-23 September 2011	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (TWG-Southern)	Bangkok, Thailand
	12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee on Transboundary Haze Pollution (MSC)	
16-20 October 2011	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee under COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-7)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
	7 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-7) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	
10 November 2011	8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (TWG Mekong)	Viet Nam
28 November-December 2011	17 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP 17)/ 7 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 7) – UNFCCC	Durban, South Africa
7 May 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (TWG-southern)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
8 May 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
8-9 May 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Steering Committee Forum	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

<b>ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)</b>		
15 June 2011	ASEAN Dengue Day Official Launching	Jakarta, Indonesia
20-21 June 2011	ASEAN Pre Conference on Traditional Medicine	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
29 June-1 July 2011	ASEAN Strategic Planning Workshop on Mental Health	Nonthaburi, Thailand
14-15 July 2011	ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA) Expanded Consultation Meeting on the Development of the 'Renewal to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV and AIDS'	Bangkok, Thailand
25-27 July 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
31 October-2 November 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Conference on Traditional Medicine	Solo, Indonesia
3 November 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Traditional Medicine (ATFTM)	Solo, Central Java, Indonesia
9-11 November 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases (AEGCD)	Yangon, Myanmar
22-24 November 2011	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA)	Bandung, Indonesia
14-16 December 2011	27 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Pharmaceutical Development (AWGPD)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
12-14 January 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Focal Points on Tobacco Control (AFPTC)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
1-2 February 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Maternal and Child Health (ATFMCH)	Bangkok, Thailand
13-14 February 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Health Impact Assessment for ASEAN Workshop: "Understanding Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	Phuket, Thailand
6-8 March 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response (AWGPPR)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
22-23 March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Non Communicable Diseases (ATFNCD)	Cebu, Philippines
26-28 March 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> SOMHD	Cebu, Philippines
23-25 May 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Task Force on Mental Health (AMT)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam



<b>ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)</b>		
28-29 July 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the SLOM Working Group on HIV Prevention and Control in the Work Place (SLOM-WG-HIV)	Jakarta, Indonesia
12-13 September 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACMW Instrument Drafting Team	Pasay City, the Philippines
9-10 November 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SLOM Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance the Competitiveness of ASEAN (SLOM-WG)	Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia
3-5 April 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACMW Instrument Drafting Team	Singapore
18-19 April 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN – OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting	Manila, the Philippines
4-11 May 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW), 8 <sup>th</sup> Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Human Resources Conference, 22 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

<b>ASEAN Ministers on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)</b>		
31 October-	8 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication	Brunei Darussalam
3 November 2011	(8 <sup>th</sup> SOMRDPE ); 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (7 <sup>th</sup> AMRDPE)	

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)</b>		
19-23 September 2011	Regional Workshop on ASEAN Action Plan on CSR, 6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN GO-NGO Forum on Social Welfare and Development, 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (7 <sup>th</sup> SOMSWD)	Bangkok, Thailand
1-2 December 2011	Consultation Meeting with UNICEF to Discuss the Possible Action Plan Under the ASEAN-UNICEF Framework for Cooperation	Bali, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)</b>		
25-27 October 2011	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam

<b>ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)</b>		
18-19 October 2011	Senior Officials Meeting of the 16 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)	Malacca, Malaysia

<b>ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (AMMW)</b>		
3-6 October 2011	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Women (10 <sup>th</sup> ACW), Preliminary Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Women Conference on “Gender Responsive Budgeting Initiatives in ASEAN: Key Dimensions and Practical Experiences”	Bogor, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)</b>		
15-16 June 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (2 <sup>nd</sup> ACWC)	ASEAN Secretariat Jakarta
6-8 September 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (3 <sup>rd</sup> ACWC)	Solo, Indonesia
16-18 January 2012	Consultation of ACWC with UN Experts on VAW and Special Representative of UN Secretary General on VAC, Dialogue between ACWC and CSOs/NGOs on VAWC	Manila, Philippines
16-18 February 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (4 <sup>th</sup> ACWC)	Vientiane, Lao PDR

### ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS)

14 December 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
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## ASEAN CONNECTIVITY

29-30 June 2011	2/2011 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting	Medan, Indonesia
01 July 2011	1/2011 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting with Japan	Medan, Indonesia
10 Nov 2011	3/2011 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
11 Nov 2011	3/2011 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting with Japan	Bali, Indonesia
15 March 2012	1/2012 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting	ASEAN Secretariat
16 March 2012	1/2012 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting with National Coordinators for the Implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (NCs)	ASEAN Secretariat
16 March 2012	1/2012 ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Meeting with Japan	ASEAN Secretariat

## EXTERNAL RELATIONS

### ASEAN–Australia

5-6 September 2011	24 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Australia Forum	Australia
27 October 2011	5 <sup>th</sup> Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC) Meeting of the ASEAN- Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II (AADCP II)	Jakarta, Indonesia
28 October 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Australia Joint Cooperation Committee (AA-JCC) Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
14 March 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC) Meeting of the ASEAN- Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II (AADCP II)	Jakarta, Indonesia

### ASEAN–Canada

2-3 June 2011	ASEAN-Canada Dialogue	Vancouver, Canada
28 February 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN-Canada Informal Consultative Mechanism (ICM)	Jakarta, Indonesia

### ASEAN–China

28 July 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN China SOMHD	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
16-19 August 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week	Guiyang, China
27-28 September 2011	China-ASEAN Workshop on ICT Applications in Disaster Preparedness and Response	Beijing, China
13-16 January 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Meeting on the DOC and the 7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on the Implementation of the DOC	Beijing, China
1-2 March 2012	18 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Senior Officials' Meeting Consultations(ACSOC)	Ho Chi Minh City,
28-29 March 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee (ACJCC) Working Group and the 13 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ACJCC	Jakarta, Indonesia
30 March 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-China SOMHD	Cebu, Philippines
10-12 April 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-China Free trade Area Joint Committee (ACFTA-JC) Meeting	Nanning, China
27 May 2012	ASEAN-China Joint Working Group on DOC and the Joint Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on DOC	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

### ASEAN–European Union

6-7 Jul 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Institutional Capacity Building for ASEAN Monitoring and Statistics Workshop on Programme Formulation/Joint Programme Design Team (JPDT)	Jakarta, Indonesia
18-19 October 2011	ASEAN-EU SOM	Warsaw, Poland

3 November 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Institutional Capacity Building for ASEAN Monitoring and Statistics Workshop on Programme Formulation/Joint Programme Design Team (JPDT)	Jakarta, Indonesia
12 November 2011	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-EU Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC)	Bali, Indonesia
19 December 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Joint Programme Design Team (JPDT) Meeting on ASEAN-EU Higher Education Programme	Jakarta, Indonesia
16 January 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting of Regional ASEAN-EU Dialogue Instrument (READI) Facility	Jakarta, Indonesia
30 January 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joint Programme Design Team (JPDT) Meeting on ASEAN-EU Higher Education Programme	Jakarta, Indonesia
14 March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Joint Programme Design Team (JPDT) Meeting on ASEAN-EU Human Rights Programme	Jakarta, Indonesia
15-16 March 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Institutional Capacity Building for ASEAN Monitoring and Statistics Workshop on Programme Formulation/Joint Programme Design Team (JPDT)	Jakarta, Indonesia
1 April 2012	ASEAN-EU Business Summit	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
12 April 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting of Regional ASEAN-EU Dialogue Instrument (READI) Facility	Jakarta, Indonesia
26-27 April 2012	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting (AEMM)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

#### ASEAN–India

24 June 2011	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Tourism Working Group Meeting	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
18-28 September 2011	ASEAN-India Student Exchange Programme	India
3-9 October 2011	AMAF-India Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
9 January 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Tourism Working Group Meeting	Manado, Indonesia
12 January 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers	Manado, Indonesia
6-8 March 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-India Working Group Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry	Palembang, Indonesia
3 May 2012	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Working Group Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
4 May 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
27 May 2012	14 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

#### ASEAN–Japan

September 2011	ASEAN-Japan Information Security Workshop and Training Programs	Tokyo
12-15 September 2011	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan,
27 January 2012	27 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Forum (AJF)	Tokyo, Japan
5-8 March 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Joint Committee (AJCEP JC) and related Meetings	Myanmar
27-28 March 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> Experts Group Meeting on the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership Platform	Jakarta, Indonesia

#### ASEAN–Republic of Korea

16-17 June 2011	ASEAN-ROK Dialogue	Vientiane, Lao PDR
21-23 June 2011	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea FTA – Implementing Committee and related Working Groups Meeting	Viet Nam
20-21 November 2011	Special AKFTA Implementing Committee Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
29 February 2012	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area Implementing Committee (AKFTA-IC) Meeting and Related Meeting	Lao PDR

<b>ASEAN–New Zealand</b>		
3-4 November 2011	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 May 2012	13 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Management Committee	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN–Russian Federation</b>		
27-28 June 2011	ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials' Meeting	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
1-2 October 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-Russia Joint Expert Group (JEG) on the Comprehensive Trade and Economic Roadmap	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
9 January 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Russia Tourism Consultation	Manado, Indonesia
18 April 2012	9 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Russia Joint Planning and Management Committee Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia
19 April 2012	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Russia Joint Cooperation Committee Meeting	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN–United States</b>		
19 October 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting of the ASEAN-U.S. Technical Assistance and Training Facility (TATF)	Jakarta, Indonesia
9 January 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN-US Lecture Series	Jakarta, Indonesia
17 April 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> Project Steering Committee Meeting of the ASEAN-US Technical Assistance and Training Facility (TATF)	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN – Germany</b>		
2 March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Germany Strategic Planning Workshop	Jakarta, Indonesia

<b>ASEAN Plus Three</b>		
23 June 2011	19 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three NTOs Meeting	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
16-23 July 2011	ASEAN Plus Three SOM ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers' Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
17-18 July 2011	Informal ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting (APT EMM)	Bali, Indonesia
28 July 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three SOMHD	Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
12-15 September 2011	8 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on the Environment (SOME)	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam
23 September 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (6 <sup>th</sup> SOMSWD+3)	Bangkok, Thailand
4-7 October 2011	ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO)	Lombok, Indonesia
5 October 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Committee on Women Meeting (3 <sup>rd</sup> ACW +3)	Jakarta, Indonesia
6-7 October 2011	1 <sup>st</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network (FETN) Steering Committee Meeting	Bangkok, Thailand
3-9 October 2011	32 <sup>nd</sup> AMAF Plus Three	Jakarta, Indonesia
6-8 October 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Leadership Programme Sustainable Production & Consumption	Bangkok, Thailand
10-14 October 2011	ASEAN Plus Three SOM	Bali, Indonesia
16-20 October 2011	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
25-27 October 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY+3)	Ha Noi, Viet Nam
18-25 October 2011	6 <sup>th</sup> 10+3 Workshop on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resources Development and the 2011 China-ASEAN Cultural Industry Forum	Guanzi, China
1 November 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (4 <sup>th</sup> SOMRDPE+3)	Brunei Darussalam
15-18 November 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Plus 3 Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOMED+3)	Bangkok, Thailand
23-24 November 2011	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM) + 3 Informal ASEAN Finance and Central Deputies Meeting (AFDM) + 3	Tokyo, Japan

10 January 2012	20 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three NTOs Meeting	Manado, Indonesia
12 January 2012	11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN+3 Tourism Ministers	Manado, Indonesia
20 January 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED+3)	Bangkok, Thailand
28 March 2012	Formal AFDM+3	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
29 March 2012	Informal AFDM+3	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
29 March 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Plus Three SOMHD	Cebu, Philippines
1-2 April 2012	ASEAN+3 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Cambodia
1-3 May 2012	Workshop on ASEAN+ 3 Airport Interdiction Task Force	Bangkok, Thailand
8 May 2012	10 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM+3)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
11 May 2012	7 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM+3)	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
17-20 May 2012	5 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Biomass Forum	Nanjing, China
24-26 May 2012	ASEAN+3 SOM	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

#### ASEAN – CER (Australia and New Zealand)

4-7 October 2011	AANZFTA-related Capacity-Building Activities: Simplification of Customs Procedures and Self-Certification	Bali, Indonesia
26-28 October 2011	AANZFTA-related Capacity-Building Activity: Workshop on Monitoring the Utilization of the AANZFTA Tariff Preferences	Manila, Philippines
19-20 April 2012	AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Work Programme (ECWP) Activity: Statistics on International Trade in Services (SITS) Phase II Workshop on First SITS Data Collection	Jakarta, Indonesia
23-24 April 2012	AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Work Programme (ECWP) Activity: AANZFTA Regional Seminar/Forum on Best Practices on Investment Facilitation	Palawan, Philippines
3-4 May 2012	AANZFTA Economic Cooperation Work Programme (ECWP) Activity: Workshop on Investment Commitments in International Agreements-Key Issues for AANZFTA's Investment Work Programme	Brunei Darussalam
7-11 May 2012	4 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Australia New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA JC) Joint Committee and related Meetings	Brunei Darussalam

#### East Asia Summit

16-23 July 2011	Ad Hoc EAS Senior Officials' Consultation EAS Foreign Ministers' Consultation	Bali, Indonesia
17-18 July 2011	Informal East Asia Summit Education Ministers Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
15-17 September 2011	9 <sup>th</sup> East Asia Forum	Cheng Du, China
12-15 September 2011	4 <sup>th</sup> Preparatory EAS-SOM for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> EAS EMM Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan,
10-14 October 2011	East Asia Summit SOM	Bali, Indonesia
16-20 October 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> East Asian Summit (EAS) Environment Ministers Meeting	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
24-26 May 2012	Ad-Hoc Consultations among EAS Senior Officials	Phnom Penh, Cambodia

#### OTHER RELATED MEETINGS

17-19 August 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Maritime Forum	Pattaya, Thailand
18-24 September 2011	32 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
22-24 September 2011	ASEAN Maritime Legal Experts' Meeting	Manila, Philippines
23 September 2011	ASEAN-Gulf Cooperation Council GCC Ministerial Meeting	New York, USA
24 September 2011	11 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Ministerial Meeting	New York, USA
25-28 September 2011	24 <sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting of the Veterans Confederation of ASEAN Countries	Bali, Indonesia
November 2011	APEC Leaders Meeting	Honolulu, USA
11-12 January 2012	2012 Strategic Planning Meeting/Finalisation of the BIMP-EAGA Implementation Blueprint 2012-2016	Manila, Philippines

17-18 January 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting of ASEM Chair Support Group (ACSG)	Vientiane, Lao PDR
6-9 February 2012	UNESCAP Meeting back to back with Program Evaluation on HIV/AIDS in ASEAN	Bangkok, Thailand
1-2 March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> 2012 ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting (ASEM SOM)	Copenhagen, Denmark
4-6 April 2012	12 <sup>th</sup> ASEAN Taskforce on HPAI Meeting	LuangPrabang, Lao PDR
9-11 April 2012	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting on the AHRD	Indonesia
24-26 April 2012	Rapid Response Activity: In-Country Training on Tariff and Trade Data Analysis for Cambodia	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
25-28 April 2012	ASEAN Roadshow to Japan	Tokyo/Sendai, Japan
22-24 May 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> ASEAN GCC WG Meeting on Agriculture Investment and Food Security	Padang, Indonesia



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The ten stalks of padi represent the dream of ASEAN's Founding Fathers for an ASEAN comprising all the ten countries in Southeast Asia bound together in friendship and solidarity. The circle represents the unity of ASEAN.

The specification of Pantone Colour adopted for the colours of the ASEAN Emblem are:

Blue : Pantone 286  
Red : Pantone Red 032  
Yellow : Pantone Process Yellow

For four-colour printing process, the specifications of colours will be:

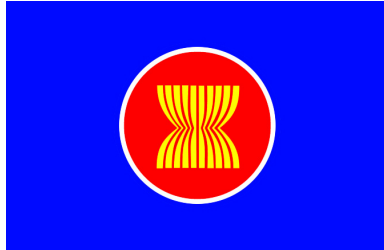
Blue : 100C 60M 0Y 6K (100C 60M 0Y 10K)  
Red : 0C 91M 87Y 0K (0C 90M 90Y 0K)  
Yellow : 0C 0M 100Y 0K

Specifications in brackets are to be used when an arbitrary measurement of process colours is not possible.

In Pantone Process Colour Simulator, the specifications equal to:

Blue : Pantone 204-1  
Red : Pantone 60-1  
Yellow : Pantone 1-3

The font used for the word "ASEAN" in the Emblem is lower-case Helvetica in bold.



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Blue : Pantone 19-4053 TC  
Red : Pantone 18-1655 TC  
White : Pantone 11-4202 TC  
Yellow : Pantone 13-0758 TC

For the printed version, the specifications of colours (except white) will follow those for the colours of the ASEAN Emblem, i.e.:

Blue : Pantone 286 or Process Colour 100C 60M 0Y 6K  
Red : Pantone Red 032 Process Colour 0C 91M 87Y 0K  
Yellow : Pantone Process Yellow Process Colour 0C 0M 100Y 0K

The ratio of the width to the length of the Flag is two to three and the size specifications for the official flags are:

Table Flag: 10 cm x 15 cm  
Room Flag: 100 cm x 150 cm  
Car Flag: 10 cm x 30 cm  
Field Flag: 200 cm x 300 cm



Soprano

# ASEAN Anthem The ASEAN WAY

Lyricist : Payom Valaiphatchra

Music: Kittikhun Sodprasert  
& Sampao Triudom  
Arr.: Kittikhun Sodprasert

**Allegretto Maestoso** ♩=100

5 **A**

Raise our flag high, sky high Em-brace the pride in our  
*mp*

9

heart A-SEAN we are bonded as one Look-in out to the world. For

**B**

14

peace, our goal from the ve-ry start And pros-pe ri ty to last. We  
*mf* *po co a po co cresc.*

**C**

18

dare to dream we care to share. To-ge-ther for A-SEAN we  
*f* *mf*

22

dare to dream we care to share for it's the way of A-SEAN  
*f* *rit.* *ff*



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