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“If ASEAN succeeds, it will be good for the region and the world.”

In my message as the new Secretary-General of ASEAN on 7 January 2008, I recalled a Vision, a Dream that we all inherit – that is, a

region of peaceful co-existence amidst diversity, and a brighter and more secure future for the peoples of Southeast Asia. We would come close to achieving that Vision, that Dream, only when we believe in and act as one new ASEAN.

The signing of the ASEAN Charter on 20 November 2007 is a testament of our faith and acting together. With a new legal personality, ASEAN would be taken as a serious regional inter-governmental organisation, with clear shared commitment and collective responsibility, increased mandate and resources to match. So far, six Member States – Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Lao PDR, Viet Nam, and Cambodia – have ratified the Charter. I am optimistic that by the end of the year, in Bangkok, at the same table that the founding fathers of ASEAN had signed the ASEAN Declaration of 1967, the ASEAN Leaders will be able to celebrate the entry into force of the Charter and usher in a new era of community-building in Southeast Asia.

Bridging the gaps has always been one of the core objectives of our community-building efforts. We are not only concerned with bridging the development gap between countries but also the gaps in the political, security and socio-cultural aspects. On the economic front, we are implementing the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint to create a single market and production base. We are now working on a scorecard system to ensure timely implementation of the economic commitments under the Blueprint. At the same time, we are drafting the two Blueprints for the ASEAN Political Security Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

In the midst of community-building however, ASEAN faces other challenges. Our economies, like many elsewhere, are buffeted with spiraling oil and food prices. While the region has more than enough rice to feed its peoples and to share with the world, our challenge is to further strengthen the scope

of regional cooperation in food security to prevent any adverse impact on the ASEAN economies, and most importantly, to secure steady food supply for our peoples.

On 2 May 2008, Cyclone Nargis struck the Irrawaddy Delta in Myanmar. After the tsunami in 2004, this is the most serious disaster to have affected one of our Member States. In a demonstration of quick responsiveness and solidarity, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers held a special meeting in Singapore to look into the immediate, medium- and long-term measures to assist the cyclone victims in Myanmar to recover from the devastation and to help rebuild their lives and livelihood. We also created an ASEAN-led mechanism to provide humanitarian assistance and organise international efforts to help the cyclone victims.

We are at a defining moment in the history of ASEAN. I say this because when the ASEAN Charter comes into force, ASEAN will begin to transform itself into a people-oriented organisation. The ASEAN Secretariat will be better equipped to support this historic transformation, in which our peoples will be put at the centre of community-building in the new ASEAN.

From my first day in office, I have articulated about a “networked” ASEAN, with the ASEAN Secretariat as the nerve centre of this new network. ASEAN can now move forward with confidence and clear vision. But ASEAN would need all the help it can get from all parties concerned; from its Member States, from its peoples, and from its external friends and partners. The good news is that we are fortunate to have Dialogue Partners, friendly countries and international organisations who want us to succeed.

If ASEAN succeeds, it will be good for the region and the world. At least the world will have one less region to worry about. And that is a very significant achievement and contribution, indeed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Surin Pitsuwan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Surin Pitsuwan

THE 13TH ASEAN SUMMIT



The 13th ASEAN Summit, Singapore

The 13th ASEAN Summit, held on 20 November 2007 in Singapore, generated milestone outcomes that strengthened ASEAN's community-building efforts.

Foremost amongst these is the signing of the ASEAN Charter, which represents ASEAN's common vision and commitment to the development of an ASEAN Community with lasting peace, stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress.

Through the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability, ASEAN Leaders pledged to deepen cooperation in a wide range of activities, including combating transboundary environmental pollution, and ensuring the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources. Through the ASEAN Declaration on the 13th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 3rd Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties (CMP) to the Kyoto Protocol, ASEAN Leaders committed to support Indonesia for the successful conclusion of the climate change conference in Bali.

Through the Declaration on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint, ASEAN Leaders emphasised the importance of equitable economic development, the reduction of poverty and socio-economic disparities and urged that the benefits of economic integration be quickly accrued to all peoples of ASEAN through timely implementation of the provisions of the Blueprint. To complement the AEC Blueprint, the ASEAN Leaders also mandated the development of the Blueprints for the ASEAN Political Security Community, as well as the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

The ASEAN Leaders also held Summits with their counterparts from China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and India. ASEAN and the European Union also held a Commemorative Summit. Each of these Summit meetings built on existing cooperation by providing direction for future collaboration in order to advance respective dialogue relations.

At the 11th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Summit, the Leaders reiterated that APT is an integral part of the evolving regional architecture, mutually reinforcing and complementary to the East Asia Summit (EAS) and ASEAN Regional Forum, and adopted the Second Joint Statement on East Asia Cooperation and APT Cooperation Work Plan (2007-2017). At the Third EAS, the Leaders of participating countries signed the Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment.



Leaders at the 13th ASEAN Summit



Leaders celebrating the 10th Anniversary of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation



Leaders toasting after the Signing Ceremony of the 13th ASEAN Summit

Declarations from the 13th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits

- Singapore Declaration on the ASEAN Charter
- Declaration on the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint
- ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability
- ASEAN Declaration on the 13th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC and the 3rd Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties (CMP) to the Kyoto Protocol
- Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment



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SINGAPORE



One ASEAN at the Heart of Dynamic Asia

“... our full resolve and commitment to narrow the development gap and to advance ASEAN integration through the creation of an ASEAN Community in furtherance of peace, progress and prosperity of its people.”

SINGAPORE DECLARATION ON THE ASEAN CHARTER

ASEAN'S YEAR IN EXTERNAL RELATIONS

June 2007-May 2008

European Union (EU)

- ASEAN and EU hold an ASEAN-EU Commemorative Summit in November 2007 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Dialogue Relations.
- The Plan of Action to Implement the Nuremberg Declaration on an EU-ASEAN Enhanced Partnership is adopted during the Commemorative Summit.
- The EU has allocated an amount of €70 million to the regional EU-ASEAN programmes for the period of 2007-2013. It would be used to implement collaborative programmes that support ASEAN's economic integration process and address global issues such as environment, energy and climate change.
- Progress is made in the ongoing negotiations for the ASEAN-EU FTA.

Russian Federation

- ASEAN and Russia are drafting the TOR of the Joint ASEAN-Russia Working Group on Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime, and finalising the Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-Russian Federation Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism.
- ASEAN and Russia are working towards the implementation of joint cooperation projects that would be funded by the ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Partnership Financial Fund.

Pakistan

- Pakistan contributes US\$1 million to the ASEAN-Pakistan Cooperation Fund in June 2007.
- A Joint Feasibility Study on an ASEAN-Pakistan FTA is underway.

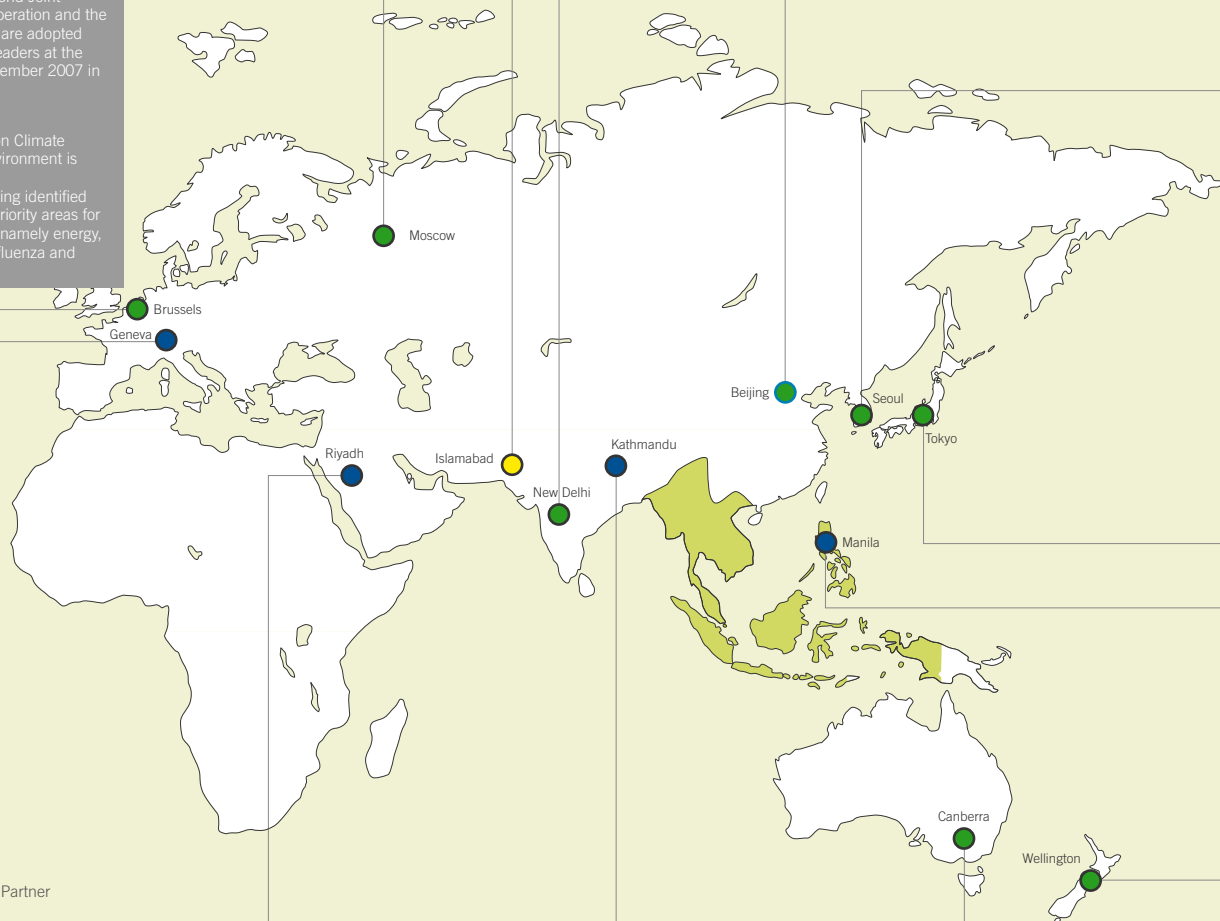
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ASEAN Plus Three (APT)

- In commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of APT cooperation, the Second Joint Statement on East Asia Cooperation and the APT Cooperation Work Plan are adopted by the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders at the 11th APT Summit on 20 November 2007 in Singapore.

East Asia Summit (EAS)

- The Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment is signed at the Third EAS.
- Cooperation activities are being identified or implemented in the five priority areas for cooperation under the EAS, namely energy, education, finance, avian influenza and natural disaster mitigation.



● ASEAN Dialogue Partner

● ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner

● International/Regional Organisation

This map is only indicative and is not drawn to scale

World Health Organization (WHO)

- The WHO provides ASEAN with technical assistance for the Phase 2 of the ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Diseases programme.

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

- The ASEAN-GCC Annual Ministerial Meeting in September 2007 discusses the possibility of formalising the ASEAN-GCC partnership.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

- The ASEAN and SAARC Secretariats develop their Partnership Work Plan 2008-2009 in December 2007, covering 11 areas of cooperation which include trade and investment, energy, agriculture, and poverty alleviation.

India

- India contributes US\$2.5 million to the ASEAN-India Fund in February 2008, and completes its contribution of US\$1 million to the ASEAN Development Fund in October 2007.
- India contributes an initial US\$1 million to the ASEAN-India Science & Technology Development Fund, and US\$5 million to the ASEAN-India Green Fund.
- The ASEAN-India FTA negotiations are ongoing.

China

- ASEAN and China sign a MOU on Strengthening Sanitary and Phytosanitary Cooperation in November 2007.
- ASEAN and China include environment as the 11th priority area of cooperation, in addition to the 10 priority areas of cooperation that are agreed at the 11th ASEAN-China Summit in November 2007.

Republic of Korea (ROK)

- The ASEAN-ROK Agreement on Trade in Services under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation is signed in November 2007.
- The ASEAN-ROK MOU on Establishing the ASEAN-Korea Centre is signed in November 2007. The Centre will serve to increase trade volume, accelerate investment flow, invigorate tourism and enrich cultural exchanges between ASEAN and ROK.

Canada

- ASEAN and Canada adopt the ASEAN-Canada Joint Cooperation Work Plan 2007-2010 in August 2007, which provides for a comprehensive cooperative framework in political and security, economic and socio-cultural cooperation.
- ASEAN and Canada hold two workshops on preventing bio-terrorism and on forging cooperation among anti-terror units in July 2007 and January 2008, respectively.

United Nations (UN)

- ASEAN and UN sign a MOU on ASEAN-UN Cooperation covering matters of mutual interest, including political, economic and socio-cultural areas, in September 2007.

United States of America (US)

- The US appoints its Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Southeast Asia, Mr. Scot A. Marciel, as Ambassador to ASEAN in April 2008.
- ASEAN and the US celebrate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-US Dialogue Relations in 2007.
- The US launches the ASEAN Development Vision to Advance National Cooperation and Economic Integration (ADVANCE) in February 2008 with an estimated funding of US\$150 million for the period of 2008-2015. The ADVANCE is a multi-sector development assistance programme to help ASEAN achieve its goal of building the ASEAN Community by 2015.

Japan

- ASEAN and Japan sign the Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership in April 2008.
- The ASEAN-Japan Eminent Persons Group (EPG) is established to assess ASEAN-Japan relationship and submit recommendations on future direction to the 12th ASEAN-Japan Summit in December 2008. The First Meeting of the ASEAN-Japan EPG was held in March 2008 in Tokyo.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- The ASEAN Secretariat and ADB are undertaking cooperative activities as envisaged under their Work Plan 2007-2008, which include supporting regional policy dialogue for ASEAN economic integration; capacity building and institutional strengthening; support for sub-regional cooperation programmes; and narrowing the development gap.

Australia

- The Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Australia Comprehensive Partnership and its Plan of Action are signed and adopted in 2007.
- The ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA negotiations are ongoing.
- ASEAN and Australia are working towards the launching of the second phase of ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme (AADCP) in June 2008, where Australia will provide A\$57 million to ASEAN over the next seven years to support greater economic integration in the region.

New Zealand

- ASEAN and New Zealand are undertaking concrete cooperative activities to combat international terrorism, including New Zealand's funding of an ASEAN Workshop on the Implementation of the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism in June 2008.
- ASEAN and New Zealand are working on a draft Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-New Zealand Joint Declaration to Combat International Terrorism.



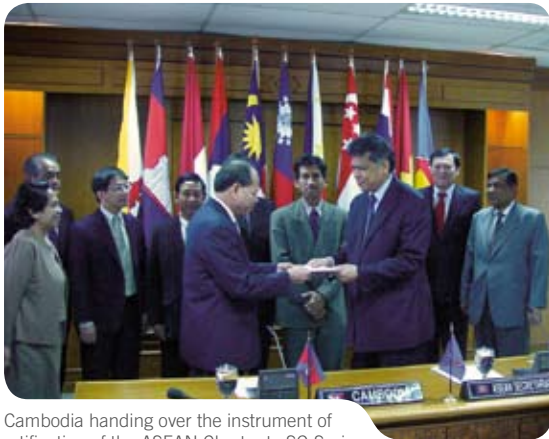


Highlights

The ASEAN Charter - Giving ASEAN New Legs
ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint - Towards 2015
A Clean and Green ASEAN - Sustaining Our Future

“... the Charter shall serve as a legal and institutional framework, as well as an inspiration for ASEAN in the years ahead.”

SINGAPORE DECLARATION ON THE ASEAN CHARTER



Cambodia handing over the instrument of ratification of the ASEAN Charter to SG Surin



The High Level Task Force presenting the ASEAN Charter to ASEAN Foreign Ministers

The ASEAN Charter could be compared to new legs for ASEAN to stand on and move forward in building the ASEAN Community.

The Charter spells out the principles to which all ten Member States of ASEAN will adhere to. They include “the rule of law, good governance, the principles of democracy and constitutional government”. In addition, there are the principles of “shared commitment and collective responsibility in enhancing regional peace, security and prosperity” and “enhanced consultations on matters seriously affecting the common interest of ASEAN”.

The Charter will confer on ASEAN a legal personality as an inter-governmental organisation. An ASEAN agreement will soon be developed to spell out what ASEAN can do with its legal personality.

ASEAN Leaders will meet at least twice a year, instead of meeting only once during the annual summit. Ministers will also meet more often in their respective Communities. The ASEAN Foreign Ministers will have a greater role, wearing at least five different hats: as key participants in the annual ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting; in the ASEAN Regional Forum; as members of the existing Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone Commission; now as members of the (new) ASEAN Political Security Community Council; and, the (new) ASEAN Coordinating Council.

The Secretary-General of ASEAN will have a bigger role in ensuring compliance and prompt implementation of ASEAN commitments and agreements, engaging with “entities associated with ASEAN”, advancing the interests of ASEAN’s legal personality, and representing ASEAN’s views in meetings with external parties. Hence, two more deputies will be recruited to assist the Secretary-General, in addition to the existing two deputies who are nominated by Member States on a rotation basis.

Member States will appoint their respective Permanent Representatives to ASEAN to form a Committee of Permanent Representatives in Jakarta. The Committee will work closely with the Secretary-General and the ASEAN Secretariat in coordinating the building of the ASEAN Community. The Committee will also interact with Dialogue Partners’ Ambassadors to ASEAN. The United States has already appointed its first U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN. The other Dialogue Partners are expected to follow suit soon.

Another important new mechanism is the ASEAN human rights body, which will promote and protect human rights in the ASEAN region. A high level panel will draft the Terms of Reference for the ASEAN human rights body for consideration at the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting.

With the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN will have legs to go places.

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY BLUEPRINT - TOWARDS 2015

At the 13th ASEAN Summit in November 2007, ASEAN Leaders signed the Declaration on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint, which serves as a coherent master plan towards achieving an AEC by 2015 by identifying economic integration measures and timelines for their implementation.

The AEC comprises four key pillars:

- i creating a single market and production base;
- ii enhancing competitive economic environment;
- iii promoting equitable economic development; and
- iv integrating ASEAN into the global economy.

The free flow of goods, services, investment, capital and skilled labour is one of the principal means to achieve a single market and production base. To achieve a free flow of goods, the AEC Blueprint provides for the elimination of substantially all forms of non-tariff measures and market access limitations. The focus is on trade facilitation since tariff liberalisation has achieved substantive levels, with tariffs on 93.67% of the products in the inclusion list being reduced to within 0-5% in 2007.

To enhance the production network of ASEAN, the implementation of National Single Windows towards an ASEAN Single Window is essential. This will ensure the expeditious clearance of goods and reduce the cost of doing business in ASEAN.

In order to sustain the growth momentum of foreign direct investment inflow into ASEAN and to make the region more attractive to investors, ASEAN will review its investment-related agreements to come up with a comprehensive and

forward-looking agreement – the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement.

Besides the first pillar, efforts are also directed towards building the second pillar which is essential to ASEAN's economic progress. These include the newer areas on competition policy, consumer protection, intellectual property rights, taxation and e-commerce. Infrastructure development, linking ASEAN with its neighbouring Northeast and South Asian countries and with the rest of the world, is also critical to enhance the attractiveness of the region as a single production base.

To achieve economic resilience and equitable development, the AEC Blueprint recognises and addresses the need to narrow the development gap within ASEAN and enhance the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises. ASEAN will also pursue full integration into the global economy and supply chain in recognition of its dependence on external trade and investment. ASEAN shall work towards maintaining "ASEAN Centrality" in its external economic relations by establishing a system for enhanced coordination and arriving at common approaches.

The necessary institutions or mechanisms, resources, capacity and political will are the essential bricks required to implement the AEC Blueprint successfully. Accordingly, ASEAN Leaders had tasked the ASEAN Economic Ministers to ensure follow up with the commitments of the AEC Blueprint through an AEC scorecard mechanism and designated 2008 as the year of AEC awareness.

"The AEC Blueprint will transform ASEAN into a single market and production base, a highly competitive economic region, a region of equitable economic development, and a region fully integrated into the global economy."

DECLARATION ON THE ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY BLUEPRINT

A CLEAN AND GREEN ASEAN - SUSTAINING OUR FUTURE



Conserving and sustainable management of ecosystems



Conserving biodiversity



Conserving and sustainable management of water resources



Conserving and managing ASEAN Heritage Parks

“... the need to build an ASEAN Community that is economically vibrant and environmentally friendly, so that the present and future generations can enjoy a clean and sustainable environment.”

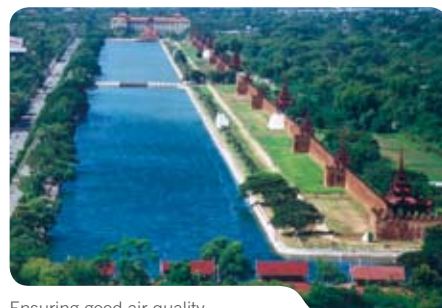
ASEAN DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



Environmentally sustainable cities



Sustainable management of coastal and marine environments



Ensuring good air quality



Sustainable forest management



Sustainable access to clean drinking water



Students taking part in environmental projects



A Year of ASEAN Cooperation

28 ASEAN Ministerial Bodies
June 2007-May 2008

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As a follow up to the mandate of the ASEAN Leaders to draft a Blueprint for the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC), the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at their Retreat held from 19-20 February 2008 tasked senior officials to develop and finalise the APSC Blueprint by the 14th ASEAN Summit. Senior officials have made steady progress since then.

The drafting process is guided by the ASEAN Charter and builds on the ASEAN Security Community Plan of Action, which is a principled document, laying out the activities needed to realise the objectives of the ASEAN Political Security Community, and the Vientiane Action Programme, which lays out the relevant measures for 2004-2010.

In this regard, existing ASEAN political instruments such as the Declaration on Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN), the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) and the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), which play a pivotal role in the area of confidence-building measures, preventive diplomacy and pacific approaches to conflict resolution, are upheld. Relevant decisions and contributions to enhance peace and security in the region by the various ASEAN Sectoral Bodies such as the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime and the ASEAN Regional Forum are also recognised.

Moreover, the mutually beneficial relations between ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners and friends are also highlighted. In doing so, the centrality and proactive role of ASEAN in a regional architecture that is open, transparent and inclusive, while remaining actively engaged, forward-looking and non-discriminatory, is maintained.

The objective is to develop an APSC Blueprint that is not only a roadmap and timetable to establish the APSC by 2015, but is also action- and results-oriented and cognisant of the capacity and capability of ASEAN Member States.



The 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, Manila



Visit to Yanta District Drug Prohibition and Education Base during the ARF Seminar on Narcotics Control, Xi'an City

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM)

Established	: 1967, meets annually, with informal meetings and retreats in between
Last Meeting	: 40 th AMM, 29-30 July 2007, Manila
Senior Officials	: ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)

The AMM, supported by the ASEAN Standing Committee (ASC) and the SOM, oversees ASEAN's community-building efforts, external relations, strategic policy and development cooperation. The AMM implements the decisions of the ASEAN Leaders, working with other sectoral bodies in ASEAN. The AMM is also responsible for the management of ASEAN's institutional and organisational affairs through the ASC.

Political and Security Cooperation

Cooperation on regional security has made progress, with Bangladesh and Sri Lanka acceding to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) in July 2007. This brings to 14 the number of non-regional States that have acceded to the 1976 Treaty. In addition, the European Union and the United Kingdom have expressed their interest to accede to the TAC.

On the other hand, the Meeting of the Commission on Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) in Manila on 30 July 2007 reviewed the progress of the implementation of the Treaty since it came into force in 1997 and discussed ways for the Treaty to effectively contribute to the ASEAN Political Security Community-building efforts. A Plan of Action that would guide the future implementation of the SEANWFZ Treaty was thereafter adopted.

The highlights of ASEAN's external relations in the past 12 months can be found on pages 4 and 5.

The Vientiane Action Programme (VAP)

Substantial progress on the implementation of the VAP was made. Efforts were aimed at mobilising financial resources for the remaining VAP programmes, projects and activities, and strengthening coordination among the various ASEAN sectoral bodies carrying out the VAP, as well as among the three pillars of the ASEAN Community.

Development Cooperation

Greater efforts on narrowing the development gap to enhance ASEAN integration and ensure equitable economic development for the well-being of the peoples of ASEAN were exerted.

Following the recommendations made at the Second Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Development Cooperation Forum in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, on 12-13 June 2007 on new and innovative strategies to narrow the development gap among the ASEAN Member States, including the proposed formulation of the Second IAI Work Plan for 2008-2015, attention is now placed on addressing the "pockets of poverty and under-development" in ASEAN Member States, as well as the realignment of IAI programmes to ASEAN's larger efforts to become an ASEAN Community by 2015.

Moreover, the positive contributions of sub-regional cooperation within ASEAN to the growth and development of the whole region were recognised. As such, support was given to the initiatives and programmes currently being undertaken under sub-regional arrangements within ASEAN, namely: Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy, Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area, Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle, Cambodia-Lao-Myanmar-Viet Nam, and Cambodia-Lao-Viet Nam Development Triangle.

Socio-Cultural Cooperation

To advance socio-cultural cooperation, particularly towards building a community of caring societies, ASEAN Member States agreed to draw up an ASEAN roadmap for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals Plus by the concerned ASEAN sectoral bodies, particularly those involved in poverty reduction and social development. In line with this and in recognition of the valuable contribution of civil society organisations (CSO) in the building of an ASEAN Community, ASEAN Member States committed to continuing to engage with CSO representatives at various levels, programmes and meetings.

Consular and Immigration

In line with the goal of increasing people-to-people contacts among ASEAN nationals and promoting freer intra-ASEAN travel, ASEAN Member States worked on the early ratification of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Visa Exemption. Recalling the Statement by the Foreign Ministers of ASEAN in Kuala Lumpur on 25 July 2006 and consistent with the commitment to build a "One Caring and Sharing Community", the guidelines for the provision of emergency assistance by

ASEAN missions in third countries to nationals of ASEAN Member States in crisis situation was adopted.

Streamlining of ASEAN Meetings and Work

In a bid to rationalise and streamline the ASEAN Summit and AMM, ASEAN Member States agreed that all ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conferences and Plus One Sessions with our Dialogue Partners would be held immediately after the annual AMM starting from July 2008 in Singapore.

Other Portfolios under the Purview of the AMM

- **ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW)**

On women's issues, a number of activities have been completed over the year. A High-Level Meeting on Good Practices in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Reporting and Follow up was held in Lao PDR in January 2008. An agreement to, among others, further enhance the CEDAW implementation, monitoring and reporting was reached. Following this, a workshop was conducted in Bangkok in February 2008 to bring together relevant stakeholders to analyse various approaches and challenges to promote gender equality legislation in line with CEDAW. Consultations among ASEAN Member States on the proposed establishment of an ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children are underway. A Joint Roundtable Discussion was held in April 2008 for this purpose.

- **ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)**

The ACCSM adopted at its 14th Meeting in Indonesia in October 2007 the Work Plan (2008-2012) which focuses on enhancing workforce competencies, building institutional capacity, strengthening leadership, and reviewing the ASEAN Resource Centres. The Work Plan serves as a guide for ASEAN Member States to continue the development of effective, capable, accountable and responsive civil services in ASEAN. Consultations with China, Japan and ROK on the possibility to build an ASEAN Plus Three cooperation on civil service matters are underway. The China-ASEAN Forum on Cooperation in Human Resource Development (HRD) was held in China in November 2007. Government officials responsible for civil service matters from ASEAN Member States, China and various international and non-governmental organisations, shared experiences on HRD issues. *

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)

Established : 2006, meets annually
Last Meeting : 2nd ADMM, 13-15 November 2007, Singapore
Senior Officials : ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM)

The ADMM is the highest defence mechanism within ASEAN. The annual ADMM facilitates the ASEAN defence ministers to discuss and exchange views on current defence and security issues, and challenges faced such as counter-terrorism and disaster relief. The ADMM framework also provides the opportunity for ASEAN defence officials to exchange views on other international and security issues such as the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula as well as the situation in the Middle East.

The ADMM also aims to promote mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as the enhancement of transparency and openness. This would support the realisation of the ASEAN Political Security Community.

To date, a 3-year ADMM Work Programme has been agreed to by the defence ministers. The Work Programme (2008-2010) includes measures and activities in the following areas:

- Promoting Regional Defence and Security Cooperation. This measure involves promoting an understanding of defence and security policies, structures, systems and developments among ASEAN Member States. The ADMM also aims to build upon existing and future defence and military interaction and cooperation.
- Shaping and Sharing of Norms which can be achieved by promoting the development of the norms that would enhance ASEAN defence and security cooperation.
- Conflict Prevention by promoting transparency, mutual trust and cooperation on disaster relief operations through information sharing.
- Conflict Resolution by establishing a network for information sharing and exchange of experiences.
- Post-conflict Peace Building by sharing best practices and lessons learned.

Underlining the importance of coordinated disaster relief operations, the defence officials have started to collaborate with the civilians engaged in disaster prevention work on the issue of utilisation of military and civilian assets, and capacities in disaster emergencies. This is in line with both the ADMM Work Programme and also the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response.

The ADMM-Plus Concept Paper, which lays down the groundwork to engage ASEAN Dialogue Partners and friends in dialogue and cooperation on defence and security matters, has been adopted. The ADMM is currently discussing the modalities and principles of the ADMM-Plus. The ADMM-Plus will be established upon consensus of ASEAN Member States and at a pace comfortable to all.

It is envisaged that military cooperation between ASEAN Member States will continue to be strengthened through other activities such as seminars and workshops. The 3rd ADMM will be hosted by Thailand in the fourth quarter of 2008. *

ASEAN Law Ministers' Meeting (ALAWMM)

Established : 1986, meets once in 36 months
Last Meeting : 6th ALAWMM, 19-20 September 2005, Ha Noi
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM)

Efforts at strengthening legal cooperation in the region as envisaged in the Vientiane Action Programme are underway. In order to realise an ASEAN Extradition Treaty, the ASLOM Working Group commenced work on a model extradition treaty for ASEAN. Meanwhile, the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance on Criminal Matter among ASEAN Member States was ratified by six ASEAN Member States. In anticipation of the recommendation to the ALAWMM that this be elevated to an ASEAN Treaty, ASEAN Member States commenced discussion on the challenges of ratification and implementation. Moreover, the ASEAN Law Forum was held twice to look into private and commercial law cooperation. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)

Established : 1997, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : 6th AMMTC, 6 November 2007, Bandar Seri Begawan
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)

Following the last AMMTC, ASEAN officials pursued closer inter-ASEAN coordination to combat transnational crime and agreed to review and enhance border control systems through the use of latest technologies; to establish a dedicated national focal point and maximise the use of the already existing mechanisms for better coordination in combating transnational crime issues; to enhance capacity building including English and computer skills training for law enforcement officials; and, to explore the possibility of developing an ASEAN Convention on Trafficking in Persons.

To implement the ASEAN Convention on Counter Terrorism (ACCT), the Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was institutionalised and a comprehensive plan of action to implement the ACCT is being developed. Under this effort, ASEAN, in collaboration with its Dialogue Partners, also held a series of workshops and seminars to enhance its law enforcement capacity in combating terrorism in all aspects.

In the area of combating trafficking in persons, the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons was also institutionalised and a Practitioners' Guidelines for combating trafficking in persons was endorsed. In an effort to implement the ASEAN Declaration Against Trafficking in Persons, particularly Women and Children, ASEAN Member States are strengthening their criminal justice response to trafficking in persons, improving data collection and developing a model curriculum for training of frontline officers in dealing with trafficking in persons. During the past one year, the Asia Regional Trafficking in Persons project has conducted such training in eight ASEAN Member States and has developed a model curriculum, which will be considered for adoption.

In line with the goal of a Drug-Free ASEAN 2015, the Report on Vision, Benchmarks and Recommendations Toward Achieving Drug-Free ASEAN 2015 was endorsed. The Report provides an operational definition of Drug-Free ASEAN 2015 and proposes benchmarks to achieve this vision. In line with this, senior officials are operationalising these benchmarks through specific targets and timelines, as well as developing monitoring mechanisms. *

ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

Established : 1994, meets annually
Last Meeting : 14th ARF, 2 August 2007, Manila
Senior Officials : ARF Senior Officials' Meeting
(ARF SOM)

Having been inaugurated in 1994, the ARF is now at a milestone as it celebrates its 15th Anniversary this year. It remains the region's foremost security forum and continues to provide a venue for multilateral and bilateral dialogue and consultation. This contributes to the maintenance of peace, security and cooperation in the region.

In line with its evolutionary development, the ARF, in the past one year, took a significant step in moving from the stage of confidence-building towards preventive diplomacy with the establishment of the Friends of the ARF Chair (FoC) at the 14th ARF in Manila in August 2007. The FoC mechanism, which represents a troika consisting of Foreign Ministers of the immediate past and future ARF Chairing countries and a non-ASEAN ARF country, will assist the ARF Chair in dealing with international situations which affect peace and security in the region. It is envisaged that the FoC would serve as good offices in times of emergency and crisis.

In addition, the ARF commissioned a study on best practices and lessons learned by other regional organisations in

preventive diplomacy and its recommendations are to be considered in terms of its relevance to the ARF.

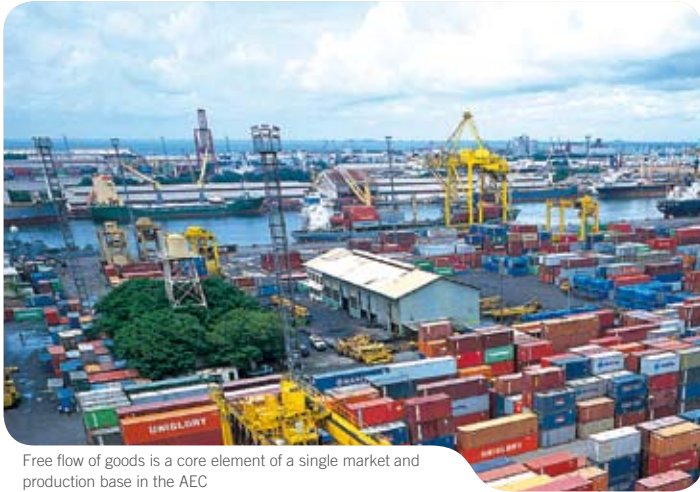
Non-traditional issues such as counter-terrorism, disaster relief, maritime security and peacekeeping continue to be important areas of cooperation for the ARF. Seminars and workshops to facilitate exchange of information and the sharing of best practices on these areas have been held. Consistent with the call for ARF to move from discussion to action, desktop exercises have also been held on disaster relief. This comes in the wake of the Maritime Security Shore exercise in Singapore in early 2007 that involved a simulated exercise against maritime security threats.

Engaging with other regional and international organisations has also been enhanced and the ARF has continued to conduct dialogues and consultations with United Nations agencies and others such as the Organisation for Security Cooperation in Europe, the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific, and the ASEAN Institute of Strategic and International Studies.

The defence officials continued to contribute to the development of the ARF in the past year with consultations on the role of the military in combating non-traditional security threats and in addressing disaster relief and peacekeeping operations. The Heads of Defence Universities / Colleges / Institutions, who meet regularly, further agreed to examine a wide range of teaching methods in order to prepare military officers and defence officials to deal with the complex security environment. *



ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY



Free flow of goods is a core element of a single market and production base in the AEC



Infrastructure development, which includes the air transport sector, features in the AEC Blueprint

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ASEAN is gearing up to establish its Economic Community by 2015, guided by the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint that was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders in November 2007. The AEC Blueprint will transform the region into a single market and production base that is competitive, fully engaged with the global economy and where the less developed countries will be assisted to meet the targets and timelines set for economic integration.

Trade integration supported by finance integration is expected to serve as the catalyst for building the AEC in the next seven-and-a-half years. The AEC will also have to address urgent issues such as the soaring food and fuel prices and narrowing the development gap within the region. This will require close coordination among the various sectors and the ASEAN Secretariat as issues are increasingly cross-cutting in nature.

Emphasis is being placed to implement, in a timely manner, measures under the AEC Blueprint to achieve its targets by 2015. Here, the scorecard system and the AEC communications plan will be crucial. The AEC scorecard will enable Member States to track their progress and take remedial actions to remove any impediments to integration while the communications plan will help engage all stakeholders of AEC so that implementation of the measures could be supported and sustained. The private sector will play a key role in the realisation of the AEC.

Overall, the main beneficiaries will be the business community and the people. Business transactions costs will fall due to harmonisation and simplification of regional economic processes and policies, and economies of scale. Consumers will benefit through more competitive pricing and wider choices of products and services.

The AEC is an achievable goal that requires political commitment, engagement of all stakeholders and robust monitoring and implementation systems. *

ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM)

Established : 1975, meets annually
Last Meeting : 39th AEM, 24-25 August 2007,
Makati City
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Economic Officials
Meeting (SEOM)

With the signing of the Declaration on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint at the 13th ASEAN Summit and the designation of 2008 as AEC Awareness Year, the AEM developed an AEC scorecard system to help track progress of the implementation of measures in the Strategic Schedule of the Blueprint, and adopted the AEC communications plan.

The AEM agreed to convene the ASEAN Economic Community Conference to provide a platform for ASEAN economic officials to meet the business community and other stakeholders, and discuss the implementation of the Blueprint. The ASEAN Secretariat also launched an ASEAN Talks Business Series to engage specific industries and sectors.

Steady progress was made in specific areas of ASEAN's economic integration agenda.

Trade in Services

On 19 November 2007, the AEM signed the Protocol to Implement the Sixth Package of ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services to further deepen and broaden ASEAN Member States' commitments in various services sectors.

The AEM also signed the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Architectural Services and ASEAN Framework Arrangement for the Mutual Recognition of Surveying Qualifications. These are expected to facilitate greater mobility of qualified professionals within the region, and promote trust and adoption of best practices in these services. ASEAN also concluded negotiations and started domestic consultations towards possible MRAs on medical practitioners and dental practitioners, and an MRA Framework on Accountancy Services.

Priority Integration Sectors

The AEM signed the ASEAN Sectoral Integration Protocol for Logistic Services Sector and the Protocol to Amend Article 3 of the ASEAN Framework (Amendment) Agreement for the Integration of Priority Sectors. The Roadmap for ASEAN Integration of the Logistics Services Sector aims to ensure

integration of ASEAN into a seamless market network for goods, services and investment, and to encourage the establishment of more production networks in the region. A Logistics and Transport Services Sectoral Working Group has been formed to operationalise the roadmap.

Competition Policy

In August 2007, the AEM endorsed the establishment of the ASEAN Expert Group on Competition (AEGC) as a forum to discuss and coordinate competition policies. At its first meeting, the AEGC agreed to focus, for the next 3 to 5 years, on capacity building, developing the regional guidelines on competition policy, and compiling a Regional Handbook on Competition Policies and Laws in ASEAN for Businesses.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)

Regional cooperation in IPRs was guided by the ASEAN IPR Action Plan 2004-2010, the Work Plan for ASEAN Cooperation on Copyrights, and the AEC Blueprint. It built on the simplification, harmonisation, registration and protection of IPRs in ASEAN through the work of the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation. Regional capacity building programmes and activities were carried out jointly with the EU, the US Patent and Trademark Office, and the World Intellectual Property Organisation under a multi-year arrangement.

Consumer Protection

The ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Consumer Protection has been established. It is expected to facilitate ASEAN economic integration through people-oriented policies and regional cooperation to strengthen consumer protection in ASEAN.

Small and Medium Enterprises Development

ASEAN, through the SME Agencies Working Group, initiated the process of addressing relevant commitments in the AEC Blueprint and the ASEAN Policy Blueprint for SME Development such as the establishment of an ASEAN Common Standard Curriculum for entrepreneurship by 2009 and a feasibility study to set up an Integrated National SMEs Service Centre. To provide a platform for the exchange of information and dialogue on SME policies and practices in the region, the Working Group started regular joint consultations with SME agencies in the Plus Three Countries.

External Economic Relations

ASEAN continued to vigorously pursue the region's full integration into the global economy and supply chain. During this period, the region saw the entry into force of the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Goods Agreement (June 2007) and the ASEAN-China Trade in Services Agreement (July 2007);

the signing of the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Services Agreement (November 2007) and the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (CEP) Agreement (April 2008); and the start of substantive negotiations for the ASEAN-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in April 2008. Ongoing negotiations include the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA, the ASEAN-China Investment Agreement, the ASEAN-Korea Investment Agreement and the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement.

To contribute towards the narrowing of development gap within ASEAN, and between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners, ASEAN ensured that its FTAs and CEP agreements incorporate specific provisions for technical assistance and capacity building support to ASEAN Member States, especially the newer members.

Statistics Cooperation

ASEAN cooperation in statistics through the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting in coordination with other ASEAN data sharing mechanisms, donor facilities and international agencies, continued building the regional database in support of economic integration. Among the key outputs were the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook and AEC Chartbook; ASEAN Brief and ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System; prototype ASEAN statistics website and database; and, groundwork for regional cooperation in the System of National Accounts, labour market statistics, trade in goods and services, FDI in services, and trade analysis and negotiation support. *

ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council

Established : 1992, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 21st Meeting of AFTA Council, 23 August 2007, Manila
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)

ASEAN, through the AFTA, moved closer towards the elimination of barriers to trade.

Tariff Elimination

As of August 2007, 98.7% of products in ASEAN had been brought into the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Inclusion List (IL), of which 94.0% have tariffs reduced to 0-5%. In ASEAN 6¹, 98.7% of products in the IL have 0-5% tariffs, while in CLMV², 86.2% of the products in the IL have tariff rates of between 0-5%.

Average tariff for ASEAN 6 under the CEPT Scheme had been brought down to 1.59% from 1.74% in 2006, while that for CLMV had been reduced from 4.65% in 2006 to 4.4% by end of 2007. More importantly, ASEAN had removed tariffs on 71.4% of products in the IL of ASEAN 6 and 17.0% in CLMV.

The region pushed forward with its plan to enhance the CEPT-AFTA Rules of Origin to further facilitate the integration of ASEAN into a single production base and enhance competitiveness.

Non-Tariff Barrier (NTB) Elimination

In 2007, the AFTA Council endorsed the modality for the deliberations on NTB elimination. Continuing verification and cross-verification were undertaken to identify non-tariff measures that are posing as barriers to trade. A number of NTBs were identified and removed in line with the implementation of the Work Programme on NTB Elimination.

Customs Reforms

ASEAN Customs Administrations amended the ASEAN Customs Vision 2020 into ASEAN Customs Vision 2015 in line with the Declaration on the AEC Blueprint, and continued with the implementation of the Strategic Plan of Customs Development including measures such as the implementation of the ASEAN Customs Declaration Document, the establishment of the ASEAN Customs Transit System and the regional framework of risk management. ASEAN Customs also strengthened cooperation in customs enforcement and considered the development of a regional alert system to combat customs offences.

The establishment of the ASEAN Single Window (ASW) continued with six ASEAN Members States expected to complete their National Single Windows before the end of 2008. ASEAN established the regional data set and adopted the criteria of classification of data elements based on international standards. The ASW technical prototype is expected to undergo testing before the end of 2008.

Trade Facilitation

To consolidate existing as well as identify new trade facilitation measures, ASEAN initiated the development of a comprehensive ASEAN Work Programme on Trade Facilitation. The formulation of an ASEAN Trade Facilitation Assessment Framework was endorsed to aid the monitoring of programme implementation.

Comprehensive ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)

A comprehensive ATIGA, which will bring AFTA into a rules-based system, is being formulated. This is expected to enhance the confidence of the business community as well as foreign investors, and ensure relevance of the CEPT-AFTA Scheme in relation to the various ASEAN FTAs with Dialogue Partners. *

1 The ASEAN 6 countries are Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

2 CLMV refers to Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam.

- c. Benefits extended to foreign-owned ASEAN-based investors;
- d. Preservation of AIA preferential treatment; and
- e. A more liberal, facilitative, transparent and competitive investment environment.

ASEAN created the Working Group on ACIA which has been working on the draft ACIA since November 2007, with the goal to present the agreement at the 40th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting in August 2008 in Singapore. *

ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council

Established : 1998, meets annually
Last Meeting : 10th AIA Council, 23 August 2007, Makati City
Senior Officials : Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)

ASEAN cooperation in investment, which is guided by the AIA Agreement, set out to enhance regional integration and take on the challenges of increased global competitiveness.

In 2006, ASEAN foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow reached US\$52.4 billion, 28% higher than the previous year's total inflows and continuing a trend that started in 2005 when ASEAN surpassed the peak of FDI inflows prior to the Asian financial crisis.

Intra-ASEAN FDI, accounting for 10% of total FDI inflows to ASEAN, showed a strong 66% surge from US\$3.8 billion in 2005 to US\$6.2 billion in 2006.

To keep the momentum and maximise the benefits of sustained inflow of FDI to the region, ASEAN took a proactive step towards attracting more FDI into the region. Ten years after the signing of the AIA Agreement, the AIA Council agreed in August 2007 to revise and integrate the Framework Agreement on the ASEAN Investment Area with the ASEAN Agreement on the Promotion and Protection of Investments into a single ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA).

The ACIA is envisioned to provide:

- a. Comprehensive investment liberalisation and protection provisions;
- b. Clear timelines for investment liberalisation in line with the AEC;

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)

Established : 1979, meets annually
Last Meeting : 29th AMAF, 1 November 2007, Bangkok
Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-AMAF)

ASEAN, through the AMAF, took firm steps in implementing cooperation activities in the food, agriculture and forestry sectors, with particular focus on promoting market integration and trade while strengthening food security and social stability.

In 2007, ASEAN cooperation in agriculture and forestry received key endorsements towards enhancing agricultural product competitiveness, harmonising quality and standards, assurance of food safety, and ensuring sustainable forest management. The 29th AMAF agreed on the following major documents:

- a. Memorandum of Understanding between ASEAN and the World Organisation for Animal Health on Technical Cooperation;
- b. Letter of Understanding between ASEAN and Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Centre on Strategic Partnership; and
- c. Ministerial Statement on Strengthening Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in ASEAN.

To further strengthen current efforts in the control and eradication of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), ASEAN adopted a renewed ASEAN Regional Strategy for the Progressive Control and Eradication of HPAI (2008-2010) in accordance with continued partnership programmes and technical support from various international organisations and donor agencies.

The ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry agreed on a comprehensive regional work plan for 2008–2015 to strengthen FLEG in ASEAN. The work programme received pledges of support and technical cooperation from international organisations and donor agencies, including the World Bank and Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Responding to concerns over rising food prices and in the wake of the Myanmar cyclone disaster in early May 2008, the AMAF undertook a policy decision to pursue more concerted actions on short-term responses and long-term plans to help mitigate challenges. The AMAF and its Plus Three partners, China, Japan and ROK, agreed to develop an ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve Agreement to convert the current pilot project into a permanent scheme. *

ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)

Established : 1980, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 25th AMEM, 23 August 2007, Singapore
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)

ASEAN, through the AMEM and SOME, and guided by the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2004-2009 and the Vientiane Action Programme 2004-2010, agreed to intensify regional cooperation towards energy sector integration and strengthen sustainable energy development.

The 25th AMEM signed in August 2007 the Memorandum of Understanding on ASEAN Power Grid (MOU-APG) as a reference document for the coordination and facilitation of power interconnection and trade in ASEAN. Under the MOU, five APG projects were implemented as follows:

- a. Lao PDR – Thailand;
- b. Cambodia – Thailand;
- c. Cambodia – Viet Nam;
- d. Sumatra – Peninsular Malaysia; and
- e. Sarawak – West Kalimantan.

The ASEAN Energy Ministers agreed in principle to establish an ASEAN Nuclear Energy Safety Sub-Sector Network that will explore nuclear safety issues for consideration at the 26th AMEM in Bangkok, Thailand, in August 2008.

The SOME worked to finalise the ASEAN Petroleum Security Agreement (APSA). The new APSA, with the annex Coordinating Emergency Response Measures, will further

enhance collective petroleum security in terms of minimising risks to an emergency situation through, among others, diversification to alternative fuels and exploration of new petroleum resources.

ASEAN energy cooperation with China, Japan and ROK continued through several projects that addressed efforts to (a) integrate alternative and renewable energy sources into the regional energy supply chain; (b) conduct feasibility studies on oil stockpiles; (c) maintain the stability of the energy market; and (d) forge stronger partnership in new and renewable energy development. Among these projects include the implementation of the Joint Oil Data Initiative and Expansion of the Energy Demand Outlook of ASEAN under the ASEAN+3 Energy Security Forum; the establishment of the ASEAN Energy Management Accreditation Scheme roadmap; and, promotion of energy efficiency in buildings, industries, power and transport sectors.

ASEAN meanwhile launched formal consultations with the EU towards a cooperative partnership in the energy sector. ASEAN likewise maintained its institutional coordination and cooperation with the ASEAN Centre for Energy, ASEAN Council on Petroleum and the Heads of ASEAN Power Utilities/Authorities in the implementation of various energy cooperation projects. *

ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM)

Established : 1997, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 12th AFMM, 4 April 2008, Da Nang
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (AFDM)

ASEAN cooperation in finance continued to gather momentum in 2007. At the 12th AFMM, the Ministers agreed to strengthen regional economic monitoring and surveillance, as well as to further deepen the region's financial integration through progressive liberalisation of financial services and capital accounts, and development of capital markets. Greater financial cooperation would enhance competitiveness and promote growth and equitable development in ASEAN.

ASEAN economic growth continued to remain strong in 2007, buoyed by strengthening domestic demand. Despite the volatility in global financial markets, growth picked up considerably. Monetary conditions also remained favourable while external balances were broadly contained. As a result,

real GDP growth averaged 6.7%, the fastest since the Asian financial crisis. But given current global conditions, the Ministers agreed to remain focused on achieving macroeconomic and financial stability through greater policy coordination and resilience.

To liberalise key financial services sectors by 2015, the Ministers signed the Protocol to Implement the Fourth Package of Commitments on Financial Services Liberalisation under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services in April 2008. The Fifth Round of negotiations will be launched in June 2008 and is expected to be concluded in 2010.

To deepen capital market integration, the Ministers agreed to establish a Medium Term Strategic Framework that will systematically map out actions to strengthen market linkages, market access and market liquidity. Among the activities being considered to achieve an interlinked ASEAN capital markets are the promotion of alliances among ASEAN Exchanges; dissemination of ASEAN bond markets data; development of ASEAN and Plus Standards for cross-border issuance of equity and debt securities; and, the strengthening of dialogue mechanisms with market players.

Efforts to promote ASEAN as an investment destination were also pursued, including the successful organisation of the ASEAN Finance Ministers' Investor Seminar in New York. To promote growth and support regional economic integration, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitments to further liberalise capital account at a pace that will ensure the maximisation of benefits while providing adequate safeguards against macroeconomic instability. *

ASEAN Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)

Established : 1996, meets annually
Last Meeting : 9th Ministerial Meeting on AMBDC,
27 August 2007, Manila
Senior Officials : AMBDC Steering Committee Meeting

The AMBDC provides a critical and important link to the development cooperation framework of the Mekong riparian states. The overall objectives are to advance ASEAN integration by enhancing economically sound and sustainable development of the Mekong Basin; encourage a process of dialogue and common project identification to achieve economic partnerships for mutual benefit; and strengthen

interconnections and economic linkages between ASEAN Member States and Mekong riparian countries.

The Ministers at the 9th Ministerial Meeting on AMBDC noted that there are currently 45 projects being implemented in the areas of infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, forestry and minerals, industry, tourism, human resource development, and science and technology. The Ministers deliberated on several possible measures to increase funding and support for AMBDC projects, among others, to better coordinate with other sectoral bodies to streamline and synergise financing opportunities through tie-ups with related and already viable projects, and to increase publicity on investment opportunities in the Mekong Region. The Ministers also agreed to promote synergy between AMBDC and several sub-regional frameworks in the Mekong Region that have similar scope and objectives.

A Study to Realign the AMBDC Process with the ASEAN Economic Community has been launched with the support of the Asian Development Bank. The Study will, among others, take stock of the progress made over the past 11 years, look into measures to support the regional integration efforts under the ASEAN Economic Community taking into account its acceleration to 2015, and explore ways to increase the core membership of AMBDC.

The Ministers continued to place priority on AMBDC's flagship projects such as the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL) as well as highway and energy networks. A promotional video has been produced for the SKRL, and a SKRL Conference and Exhibition will be held in Kuala Lumpur in November 2008 to provide up-to-date information and promote investment opportunities for the SKRL. *

ASEAN Ministers on Minerals (AMMin)

Established : 2005, meets at least once in three years
Last Meeting : Inaugural AMMin, 4 August 2005,
Kuching
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM)

Through the AMMin, ASEAN pursued joint projects and activities to build capacities and develop policies and programmes in trade and investment promotion/facilitation, minerals database development, environmentally-friendly

mining, and mineral processing. These initiatives were undertaken pursuant to the Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Minerals and the ASEAN Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (2005–2010).

In a move to foster closer cooperative partnership with China, Japan and ROK, and other international/regional organisations in research and development in mineral resource development and geosciences, and technology transfer, ASEAN launched the ASEAN+3 Consultative Meeting on Minerals Cooperation (ASOMM+3) in June 2007 in conjunction with the 8th ASOMM and the meetings of the four ASOMM working groups (on minerals information and database; trade and investment in minerals; sustainable mineral development; and capacity building in minerals) in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Among the completed projects through the ASOMM+3 consultations were: the Recovery and Recycling Training Programme of Minerals and Metals for ASEAN Member States; the Development of an ASEAN Minerals Information and Database System; the ASEAN Workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility in Mining Industry; and, the Seminar on the Rules and Regulations for Minerals Resources Development in ASEAN. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)

Established : 1980, meets annually (including informal meetings)
Last Meeting : 12th AMMST, 16-17 November 2007, Mandalay
Senior Officials : Committee on Science and Technology (COST)

Directed by the 12th AMMST, the Sub-Committee on Meteorology and Geophysics started implementing activities to address the impact of climate change on socio-economic development, health and environment, and to take an effective approach to the inter-related challenges of climate change. One of the projects being implemented was the ASEAN Climate Model Validation which aims to increase the skills of farmers to understand climate prediction information.

The ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre (ASMC) and the ASEAN Earthquake Information Centre (AEIC) continued to provide services on weather and earthquake-related information to the ASEAN communities. Supported by the National Weather Services of the ASEAN Member States, the

ASMC provided 3-6 monthly rainfall outlook of the respective countries while the AEIC issued timely tsunami warning messages for the ASEAN, Indian and Pacific regions.

To promote the interest of ASEAN and EU scientists to collaborate on joint research, a four-year joint project on SEA-EU-NET: Facilitating the Bi-Regional EU-ASEAN Science and Technology Dialogue (2008-2011) was implemented. ASEAN has also been working closely with China and ROK to promote the application of bioinformatics in health, pharmaceutical and agriculture. Two activities, namely the 2nd ASEAN-China International Bioinformatics and the 3rd Meeting of the East Asia Bioinformatics Network, were held in Singapore in April 2008. A new initiative to establish an ASEAN Infectious Disease Database was put forward at the Workshop.

Supported by ROK, ASEAN established a database on marine biotechnology focusing on Biomineral/Marine Natural Products; Marine Bioremediation/Biomonitoring; and Mariculture Biotechnology. As a follow up to the activity, ASEAN marine scientists will be invited to undertake research work in marine biotechnology at the Korean Universities.

ASEAN and Dialogue Partners held several consultation meetings to strengthen science and technology (S&T) cooperation. One of them was the 3rd Meeting of the ASEAN Russia Working Group on Science and Technology in Moscow on 10 July 2007. Following the Meeting, the Plan of Action of the ASEAN-Russia Working Group on S&T (2007-2011) was adopted.

To promote new energy initiatives and to strengthen academic, scientific and technological cooperation, the New Energy Forum for Sustainable Environment was held in Japan on 26-27 May 2008 under the platform of the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation in S&T.

ASEAN also embarked on joint activities to promote the awareness of S&T to the youth. Eight teams from ASEAN Member States participated in the 15th National Children's Science Congress on 27-31 December 2007 in India. ASEAN is also preparing to organise the ASEAN Youth Science Summit in Manila on 9-10 July 2008. *

ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers Meeting (TELMIN)

Established : 2001, meets annually
Last Meeting : 7th TELMIN, 23-24 August 2007,
Siem Reap
Senior Officials : ASEAN Telecommunications and IT
Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM)

ASEAN made significant advances in ICT cooperation and development. In August 2007, the TELMIN adopted the Siem Reap Declaration on Enhancing Universal Access of ICT Services in ASEAN. The Declaration outlines an integrated approach and forward-looking platform to expand ICT services and connectivity in the rural areas in ASEAN.

During this period, ASEAN implemented several joint projects to enhance the high speed connection of individual ASEAN member's information infrastructure. The ICT industry conducted its first consultation meeting with the public sector on the possibility of an ASEAN Internet Exchange (AIX). The AIX will facilitate effective peering and access by all individual Internet Exchanges in ASEAN.

By May 2008, ASEAN had received several proposals for joint programmes to improve availability, trust and confidence in the use of online applications and services such as the 3rd ASEAN CERT Incident Drill, IPv6 Initiatives (including Interoperability of Mobile IP), and ASEAN Broadband Project.

To stimulate e-commerce in ASEAN, continued cooperative work was pursued through the Reference Framework for Harmonised E-commerce Legal Infrastructure. As of May 2008, eight ASEAN Member States have enacted laws for online contracts. Pilot projects on e-commerce have started shaping up, notably the ASEAN e-Mall project.

The regional ICT regulatory framework was reviewed annually for a responsive and enabling environment for trade and investment. The ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) work plan set a substantive agenda for ASEAN ICT regulators to jointly collaborate amongst themselves and with the industry and Dialogue Partners. The Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) for telecommunication equipment was progressing well. The ATRC also agreed to cooperate with the European Council on cybercrime, and with China and Japan on information security.

The ASEAN Virtual ICT Centre and ASEAN ICT Fund have been set up to provide support for regional ICT projects. The Fund will have a quantum of US\$5 million on equal contributions over the 5-year period (2007-2011). So far, the Fund has received a remittance of more than US\$1.5 million and this will be used to support more than 20 ICT projects.

ASEAN continued dialogues with the industry, partner countries and international organisations such as the International Telecommunication Union to broaden and deepen relations and cooperation. To strengthen the ICT sector's role in the ASEAN Economic Community, ASEAN initiated the process towards the ASEAN ICT Vision (2015) to set a common direction and goals in driving and stimulating the right ICT developments for the region. *

ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting (M-ATM)

Established : 1998, meets annually
Last Meeting : 11th M-ATM, 21 January 2008,
Bangkok
Senior Officials : Meeting of the ASEAN National
Tourism Organisations (NTOs)

ASEAN played host to more than 60 million visitors in 2007, reflecting an increase of more than 8 per cent over the 2006 arrivals. ASEAN itself remained the main source market with 43 per cent of total visitor arrivals attributed to ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN Tourism Joint Promotion in major international source markets had been gaining ground through the activities of the ASEAN Promotional Chapter for Tourism in China, Australia and ROK. In January 2008, the ASEAN Tourism Forum (ATF) convened in Bangkok with the theme "Synergy of ASEAN towards Unity in Diversity". The event gathered 627 foreign tourism companies (potential buyers) from 55 countries to explore business opportunities with 446 ASEAN sellers. ASEAN took the first step towards promoting quality and sustainable development of tourism through the First ASEAN Green Hotel Awards, which were handed out to 81 ASEAN hotels at the ATF 2008.

The ASEAN Cruise website (www.cruiseasean.com), launched in early 2007, continued to get mileage in international forums such as the China International Travel Mart 2007 in Kunming,

China. As with tourism products, ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs) promoted investment opportunities through, among others, the ASEAN Tourism Investment Forum (ATIF), which convened for the second time on 21-22 September 2007 in Bali, Indonesia. The Third ATIF will be held in July 2008 in Manila, the Philippines.

The ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting and NTOs conducted their third joint consultation towards further facilitating the movement of tourists in the region. ASEAN undertook capacity building and initiated the development of a common ASEAN tourism curriculum towards the finalisation of the principles of a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on tourism professionals. The MRA, which is expected to be signed in December 2008, is aimed at facilitating the movement of tourism professionals in the region.

To ensure the readiness of all ASEAN Member States in dealing with tourism-related crises, the ASEAN Crisis Communication Team participated in the UN-WTO Training on Avian and Human Influenza Simulation on 24-25 July 2007 in Jakarta, Indonesia. *

ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)

Established : 1996, meets annually
Last Meeting : 13th ATM, 1 November 2007, Singapore
Senior Officials : Senior Transport Official Meeting (STOM)

ASEAN achieved several milestones in the implementation of the ASEAN Transport Action Plan 2005-2010 and the Vientiane Action Programme 2004-2010. The 13th ATM adopted the Roadmap towards an Integrated and Competitive Maritime Transport in ASEAN to establish the framework for progressive development of a globally competitive and integrated ASEAN shipping sector by promoting a liberalised regulatory environment and building human resource and institutional capacities.

At the 25th STOM held in May 2008, senior transport officials on civil aviation signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Relating to Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation to strengthen/implement aviation safety for aircraft accident and incident investigation, investigation training and sharing of information and expertise.

To help facilitate the free flow of goods, ASEAN drafted an ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport, which will be put up for signing at the 14th ATM. This agreement will complement the existing ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit and Multimodal Transport.

Meanwhile, the ASEAN Transport Ministers affirmed their commitment towards greater liberalisation of air services in ASEAN. Following the signing of the Protocol to Implement the Fifth Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services in February 2007, the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalisation of Air Freight Services and ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on Air Services have been completed and will be signed at the 14th ATM.

ASEAN started developing promotional tools to attract investors to subscribe to the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link, which will have the section between Poipet-Sisophon (Cambodia) implemented by 2009. The Highways Sub-Working Group agreed in principle to assess the implementation of the ASEAN Highway Network (AHN) Project, as well as to undertake stock-taking of road inventory of all national route sections/components of the AHN using a harmonised route numbering system.

Cooperation with Dialogue Partners continued to strengthen. The ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Agreement and ASEAN-China Aviation Cooperation Framework were signed at the 6th ATM-China Meeting in Singapore on 8 November 2007, setting the stage for talks on the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement and the conclusion of an ASEAN-China Strategic Plan for Transport Cooperation. At the 5th ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers Meeting held in Singapore on the same day, the Ministers endorsed two capacity building initiatives, namely the ASEAN-Japan Regional Road Map for Aviation Security; and the Guideline for ASEAN-Japan Transport Logistics Capacity Building. To forge closer transport partnership, ASEAN also started consultations with the ROK, US and EU. *



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The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) seeks to build a caring and sharing society by 2015. The ASEAN Charter signed at the 13th ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November 2007 emphasises the promotion of a people-oriented ASEAN in which all sectors of society are encouraged to participate in, and benefit from community building.

The ASCC Blueprint, which is being drafted, will build on the core elements as articulated in the ASEAN Charter with five key characteristics namely, human development, social welfare and protection, social justice and rights, environmental sustainability and building an ASEAN identity.

In the period under report, work on HIV and AIDs has moved forward through the implementation of the ASEAN Work Programme III on HIV and AIDs. The Emerging Infectious Diseases programme was launched to further strengthen the region's preparedness in responding to transboundary diseases such as Avian Influenza.

The advent of Cyclone Nargis in early May 2008 has brought ASEAN's work in the area of disaster management to a new level. An ASEAN-led coordination mechanism was established by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers to bring together a Tripartite Core Group comprising the Government of Myanmar, the UN and ASEAN whose mandate was to do a credible assessment for the relief and early, medium- and long-term recovery.

With concerns of climate change and its impact regionally as well as globally, ASEAN's initiatives in these areas would now be further strengthened through the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability signed at the 13th ASEAN Summit.

There is still much that needs to be done to promote an ASEAN identity. Towards this end, the ASEAN Ministers of Culture agreed to launch two important initiatives – the Best of ASEAN Performing Arts and the ASEAN Cultural Cities initiative – to foster greater awareness of the diverse culture and heritage of the region.

Undoubtedly, the various programmes and projects under the Socio-Cultural Community pillar will bring ASEAN to the peoples. *



The Inaugural Best of ASEAN Performing Arts - Mosaic Archipelago by Indonesia



Youth award recipients at the 14th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting, Vientiane



The ASEAN Emergency Rapid Assessment Team in cyclone-hit Myanmar

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)

Established : 2003, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : 3rd AMCA Meeting, 10-13 January 2008, Nay Pyi Taw
Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting for Culture and Arts (SOMCA)

On the cultural front, the Best of ASEAN Performing Arts, a series of cultural events that showcases the richness and diversity of performing arts in the region, was launched. The series is an initiative of the Secretary-General of ASEAN. The purpose of the series is to promote ASEAN awareness through the region's rich and diverse cultures. Indonesia kicked off the Best of ASEAN Performing Arts series with the production of the Mosaic Archipelago from 6-7 May 2008 in Jakarta. It drew an audience of more than 600 people from the local and international communities in Jakarta.

Other initiatives in the pipeline to promote ASEAN culture are the ASEAN Cultural Week and the ASEAN Cultural City concepts which are currently being worked out. ASEAN celebrated its puppetry heritage with 71 puppeteers from the ASEAN Member States taking part in the Third ASEAN Festival of Arts in Nay Pyi Taw. The ASEAN Culture and Information Portal was revamped and launched in November 2007 to provide a one-stop destination for the public seeking information and understanding of ASEAN, its culture and heritage.

Progress was made by the three SOMCA working groups that have been set up to streamline cooperation activities in culture and the arts into a programme approach focusing on capacity building and networking. To date, the Working Group on Networking on ASEAN Cultural Heritage has formulated their work plan, while the Working Group on Human Resources Development in the Cultural Context and the Working Group on Small and Medium-sized Cultural Enterprises are finalising their work plans.

Following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cultural Cooperation between ASEAN and China, a plan to implement the MOU is being drafted, while a draft agreement between ASEAN and Russia on cultural cooperation is being finalised. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)

Established : 2004, meets as necessary
Last Meeting : Inaugural AMMDM, 7 December 2004, Phnom Penh
Senior Officials : ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM)

Guided by the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response, various initiatives on disaster management were implemented over the year. The Agreement provides a comprehensive regional platform to strengthen preventive, monitoring and mitigation measures to address disasters in the region.

The annual ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (code-named ARDEX) was successfully conducted in September 2007 in Singapore. ARDEX-07 simulated complex urban search and rescue operations based on a major collapsed structure scenario. ARDEX-08, which will simulate the impact of a typhoon disaster scenario, is planned for August 2008 in Thailand.

The Standard Operating Procedure for Regional Standby Arrangements and Coordination of Joint Disaster Relief and Emergency Response Operations (SASOP) has been adopted, validated through simulation exercises, and put into practice. A section under SASOP on the facilitation and utilisation of military and civilian assets and capacities is being developed. A regional inventory of assets and capacities is also being compiled based on earmarked assets from the Member States.

The first version of the Online Southeast Asia Disaster Inventory has been released. Efforts are ongoing to establish and operationalise the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management in Jakarta.

As in previous years, ASEAN, in collaboration with the UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, organised joint activities to commemorate the ASEAN Day for Disaster Management in conjunction with the International Day for Disaster Reduction. The ACDM also organised a seminar to review disaster risk reduction efforts in ASEAN in the last 40 years, and discussed challenges ahead and how ASEAN could achieve the vision of a disaster resilient and safer community by the year 2015.

Activities in the past year under the ASEAN Regional Programme on Disaster Management (2004-2010) have focused on public awareness, disaster information sharing and communication, and capacity building and training. Activities are being undertaken to improve interconnectivity among countries, address the identified infrastructure gaps, and improve availability and compatibility of communication devices. A two-year ASEAN-Hyogo Framework for Action programme to improve regional capacity in disaster response and preparedness is being implemented. The programme identifies five priority training activities to be implemented in 2007 and 2008.

In early May 2008, Cyclone Nargis made landfall in Myanmar, causing extensive damage in Yangon and the Irrawaddy Delta. The SASOP was activated, and one week later, an ASEAN Emergency Rapid Assessment Team was deployed to gather and analyse initial findings through field assessments and consultations with the Government of Myanmar.

A special meeting of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers on 19 May 2008 in Singapore agreed to establish an ASEAN-led coordination mechanism to facilitate effective distribution and utilisation of assistance from the international community. To realise this, an ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF) for the Victims of Cyclone Nargis, led by the Secretary-General of ASEAN, was established. Following the ASEAN-UN International Pledging Conference on 25 May 2008, a Yangon-based Tripartite Core Group comprising representatives from the Government of Myanmar, ASEAN and UN, was established as an operational mechanism to coordinate, facilitate and monitor the flow of international assistance into the country. A Coordinating Office for AHTF was established on 26 May 2008 in Yangon to provide the necessary support. The ASEAN Secretariat also set up the ASEAN Cooperation Fund for Disaster Assistance. *

ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)

Established : 2006, meets annually
 Last Meeting : 3rd ASED Meeting, 15 March 2008, Kuala Lumpur
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)

ASEAN Member States are committed to continuously develop human resources through closer cooperation in education and life-long learning for the empowerment of the peoples of ASEAN and strengthening of the ASEAN Community. Member

States affirmed the relevance of education in promoting ASEAN awareness and fostering greater inter-cultural understanding among the peoples. For this purpose, an ASEAN Students Exchange Programme has been convened regularly. The next Exchange Programme will be hosted by Malaysia in conjunction with its National Day.

A framework for source materials of a common content on ASEAN is being developed for use in primary and secondary schools as a means of promoting ASEAN awareness. Member States also agreed that educational cooperation shall be inclusive. Priority shall be given to reach out to those who cannot be covered under the formal education system and on using ICT to support the provision of education for all.

Noting the various natural disasters that have struck some Member States, teaching materials are being developed to provide more scientific and practical knowledge, and information on preparedness against natural disasters. A project to facilitate this endeavour is underway with the support of Japan and guidance from the ministries responsible for disaster management in Member States.

The ASEAN University Network (AUN) has undertaken a wide range of activities on higher education both within ASEAN and with Dialogue Partners over the past year. As a result of a workshop on "Strategic Directions towards ASEAN Community 2015" in November 2007, the AUN agreed on its priority areas for collaboration within ASEAN and in partnership with Dialogue Partners. These areas include human resource development, narrowing the development gap and digital divide, and promoting deeper regional awareness.

ASEAN continues to collaborate closely with Dialogue Partners on improving the quality of education in the region. For example, a research study to identify the challenges and opportunities to harness educational cooperation among the East Asia Summit (EAS) countries for regional competitiveness and community building is ongoing. The study findings were built on, among others, first-hand information gathered from relevant stakeholders in all EAS countries through a series of national consultations from March to May 2008. A regional workshop is scheduled in June 2008 to further discuss the study findings. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)

Established : 1981, meets once in three years, annual informal meetings in between
Last Meeting : 10th Informal AMME, 6 September 2007, Bangkok
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)

ASEAN considers climate change as one of the most challenging environmental problems facing the region, considering its multi-faceted threats to sustainable development, environment, human health, food security, economic growth, natural resources and physical infrastructures. Accordingly, the ASEAN Environment Ministers at their 10th Informal Meeting in September 2007, focused attention on addressing climate change. The Ministers provided inputs to the ASEAN Declaration on the 13th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 3rd Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties (CMP) to the Kyoto Protocol; ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Sustainability; and, the Singapore Declaration on Climate Change, Energy and the Environment.

The ASEAN Environment Ministers attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2007 in Bali met on 13 December 2007 to further discuss ASEAN's efforts to address climate change, and in particular, to contribute towards the successful conclusion of the Bali Roadmap as a key outcome of the current UNFCCC negotiations. The Ministers agreed to support the further development of the ASEAN Climate Change Initiative to demonstrate ASEAN's seriousness and commitments to address climate change and its adverse impacts.

The first annual ASEAN Environmentally Sustainable Cities (ESC) Award will be conferred in 2008 following the Ministers' decision in 2006 to institute the ASEAN ESC Award to recognise exemplary national efforts in Member States and to promote more efforts towards environmental sustainability in ASEAN cities.

To realise the ASEAN Vision of a clean and green ASEAN through environmental education and public participation, the Ministers adopted the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan 2008-2012 with the theme "Environmental Education for Sustainable Development".

The Ministers reiterated their full support and commitment to the effective operations of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, hosted by the Philippines. They also agreed to consider expediting the signing of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on access and benefit sharing.

To further enhance the capacity of Member States to implement the ASEAN Marine Water Quality Criteria, ASEAN has finalised a manual for marine water quality monitoring and guidelines for marine water quality policy and management. These are expected to be published in 2008. *

ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)

Established : 1980, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : 8th AHMM, 21 June 2006, Yangon
Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)

ASEAN cooperation in the health sector has focused on the prevention and control of communicable diseases. These include Avian Influenza, HIV and AIDS, promoting healthy lifestyles, enhancing food safety, and pharmaceuticals development including traditional medicines. The cooperation will also enhance human resources for health in addressing the impact of globalisation and trade liberalisation.

ASEAN initiatives in addressing Avian Influenza and other emerging infectious diseases focused on regional policy development and capacity building activities forged through multi-sector cooperation and partnerships. A regional mechanism for communication and information sharing was strengthened by developing systems and guidelines, and by improving coordination in the region for preparedness and response to emerging infectious diseases outbreaks.

Collaboration and partnership agreements were forged with technical organisations like the World Health Organization, the World Organisation for Animal Health, Food and Agriculture Organisation, United Nations System Influenza Coordination, and United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

ASEAN working bodies for human health (ASEAN Expert Group on Communicable Diseases) and for animal health (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Task Force and ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock), and the ASEAN Expert Group on Disaster Management, have strengthened their integration mechanisms for the prevention and control of

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza as well as other emerging infectious diseases. ASEAN also worked on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response through its multi-sector approach and has just established an ASEAN Technical Working Group on Pandemic Preparedness and Response.

ASEAN continues its work with Dialogue Partners, such as Australia for the ASEAN Plus Three Emerging Infectious Diseases Programme; Japan on the Project for the Stockpile of Tamiflu and Personal Protective Equipment against Potential Pandemic Influenza; and US on Multi-sector Pandemic Preparedness and Response. Funding was also received from the Asian Development Bank for strengthening regional efforts in the prevention and control of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.

Key ASEAN responses to HIV and AIDS include the establishment of the ASEAN Task Force on AIDS in 1993, which is now implementing the Third ASEAN Work Programme on HIV and AIDS (AWPIII) for 2006-2010. The main objectives of AWPIII are, among others, to increase political commitment and strengthen leadership across sectors in ASEAN Member States for supportive environments, effective policies, scaling up of programmes and allocation of resources for HIV prevention and impact mitigation. ASEAN is now implementing key activities under AWPIII in collaboration with UNAIDS, WHO, UNDP, USAID, APN+ and other civil society organisations. *

ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)

Established : 1989, meets once in 18 months
Last Meeting : 9th AMRI, 24 May 2007, Jakarta
Senior Officials : Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information (SOMRI)

ASEAN cooperation in the area of information has focused on the development on ASEAN Digital Broadcasting Cooperation. As a follow up to the 9th AMRI Meeting in 2007, three Specialists Working Groups (SWGs) on Technology, Content and Policy came up with their respective work plans during the recent ASEAN Digital Broadcasting Meeting held on 25-26 February 2008 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

The SWG on Technology has started drafting the minimum specifications for a common Set Top Box that is intended to be manufactured within ASEAN. The SWG on Policy

is committed to developing key factors and parameters for an Analogue Switch-Off roadmap that accommodates ASEAN Member States' national policies, while the SWG on Content has identified two focus areas that need to be promoted among industry players and broadcasters, namely interactive applications and the production of High Definition programmes.

Other initiatives in the area of information include an ongoing review of the effectiveness of the National Communication Plans on ASEAN Awareness and Understanding, and the setting up of a work programme for the information sector following a review of the recurring cooperation activities. An ASEAN media portal was set up in conjunction with the revamp of the ASEAN portal on culture and information.

The promotion of ASEAN awareness is reflected in recurring projects such as the ASEAN in Action XIV and the ASEAN Television News XIV as well as the completed ASEAN Snapshots series, a 10-part TV programme that promotes ASEAN culture, heritage, language, history and places of interests. Besides broadcasting in all ASEAN Member States, there are plans to include the series as in-flight entertainment and to sell the series to TV stations outside the ASEAN Member States.

Cooperation with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners showed progress with the finalisation of the ASEAN-China Memorandum of Understanding on Information and Media Cooperation. ASEAN and Japan agreed to expand future cooperation in areas which ASEAN and Japan share common interests, for example, in media content development. *

ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)

Established : 1975, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : 20th ALMM, 8 May 2008, Bangkok
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM)

Over the past 12 months, ASEAN cooperation on labour has focused on areas concerning progressive labour practices, and occupational safety and health.

In the area of progressive labour practices, three projects were successfully accomplished under the purview of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance Competitiveness of ASEAN (AHWG, established by the ALMM in 2006). The project on Enhancing Skills

Recognition Systems in ASEAN was concluded in December 2007, following which the ASEAN Senior Labour Officials agreed to an incremental approach towards establishing a skills recognition framework in the region. In May 2008, the study on “Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance the Competitiveness of ASEAN” was completed and presented to the ASEAN Labour Ministers. The study recommended areas in which ASEAN members could prepare their labour market and develop their human capital to maximise the benefits of ASEAN integration and address its potential challenges. The Forum on Migrant Labour was conducted in April 2008, providing a venue for knowledge and experience sharing. The Forum also recommended ways to operationalise the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (signed by the ASEAN Leaders in early 2007).

In noting the progress made in the ASEAN labour cooperation under the purview of the AHWG, the 20th ALMM endorsed the reconstitution of the AHWG as a permanent body that reports to the SLOM.

As in the past, the ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) has made further progress in promoting occupational safety and health (OSH) in the region. Following the adoption of the Plan of Action on National OSH Frameworks for ASEAN in 2007, an ASEAN-OSHNET Workshop on Effective Implementation of National Promotional Frameworks for OSH was conducted in May 2008 in Ha Noi to discuss key OSH challenges, learn from existing ASEAN good practices, and prioritise collaborative actions. Earlier in December 2007, a policy dialogue on OSH management system, involving all ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, ROK, and experts from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) was conducted.

In the past months, ASEAN, in collaboration with the ILO, has conducted activities concerning labour market statistics, youth entrepreneurship, HIV prevention and control in the workplace, and industrial relations. These activities were pursued as the follow up to the Cooperation Agreement between the ASEAN Secretariat and the ILO that was signed in March 2007. *

ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)

Established : 1997, meets once in two years
 Last Meeting : 5th AMRDPE, 31 January 2007, Bangkok
 Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE)

In carrying out the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2004-2010), a number of collaborative activities have been continuing. Following the call by the 40th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in July 2007 for the development of an ASEAN Roadmap for the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Plus, a research study project was launched in January 2008. Under the study, Member States' progress towards the MDGs and possible priority areas for collective actions to support those national efforts to attain the MDG targets were analysed. A two-day workshop was held in Bangkok in April 2008 to bring together relevant government officials, regional and international organisations to discuss ways for Member States to collaborate in pursuit of the MDGs. Such collective actions would support Member States that are facing challenges in achieving some specific MDG targets. Further consultations to finalise the Roadmap is underway.

Acknowledging the need to continuously build the institutional capacity of microfinancing to better serve the poor in the region, a training of trainers programme was carried out from August to November 2007 to develop the skills of microfinance trainers and certify them. Over 50 microfinance practitioners from ASEAN participated in this training which was facilitated by the Asian Development Bank Institute and the Tokyo Development Learning Centre of the World Bank.

ASEAN also maintains close cooperation and strong partnership with Dialogue Partners in addressing issues of rural development and poverty eradication. One example is the convening of the First Conference of China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction in November 2007. Relevant high-level officials from both sides discussed, among others, ways to advance the development of poverty reduction mechanisms. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)

Established : 1979, meets once in three years
Last Meeting : 6th AMMSWD, 6 December 2007, Ha Noi
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (SOMSWD)

A number of activities have been carried out following the adoption of the work programme on ASEAN cooperation in social welfare and development (2007-2010) in December 2007. The activities were focused on raising the standard of living of marginalised groups; reducing the social risks faced by children, women, older persons and persons with disabilities; and, increasing the effective participation of family, civil society and the private sector in tackling poverty and social welfare issues.

The Guidelines for the Protection of the Rights of Trafficked Children were finalised in December 2007. The document sets out proposed principles and guidelines to promote the human rights of trafficked children in the region in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and other relevant human and children rights instruments. A regional project to promote better understanding and effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the rights of the child based on CRC is being developed.

Implementation of Phase II of the ASEAN-Japan on Caring Society – Community Services for the Elderly is ongoing. This cross-sectoral programme was designed to, among others, strengthen the capacities of relevant government officials to meet regional and international commitments for health and social welfare. The Fifth High Level Officials Meeting with the theme “Community Services for the Elderly” was conducted in August 2007 in Tokyo to discuss, among others, ways to improve networking of social welfare practitioners, educators and schools of social work from ASEAN and the Plus Three countries.

The second dialogue forum between governmental and non-governmental organisations working on social welfare and development issues was held in December 2007. The Forum agreed to, among others, the need to include people with disabilities in the development of government policies as well as in its implementation, monitoring and evaluation. The need to develop standards for classification of Persons with

Disabilities (PWDs) based on UN guidelines to improve the ability to plan and provide programmes for PWDs was also identified.

Preparations for specific activities in the areas of prevention of domestic violence; assessment on capacity needs for disability and development including the establishment of an institutional framework for the production of polypropylene devices; and, training the trainers of volunteers befriending older persons are underway. The establishment of an ASEAN Consortium of Social Welfare Practitioners, Educators and Schools of Social Work is being planned. A workshop to facilitate this endeavour is scheduled for August 2008. *

ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)

Established : 1992, meets once in two years
Last Meeting : AMMY V, 26 April 2007, Singapore
Senior Officials : ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY)

ASEAN Member States are committed to continuing the implementation of the Work Programme on Preparing ASEAN Youth for Sustainable Development. Several activities to promote young employability and entrepreneurship in the region were held in the past year. The First ASEAN Plus Three Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop was held in Jakarta, Indonesia in November 2007. Stakeholders discussed ways and issues to advance the ability of youth in establishing their own businesses or creating their own income. A similar workshop will be held in Brunei Darussalam in June 2008 to bring together stakeholders from Member States and China to discuss the possible modalities of an ASEAN-China Youth Entrepreneurs Association as called for by the ASEAN-China Commemorative Summit in October 2006.

The 14th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting with the theme of “One ASEAN at the Heart of Dynamic Asia” was held in Lao PDR in February 2008. On this occasion, awards were given out to accomplished young individuals from ASEAN Member States. The Fourth SOMY will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in June 2008 to plan various youth-related regional projects for implementation until 2010. The possibility of establishing an ASEAN Youth Programme Fund will be explored. Development of the Youth@ASEAN homepage is now in its third phase with more interactive and user-friendly features.

Various youth exchange programmes continued to be implemented between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners to foster better understanding and friendship among the youths. The implementation of the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths Programme has been ongoing with sponsorship from Japan. Six thousand youths from the East Asia Summit countries are expected to take part in the programme until 2012. In 2008, nearly 300 youths from ASEAN Member States and Japan will take part in the 35th Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Programme. An ASEAN-China Camp will be held in June 2008 to promote closer friendship among youth through various fun activities, such as cultural exchange, tree-planting, sports, and interaction with Olympics Champions and torch bearers. A China-ASEAN Youngsters Training Base was set up in Guangxi in October 2007 as directed by the 10th ASEAN-China Summit in January 2007. *

Conference of the Parties (COP) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

Established : 2003, meets at least once every year
Last Meeting : COP-3, 7 September 2007, Bangkok
Senior Officials : Committee under COP to the ASEAN
Agreement on Transboundary Haze
Pollution

The region experienced wetter weather conditions during the dry season in 2007. This helped to minimise the occurrence of transboundary smoke haze in the southern part of the region. The northern part of the region, however, experienced drier weather conditions towards the end of 2007 and early 2008, which resulted in land and forest fires, and haze.

ASEAN continues to look to more concerted and focused on-the-ground action to tackle the haze problem. The Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution, comprising the five ASEAN Member States most affected by the haze – Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand – have met four times since its establishment in November 2006. In 2006, the MSC endorsed Indonesia's Plan of Action in Dealing with Transboundary Haze Pollution. The MSC Member States, through the Central Government of Indonesia, adopted fire-prone districts/regencies to assist in enhancing its capacity to deal with land and forest fires. Singapore is assisting Indonesia in developing a master plan for the Muaro Jambi Regency in Jambi Province, while Malaysia will provide technical assistance to the Riau Province.

Indonesia's efforts under the Plan of Action and wetter weather conditions in 2007 reduced the number of hotspots by 51 per cent in both Sumatra and Kalimantan (data from ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre and Indonesia) compared to 2006. This has slightly exceeded the 50 per cent target set under the Plan of Action.

A new working group comprising ASEAN Member States in the northern part of the ASEAN region – Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam – has been established. The Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region held its first meeting in March 2008 and agreed on a series of key activities to be implemented within one year. These include sharing of national experiences on shifting cultivation in relation to forest fire prevention, enhancement of fire suppression capacity, sharing of results of research, and exploring joint research on key areas of cooperation.

A Committee under the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Haze Agreement was established and met for the first time in September 2007. They started the development of a work programme for the implementation of the Haze Agreement and will report to the COP on the status of implementation. The development of protocols for the implementation and operationalisation of the Haze Agreement is ongoing. *





ASEAN Calendar of Meetings

June 2007-May 2008

ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT		
20 November 2007	13 th ASEAN Summit	Singapore
ASEAN POLITICAL SECURITY COMMUNITY		
ASEAN Ministerial Meeting		
29 June 2007	ASEAN Ministers Meeting (AMM) Informal Working Dinner	Manila
29 July 2007	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) Informal Working Dinner	Manila
30 July 2007	40 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (40 th AMM)	Manila
1 August 2007	ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Plus 1 (PMC+1) with Australia	Manila
1 August 2007	ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Plus 1 (PMC+1) with Canada	Manila
1 August 2007	ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Plus 1 (PMC+1) with EU	Manila
1 August 2007	ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Plus 1 (PMC+1) with New Zealand	Manila
1 August 2007	ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Plus 1 (PMC+1) with Russia	Manila
1 August 2007	ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Plus 1 (PMC+1) with US	Manila
25 September 2007	ASEAN Group Cooperation Council Ministerial Meeting	New York, United States
27 September 2007	Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting	New York, United States
25 January 2008	ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Session at the World Economic Forum	Davos, Switzerland
19-20 February 2008	ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat	Singapore
Meetings of the ASEAN Standing Committee and ASEAN Directors-General		
4-6 June 2007	3 rd Meeting of the 40 th ASEAN Standing Committee (3/40 ASC)	Jakarta
26 July 2007	ASEAN Standing Committee/Senior Officials Meeting (ASC/SOM) Drafting Session	Manila
26 July 2007	ASEAN Standing Committee/Senior Officials Meeting (ASC/SOM) Informal Working Dinner	Manila
27-28 July 2007	4 th Meeting of the 40 th ASEAN Standing Committee (4/40 ASC)	Manila
20-21 August 2007	1 st Meeting of the 41 st ASEAN Standing Committee (1/41 ASC)	Singapore
24 October 2007	Senior Officials Meeting/ASEAN Standing Committee/Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SOM/ASC/SEOM)	Singapore
18 November 2007	ASEAN Standing Committee Preparatory Meeting	Singapore
17-18 January 2008	Special Meeting of ASEAN Directors-General	Bandar Seri Begawan
26-28 February 2008	2 nd Meeting of the 41 st ASEAN Standing Committee (2/41 ASC)	Jakarta
ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting and Working Group		
26 June 2007	Meeting of the Working Group of the Executive Committee of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission	Manila
29 June 2007	Meeting of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission	Manila
26 July 2007	ASEAN Standing Committee/Senior Officials Meeting (ASC/SOM) Drafting Session	Manila
26 July 2007	ASEAN Standing Committee/Senior Officials Meeting (ASC/SOM) Informal Working Dinner	Manila
27-28 July 2007	1 st ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Manila
29 July 2007	Senior Officials Troika Meeting with Working Group for an ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism	Manila
27-28 August 2007	2 nd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Singapore
21 October 2007	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting Working Group (SOM WG)	Singapore
23 October 2007	Working Group on Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ)	Singapore
24 October 2007	Senior Officials Meeting/ASEAN Standing Committee/Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SOM/ASC/SEOM)	Singapore
25 October 2007	Joint Cooperation Meeting	Singapore
29 January 2008	Working Group on Zone of Peace Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN)/ Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ)	Singapore
31 January 2008	ExCo of Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ)	Singapore
30-31 January 2008	3 rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Singapore
27-29 April 2008	ASEAN Special Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Putrajaya, Malaysia
5-7 May 2008	4 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Singapore
6 May 2008	ASEAN Special SOM Working Group on Security Cooperation (AWGSC)	Singapore
Civil Service Matters		
29-31 October 2007	14 th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)	Bali, Indonesia
Development Planning		
7-8 May 2008	6 th Senior Officials Meeting on Development and Planning (SOMDP)	Vientiane

Immigration		
12-13 December 2007	11 th Meeting of the Directors-General of Immigration Department and Heads of Consular Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM)	Vientiane
12-13 December 2007	3 rd ASEAN Immigration Intelligence Forum (AIIF)	Vientiane
ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting		
28-29 August 2007	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group	Singapore
17-19 October 2007	ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting	Singapore
13-15 November 2007	2 nd ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)	Singapore
6 May 2008	Working Group on Establishing the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM)-Plus Meeting	Singapore
ASEAN Regional Forum		
1 August 2007	ARF Defence Officials' Meeting	Manila
2 August 2007	14 th ASEAN Regional Forum (14 th ARF)	Manila
24-25 August 2007	ARF Round Table Discussion on Stocktaking of Maritime Security Issues	Bali, Indonesia
4-7 September 2007	ARF Desk Top Exercise on the Disaster Relief Planning Conference	Darwin, Australia
19-21 September 2007	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Seminar in Illicit Drugs	Xian City, China
9-11 October 2007	11 th ARF Heads of Defence Universities/Colleges/Institutions	Canberra
11-12 October 2007	7 th ARF Inter-sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISM on DR)	Helsinki
16-19 October 2007	4 th ARF Seminar on Cyber Terrorism	Busan, Korea
31 October 2007	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue	Bandar Seri Begawan
1-2 November 2007	ARF Inter-sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Bandar Seri Begawan
13-14 December 2007	ARF Workshop on "Management and Security of Stockpiles of Small Arms and Light Weapons including Their Ammunition"	Phnom Penh
21-22 February 2008	6 th ARF Inter-sessional Meeting on Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime	Semarang, Indonesia
4-6 March 2008	2 nd ARF Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting	Singapore
12-14 March 2008	ARF Workshop on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy in Asia and Europe	Berlin
24-29 March 2008	ARF Training Programme on Maritime Security	Chennai, India
2 April 2008	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue	Ottawa
3-4 April 2008	ARF Inter-sessional Support Group Meeting on Confidence Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ISG on CBMs and PD)	Ottawa
8-9 April 2008	ARF Seminar on Anti-Personnel Mines	Penang, Malaysia
15-17 April 2008	2 nd ARF Seminar on Energy Security	Singapore
1-2 May 2008	ARF Desk Top Exercise on the Disaster Relief	Jakarta
7 May 2008	ARF Defence Officials' Dialogue	Singapore
8 May 2008	5 th ARF Security Policy Conference	Singapore
9 May 2008	ARF Senior Officials' Meeting	Singapore
Legal Cooperation		
22-23 June 2007	1 st ASLOM Working Group on Model ASEAN Extradition Treaty	Bali, Indonesia
7-10 April 2008	4 th ASEAN Law Forum on Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil Matters	Ha Noi
22-23 May 2008	2 nd ASLOM Working Group on Modal ASEAN Extradition Treaty	Singapore
Transnational Crime		
25-28 June 2007	7 th Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and Its Related Meetings	Vientiane
11-13 July 2007	5 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force IV on Alternative Development	Yangon, Myanmar
11-13 July 2007	6 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force III on Law Enforcement	Yangon, Myanmar
11-13 July 2007	3 rd Meeting of Regional Initiative against ATS-Related Crime	Yangon, Myanmar
12-13 July 2007	ASEAN Workshop on Preventing Bio-terrorism	Jakarta
31 July-1 August 2007	6 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force I on Civic Awareness	Bandar Seri Begawan
31 July-1 August 2007	6 th Meeting of ACCORD Task Force II on Treatment and Rehabilitation	Bandar Seri Begawan
20-22 August 2007	28 th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Drugs (ASOD)	Ha Noi
23 August 2007	4 th ACCORD Joint Task Force Meeting	Ha Noi
29-30 October 2007	ASEAN Workshop on Drug Free ASEAN 2015	Jakarta
6 November 2007	6 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)	Bandar Seri Begawan
28 November-7 December 2007	2 nd Basic Training Workshop on Anti-Drug Money Laundering for ASEAN Law Enforcement Officials	Singapore
20-22 January 2008	ASEAN-ROK Workshop on Knowledge Transfer on Narcotics Crime	Seoul
23-24 January 2008	ASEAN Workshop on Forging Cooperation Among the Anti - Terror Units	Jakarta
24-30 March 2008	Training Workshop for Youth Leaders on Social Development and Drug Abuse Prevention	Chiang Rai, Thailand

7-9 April 2008	Pilot Course for the ASEAN Awareness Training for Judges and Prosecutors on Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons	Putrajaya, Malaysia
21-25 April 2008	Workshop-cum-Study Visit on Centre Based Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Model	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
25-29 May 2008	28 th ASEAN Chief of Police Conference (ASEANAPOL)	Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam

ASEAN Charter

26-28 June 2007	7 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Jimbaran, Bali, Indonesia
22-26 July 2007	8 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Manila
23-24 July 2007	2 nd Meeting between the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter and Senior Officials attending the ASEAN Security Community Coordination Conference (ASSCO)	Jakarta
23 August 2007	High Level Task Force Assistants Meeting	Singapore
24-26 August 2007	9 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Singapore
9 September 2007	High Level Task Force Assistants Meeting	Chiang Mai, Thailand
10-13 September 2007	10 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Chiang Mai, Thailand
26-27 September 2007	11 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	New York, United States
3-6 October 2007	12 th Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Bandar Seri Begawan
18-20 October 2007	Final Meeting of the High Level Task Force on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter	Vientiane
5-6 November 2007	3 rd Meeting between the High Level Task Force (HLTF) on the Drafting of the ASEAN Charter and Senior Officials attending the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Coordination Conference (SOC-COM 3)	Jakarta

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

ASEAN Economic Ministers

24-25 August 2007	39 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)	Makati City, Philippines
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Senior Economic Officials Meeting

16-19 July 2007	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials of the 38 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 4/38)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
24 October 2007	Special ASEAN Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM)	Singapore
19-22 January 2008	1 st Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials of the 39 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 1/39)	Baguio City, Philippines
10-12 March 2008	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials of the 39 th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 2/39)	Siem Reap, Cambodia

ASEAN Free Trade Area

26-28 June 2007	22 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROO-TF)	Bali, Indonesia
29 June-1 July 2007	46 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Bali, Indonesia
23 August 2007	21 st Meeting of ASEAN Free Trade Area Council (AFTA Council)	Manila
16-18 October 2007	23 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROO-TF)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
19-21 October 2007	47 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
13-15 January 2008	24 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin(ROO-TF)	Baguio City, Philippines
16-18 January 2008	48 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Baguio City, Philippines
25-26 February 2008	25 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROO-TF)	Bangkok
27 February-1 March 2008	49 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Bangkok
18-20 May 2008	26 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Rules of Origin (ROO-TF)	Bandar Seri Begawan
21-24 May 2008	50 th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA (CCCA)	Bandar Seri Begawan

Agriculture and Forestry

4-6 June 2007	6 th Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on a Pan ASEAN Timber Certification Initiative and Roundtable Discussion on Elements to be Included in Definition of Legality of Timber	Ha Noi
19-21 June 2007	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Codex	Bandar Seri Begawan
20-21 June 2007	Plenary Meeting on Assessment Report of Pilot ASEAN Peer Consultation Framework (PCF) in Forestry Sector of Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan
2-3 July 2007	9 th Expert Working Group (EWG) Meeting of the Harmonisation of Phytosanitary Measures	Langkawi, Malaysia
4-6 July 2007	14 th Meeting of ASEAN Sectoral Working Group (ASWG) on Crops	Langkawi, Malaysia
9-10 July 2007	10 th Meeting of the AEG on Herbal and Medicinal Plants	Vientiane

9-10 July 2007	9 th Meeting of the AEG on Research and Development for Forest Products	Vientiane
10-11 July 2007	14 th Meeting of ASEAN Centre for Development of Agricultural Cooperatives (ACEDAC)	Bali, Indonesia
11-12 July 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperatives	Bali, Indonesia
11-13 July 2007	9 th Seminar on Current International Issues Effecting Forestry and Forest Products	Vientiane
12-13 July 2007	10 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on Forestry (ASOF)	Vientiane
16-17 July 2007	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN National Focal Point Working Group on Coffee	Dallat, Viet Nam
17-18 July 2007	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN National Focal Point Working Group on Tea	Dallat, Viet Nam
18-20 July 2007	14 th Meeting of the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Agriculture Training and Extension (AWGATE)	Makati City, Philippines
19-20 July 2007	14 th Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme	Dallat, Viet Nam
31 July-2 August 2007	Special Senior Officials Meeting of the 28 th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting (SOM-28 th AMAF)	Singapore
4-5 October 2007	ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board – PSC East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve Joint Consultative and Special PSC Meeting	Bangkok
29-30 October 2007	Senior Officials Meeting for the 29 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (SOM-29 th AMAF)	Bangkok
1 November 2007	29 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (29 th AMAF)	Bangkok
29-30 November 2007	10 th Meeting of ASEAN-SEAFDEC Fisheries Consultative Group (FCG)	Iloilo City, Philippines
12-14 December 2007	28 th Meeting of ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board	Singapore
14-18 January 2008	12 th Meeting of EWG on Harmonization of MRLs of Pesticides	Makati City, Philippines
24-25 January 2008	9 th Meeting of the PSC-EAERR	Xiamen, China
4-15 February 2008	4 th Meeting of PCG on AADCP Project on Plant Health and Strategic Planning Workshop	Bangkok
25-28 February 2008	Working Group Meeting for the ASEAN-MAFF Japan project on Partnership and South2 Project, and Symposium on Prospective on Agricultural Policy Development in ASEAN Countries	Langkawi, Malaysia
3-5 March 2008	AADCP-RPS Project: Harmonization and Implementation of ASEAN-GAP	Bangkok
6-7 March 2008	ASOF Roundtable on FLEG	Chiang Rai, Thailand
2-3 April 2008	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ad-hoc WG on a Pan ASEAN Timber Certification	Nay Pyi Taw
28-30 April 2008	16 th Meeting of the ASWG on Livestock	Phnom Penh
6-7 May 2008	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Halal Food	Singapore
21-22 May 2008	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Genetically Modified Food Testing Network	Bandar Seri Begawan
21-23 May 2008	4 th Meeting on ASEAN Standards and for Horticulture Produce (MASHP)	Bali, Indonesia
21-23 May 2008	6 th Meeting of the AEG on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of Wild Fauna and Flora	Chonnburin, Thailand
21-23 May 2008	16 th Meeting of the ASWG on Fisheries	Bangkok
26-27 May 2008	3 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN)	Vientiane
26-28 May 2008	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on Codex	Bukit Tinggi, Indonesia
27-28 May 2008	3 rd Steering Committee Meeting of the ASEAN AVRDC Regional Network For Vegetable Research & Development (AARNET)	Bandar Seri Begawan
28-30 May 2008	4 th Meeting of the AEG on International Forest Policy Processes (AEG-IFPP)	Vientiane
Customs		
1-2 June 2007	ASEAN Single Window (ASW) Workshop on the Readiness of the Implementation of the ASEAN Single Window	Ha Noi
12-14 June 2007	16 th Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs (16 th DGs)	Bandung, Indonesia
2-5 July 2007	Treaty Study Visit by ASEAN Directors-General of Customs to the EU	Brussels and Budapest
30 July-1 August 2007	3 rd ASEAN Customs Declaration Document Workshop	Kuala Lumpur
4-6 September 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group (2 nd CECWG)	Kuching, Malaysia
11-14 September 2007	3 rd Meeting of the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group (3 rd CPTFWG)	Singapore
18-19 September 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Customs Capacity Building Working Group (2 nd CCBWG)	Yangon, Myanmar
24-28 September 2007	Workshop on the Development of Risk Management Techniques and Systems & Implementation and Development of e-Customs	Ha Noi
5-8 November 2007	3 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Technical Working Group (3 rd TWG)	Phnom Penh
12-13 December 2007	3 rd Meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Customs (3 rd CCC)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
8-10 January 2008	Workshop on Legal Matters for the ASEAN Single Window	Kuala Lumpur
22-25 January 2008	Regional Workshop on ASEAN Customs Transit System	Singapore

4-7 March 2008	4 th Meeting of the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group (4 th CPTFWG)	Yangon, Myanmar
10-12 March 2008	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Technical Working Group (4 th TWG)	Bandar Seri Begawan
13 March 2008	Workshop of ASEAN Single Window – Trade Facilitation and e-Customs	Bandar Seri Begawan
14-15 March 2008	3 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Legal Working Group (3 rd LWG)	Bandar Seri Begawan
25-27 March 2008	3 rd Meeting of the Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group (3 rd CECWG)	Ha Noi
7-9 April 2008	2 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee (2 nd ASWSC)	Bali, Indonesia
19-21 May 2008	5 th Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Technical Working Group (5 th TWG)	Manila
23-24 May 2008	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Single Window Legal Working Group (4 th LWG)	Manila
Energy and Minerals		
5-6 June 2007	ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM) Working Groups (5 th WGCBM, 5 th WGMID, 5 th WGTIM, 5 th WGSMD)	Nay Pyi Taw
7 June 2007	8 th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM)	Nay Pyi Taw
20 August 2007	Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) of the 25 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)	Singapore
23 August 2007	25 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (25 th AMEM)	Singapore
15 November 2007	Special Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME)	Singapore
22-23 January 2008	1 st Nuclear Energy Safety-Sub Sector Network (NES SSN)	Singapore
13-14 May 2008	2 nd Nuclear Energy Safety-Sub Sector Network (NES SSN)	Singapore
Finance and Banking		
18 June 2007	3 rd Task Force on Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Multilateralisation	Dalian, China
27-28 June 2007	9 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation	Singapore
27-28 June 2007	2 nd AFDM-WG Meeting on AEC Blueprint	Singapore
27-28 June 2007	15 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)	Singapore
19-20 July 2007	16 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)	Bangkok
19-20 July 2007	10 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation	Bangkok
19-20 July 2007	3 rd AFDM-WG Meeting on AEC Blueprint	Bangkok
13 August 2007	Asian Bond Market Initiative (ABMI) WG and Ad-hoc Support Team for Focal Group (ASTGF) Meetings	Beijing
14-15 August 2007	4 th Task Force on Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Multilateralisation	Beijing
16 August 2007	7 th ASEAN Capital Market Forum	Manila
21 September 2007	17 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)	Kuala Lumpur
27-28 September 2007	5 th Task Force on Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Multilateralisation	Hong Kong
20 October 2007	Informal ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting	Washington D.C.
24 October 2007	4 th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Investors Seminar	New York, United States
29-30 October 2007	6 th Task Force on Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) Multilateralisation	Tokyo
30 October 2007	Technical Working Group on Economic and Financial Monitoring Meeting	Tokyo
31 October 2007	Asian Bond Markets Initiative Working Group Meeting	Tokyo
1 November 2007	Asian Bond Markets Initiative Focal Group Meeting	Tokyo
14 November 2007	8 th Council of Bureaux (COB)	Kuala Lumpur
15 November 2007	10 th ASEAN Insurance Regulators Meeting (AIRM)	Kuala Lumpur
16 November 2007	8 th Joint Plenary AIRM & ASEAN Insurance Council (AIC) 7 th Joint Plenary AIRM & COB	Kuala Lumpur
28-30 November 2007	APG-FATF Annual Typologies Meeting	Bangkok
18-19 December 2007	18 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)	Tagatay City, Philippines
28-29 January 2008	1 st ASEAN Infrastructure Financing Mechanism (AIFM) Task Force	Kuala Lumpur
31 January 2008	Working Committee on Capital Market Development (WC-CMD)	Singapore
1 February 2008	E-Bond Conference (4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Regional Bond Market Linkages Working Group)	Singapore
24 February 2008	19 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)	Ha Noi
25 February 2008	Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI) Working Group Meeting	Ha Noi
26 February 2008	Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI) Focal Group Meeting	Ha Noi
26 February 2008	Technical Working Group on Economic and Financial Monitoring	Ha Noi

28-29 February 2008	7 th Task Force on Chiang Mai Initiative (CMI) on Multilateralisation	Ha Noi
1 March 2008	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Working Group Meeting (AFDM-WG)	Ha Noi
2 March 2008	2 nd ASEAN Infrastructure Financing Mechanism (AIFM) Task Force	Ha Noi
1 April 2008	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting (AFDM)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
3 April 2008	ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM) Retreat	Da Nang, Viet Nam
4 April 2008	12 th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
26-27 May 2008	20 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Financial Services Liberalisation under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)	Surabaya, Indonesia
28-29 May 2008	11 th Meeting of the Working Committee on Capital Account Liberalisation	Surabaya, Indonesia
Industrial Cooperation		
26-27 June 2007	46 th Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC)	Singapore
7-8 August 2007	12 th AMEICC Working Group on Chemical Industry (WG-CI)	Manila
4-5 March 2008	47 th Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC)	Bali, Indonesia
Initiative for ASEAN Integration		
4 June 2007	27 th Meeting of Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Jakarta
12-13 June 2007	2 nd Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Development Cooperation Forum (IDCF)	Ha Noi
26 July 2007	28 th Meeting of Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force	Manila
20-21 August 2007	Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force and ASEAN Standing Committee Working Dinner	Singapore
Intellectual Property		
6-8 June 2007	ASEAN-USPTO Seminar for Judges on Intellectual Property Enforcement and Case Management Issues	Bangkok
10-12 July 2007	ASEAN-USPTO Workshop for Intellectual Property Enforcement Officials, Public Health Officials and Agricultural Officials on Intellectual Property Enforcement	Bangkok
22-24 August 2007	ASEAN-USPTO Workshop on the Commercialisation and Valuation of Intellectual Property Assets Including Guidelines	Bangkok
27-30 August 2007	28 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC)	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
13-15 November 2007	ASEAN-USPTO Workshop for Customs Officials on Intellectual Property Border Enforcement Issues, with Emphasis on Hard Goods and Brand Counterfeiting Activities and Special Intellectual Property Unit Operations	Bangkok
Investment		
3-5 July 2007	36 th ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Singapore
7-9 August 2007	16 th Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (WGFDIS) in ASEAN	Tuam Chau, Viet Nam
22 August 2007	ASEAN Investment Forum	Makati City, Philippines
23 August 2007	10 th ASEAN Investment Area Council (AIA Council)	Makati City, Philippines
13-14 November 2007	Workshop on the Drafting of the ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (ACIA)	Bali, Indonesia
14-15 November 2007	1 st Working Group on ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (WG-ACIA)	Bali, Indonesia
15-16 November 2007	37 th ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Bali, Indonesia
29-31 January 2008	2 nd Working Group on ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (WG-ACIA)	Kuala Lumpur
25-27 February 2008	3 rd Working Group on ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (WG-ACIA)	Bangkok
28-29 February 2008	38 th ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Bangkok
19-21 March 2008	4 th Working Group on ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (WG-ACIA)	Ha Noi
27-29 April 2008	5 th Working Group on ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (WG-ACIA)	Jakarta
28-29 April 2008	Workshop on Statistics in FDI in Services	Bandar Seri Begawan
30 April-2 May 2008	17 th Working Group on Foreign Direct Investment Statistics (WGFDIS) in ASEAN	Bandar Seri Begawan
17 May 2008	Joint Consultation between the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) and ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Investment (CCI)	Singapore
17-19 May 2008	6 th Working Group on ASEAN Comprehensive Investment Agreement (WG-ACIA)	Singapore
27-29 May 2008	Workshop on Investment Promotion Best Practice Programme for ASEAN Promotion (IPAs)	Phnom Penh

Science and Technology		
18-19 June 2007	3 rd Meeting of Technical Task Force for the Establishment of Monitoring Network of the Tsunami Early Warning System in ASEAN	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
28-29 June 2007	Inception Meeting of the Project on the ASEAN's Experiences on S&T Governance: Regulatory Framework of Incentives for Scientists and Scientific Organizations	Vientiane
17-19 July 2007	29 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Meteorology and Geophysics (SCMG)	Manila
15-16 October 2007	ASEAN Experience on S&T Governance: Regulatory Framework of Incentives for Scientists and Scientific Organisation	Phnom Penh
11-12 November 2007	37 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Biotechnology (SCB)	Mandalay, Myanmar
11-12 November 2007	35 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Food Science and Technology (SCFST)	Mandalay, Myanmar
11-12 November 2007	35 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Infrastructure and Resources Development (SCIRD)	Mandalay, Myanmar
11-12 November 2007	Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Marine Science and Technology (SCMSAT)	Mandalay, Myanmar
11-12 November 2007	33 rd Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Microelectronics and Information Technology (SCMIT)	Mandalay, Myanmar
11-12 November 2007	35 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Non-Conventional Energy Research (SCNCER)	Mandalay, Myanmar
11-12 November 2007	16 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Space Technology and Applications (SCOSA)	Mandalay, Myanmar
12 November 2007	11 th Meeting of Advisory Body of the ASEAN Science Fund (ABASF)	Mandalay, Myanmar
12 November 2007	10 th Meeting of Advisory Body on the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology (ABAPAST)	Mandalay, Myanmar
13-15 November 2007	54 th Meeting of the Committee on Science and Technology	Mandalay, Myanmar
16-17 November 2007	12 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)	Mandalay, Myanmar
25-31 December 2007	Participation of ASEAN Countries in 15 th National Children's Science Congress	Baramati, India
26 April 2008	Workshop for the Editorial Board Members of the ASEAN Journal on S&T for Development	Ha Noi
28-30 April 2008	Workshop on the Used of Wireless Technologies to Bridge Digital Divide in ASEAN	Bangkok
26-28 May 2008	30 th Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Meteorology and Geophysics (SCMG)	Singapore
Services		
19-22 June 2007	51 st Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS 51)	Bali, Indonesia
11 August 2007	Special Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (Special CCS)	Singapore
30-31 October 2007	52 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS 52)	Singapore
19-22 February 2008	53 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS 53)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
1-2 April 2008	Special Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (Special CCS)	Brunei Darussalam
26-29 May 2008	54 th Meeting of ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS 54)	Bangkok
Small and Medium Enterprises		
29 October-1 November 2007	SME Trade & Investment Fair	Qingdao, China
21-23 November 2007	21 st Small Medium Enterprise Working Group	Bandar Seri Begawan
27-28 May 2008	22 nd Small Medium Enterprise Working Group	Singapore
Standards and Conformity Assessment		
13-15 June 2007	7 th ASEAN Scientific Cosmetic Body (ASCB) and 8 th ASEAN Cosmetic Committee Meeting (ACC)	Vientiane
9-12 July 2007	7 th ACCSQ Traditional Medicine and Health Supplements Product Working Group (TMHS PWG)	Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam
10-11 July 2007	20 th Working Group on Standards and Mutual Recognition Arrangements (WG1)	Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam
11-12 July 2007	5 th ACCSQ Wood-based Product Working Group (WBPWG)	Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam
16-17 July 2007	7 th ACCSQ Prepared Foodstuff Product Working Group (PPFWG)	Kuala Lumpur
23-27 July 2007	13 th ACCSQ Pharmaceutical Product Working Group (PPWG)	Kuala Lumpur
24-26 July 2007	6 th ACCSQ Automotive Product Working Group (APWG)	Ha Noi
30 July-2 August 2007	6 th ACCSQ Medical Device Product Working Group (MDPWG)	Ha Noi
4-5 August 2007	6 th ACCSQ Rubber-based Product Working Group (RBPWG)	Manila
4-5 August 2007	8 th ACCSQ Working Group on Legal Metrology (WG 3)	Manila
6-8 August 2007	30 th ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ)	Manila
2 September 2007	ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body	Jakarta
21-22 November 2007	4 th Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment (JSC EEE)	Kuala Lumpur

21-22 November 2007	6 th ACCSQ Wood-based Product Working Group	Kuala Lumpur
26-29 November 2007	8 th ACCSQ Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements Product Working Group (TMHSPWG)	Manila
11-13 December 2007	9 th ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC)	Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
23-24 January 2008	7 th ACCSQ Medical Device Product Working Group (MDPWG)	Manila
29-30 January 2008	ASEAN Food Safety Forum	Jakarta
11-12 February 2008	15 th ACCSQ Working Group on Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (WG 2)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
12-13 February 2008	21 st ACCSQ Working Group on Standards and Mutual Recognition Arrangements (WG 1)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
18-22 February 2008	14 th ACCSQ Pharmaceutical Product Working Group (PPWG)	Vientiane
27-28 February 2008	9 th ACCSQ Working Group on Legal Metrology (WG 3)	Vientiane
26-28 February 2008	7 th ACCSQ Rubber-based Product Working Group (RBPWG)	Vientiane
17-21 March 2008	31 st ASEAN Consultative Committee for Standards and Conformance (ACCSQ)	Bangkok
28-29 April 2008	7 th ACCSQ Automotive Product Working Group (APWG)	Kuala Lumpur
15-16 May 2008	5 th Joint Sectoral Committee for Electrical and Electronic Equipment	Jerudong, Brunei Darussalam
29-30 May 2008	7 th ACCSQ Wood-based Product Working Group (WBPWG)	Bali, Indonesia
Statistics		
17-18 December 2007	8 th ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM 8)	Phnom Penh
Telecommunications and Information Technology		
5-7 June 2007	ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Working Group Meeting	Cyberjaya, Malaysia
3-5 July 2007	13 th ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Meeting	Bohol, Philippines
3-5 July 2007	6 th ASEAN Telecommunication Regulator's Council Mutual Recognition Arrangement Joint Sectoral Committee Meeting (ATRC MRA JSC)	Bohol, Philippines
30-31 July 2007	ASEAN IPv6 Workshop	Penang, Malaysia
20 August 2007	Telecommunication and IT Senior Official Joint Working Group (TELSOM JWG) Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
20-22 August 2007	8 th Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
22 August 2007	2 nd Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting with ITU (2 nd ASEAN+ITU TELSOM)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
23-24 August 2007	7 th Telecommunication and IT Ministers (TELMIN) Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
7-8 September 2007	ASEAN Workshop on Finding Telecommunication Solution for Rural Community Development in ASEAN Region	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
24 September 2007	1 st Coordination Meeting between ASEAN ICT Virtual Centre and the ASEAN Secretariat	Jakarta
25-26 September 2007	Managing Competition in Next Generation Networks Environment Seminar	Jakarta
21-26 October 2007	Short Course on "Sharing the Best Practices on Empowering Rural Communities to Utilize ICT as a Tool to Enhance Income"	Kuala Lumpur
26 November-1 December 2007	Workshop on ASEAN Teacher Capacity Development Focusing on ICT pedagogy integration: University Facilitating Models	Bangkok
3-14 December 2007	Workshop on Conformity Assessment of Telecommunication Terminal Equipment	Beijing & Shenzhen, China
16-17 January 2008	2 nd Coordination Meeting between the ASEAN ICT Virtual Centre and ASEAN Secretariat	Jakarta
3 March 2008	3 rd Coordination Meeting between ASEAN ICT Virtual Centre and ASEAN Secretariat	Kuala Lumpur
4 March 2008	Working Group Meeting on ASEAN Information and Infrastructure (WG on All)	Kuala Lumpur
4 March 2008	Working Group Meeting on e-Commerce and ICT Trade Facilitation (WG on EC&ITF)	Kuala Lumpur
4 March 2008	Working Group Meeting on e-Society and ICT Capacity Building (WG on ES & ICB)	Kuala Lumpur
4-7 March 2008	Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
5 March 2008	Working Group Meeting on Universal Access, Digital Divide and e-Government (WG on UADD & e-Govt)	Kuala Lumpur
6 March 2008	2 nd Joint Working Group Meeting + ITU (JWG + ITU)	Kuala Lumpur
9-11 April 2008	Working Group Meeting for the ASEAN Telecommunications Regulator's Council (ATRC)	Bangkok
9-11 April 2008	7 th ASEAN Telecommunication Regulator's Council Mutual Recognition Arrangement Joint Sectoral Committee Meeting (ATRC MRA JSC)	Bangkok
30 April 2008	1 st Coordination Meeting on the ASEAN Internet Exchange (AIX)	Bangkok

Tourism		
3 July 2007	31 st Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing	Ha Noi
3 July 2007	6 th Meeting of the Special Working Group on ASEAN Tourism Integration	Ha Noi
4 July 2007	22 nd Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development	Ha Noi
5-6 July 2007	26 th Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Ha Noi
6 July 2007	2 nd ASEAN National Tourism Organisations – Senior Transport Officials Meeting (NTOs-STOM) Consultations	Ha Noi
20-22 September 2007	ASEAN Tourism Investment Forum	Bali, Indonesia
21 September 2007	32 nd Meeting of Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing	Bali, Indonesia
21-22 September 2007	23 rd Meeting of Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development	Bali, Indonesia
22 September 2007	18 th Meeting of Task Force on Tourism Investment	Bali, Indonesia
23 September 2007	7 th Meeting of ASEAN Cruise Working Group	Bali, Indonesia
23 September 2007	6 th Meeting of Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Standard	Bali, Indonesia
24 September 2007	National Tourism Organisations (NTOs) Competition	Bali, Indonesia
7-8 January 2008	Regional Forum of Capacity Building on ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) in Tourism	Bangkok
10-11 January 2008	Regional Forum of Capacity Building on ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) in Tourism	Jakarta
18 January 2008	7 th Meeting Special Working Group on ASEAN Tourism Integration	Bangkok
18-19 January 2008	27 th Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Bangkok
21 January 2008	11 th Meeting of ASEAN Tourism Minister	Bangkok
12-13 February 2008	ASEAN Workshop on Wellness Spa	Nakhon Pathom, Thailand
16 February 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Bandar Seri Begawan
18 February 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Jakarta
20 February 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Vientiane
22 February 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Singapore
10 March 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Manila
12 March 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Phnom Penh
14 March 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Ha Noi
17 March 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Yangon, Myanmar
19 March 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Kuala Lumpur
21 March 2008	National Workshop on Common ASEAN Tourism Curriculum	Bangkok
23 April 2008	33 rd Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing	Vientiane
23 April 2008	8 th ASEAN Cruise Working Group Meeting	Vientiane
24 April 2008	19 th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment	Vientiane
24 April 2008	7 th Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Standards	Vientiane
Transport		
4-5 July 2007	13 th ASEAN Land Transport Working Group Meeting	Yangon, Myanmar
13-14 August 2007	14 th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting	Bangkok
27 August 2007	2 nd Forum on the Operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport	Phnom Penh
28-29 August 2007	14 th ASEAN Transport Facilitation Working Group Meeting	Phnom Penh
7-8 September 2007	ASEAN Workshop on the Establishment of the ASEAN Maritime Forum	Batam, Indonesia
25-26 September 2007	Regional Workshop for ASEAN Logistics Development Study	Bangkok
29 October-2 November 2007	24 th Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)/13 th ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) and Associated Meetings	Singapore
9 April 2008	13 th ASEAN Airlines Meeting	Langkawi, Malaysia
9 April 2008	1 st Meeting of the Fifth Round of ASEAN Air Transport Sectoral Negotiations	Langkawi, Malaysia
10-11 April 2008	17 th Air Transport Working Group Meeting (ATWG)	Langkawi, Malaysia
23-25 April 2008	15 th Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting (MTWG)	Ha Noi
28 April 2008	3 rd Forum on the Operationalisation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport	Singapore
29-30 April 2008	15 th Transport Facilitation Working Group Meeting (TFWG)	Singapore
27-29 May 2008	25 th Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM)	Cebu, Philippines

ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY

Culture and Information

1 June 2007	1 st ASEAN-Senior Officials Meeting on Culture & Art (SOMCA) Working Group Meeting on Networking on ASEAN Cultural Heritage (NACH)	Mandalay, Myanmar
8-10 June 2007	42 nd Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (COCI)	Kuantan Pahang, Malaysia
7-8 August 2007	1 st Meeting of the Senior Officials Meeting on Culture & Arts (SOMCA) Working Group on Small and Medium Cultural Enterprises	Manila
20-21 November 2007	9 th Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Culture	Bandar Seri Begawan
12-13 January 2008	3 rd Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)	Nay Pyi Taw

Disaster Management

24-25 September 2007	2007 ASEAN Day for Disaster Management (ADDM) Seminar: "Challenges Ahead and the Way Forward"	Bangkok
3 October 2007	3 rd ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX-07) Planning Meeting	Jakarta
10 October 2007	Joint Celebration of the ASEAN Day on Disaster Management (ADDM) and International Day for Disaster Reduction	Bangkok
10-12 October 2007	7 th Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief (ISMDR)	Helsinki
22-26 October 2007	ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise (ARDEX-07)	Singapore
22-26 October 2007	10 th ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) Meeting	Singapore

Education

14-15 June 2007	21 st Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ASEAN University Network (AUN-BOT)	Singapore
10 August 2007	13 th AUN/SEED-Net Steering Committee Meeting	Bangkok
23 August 2007	Task Force Meeting for the Workshop of the AUN Member Universities	Bangkok
31 August-1 September 2007	Informal Meeting of ASEAN Ministers of Education (ASED)	Kuala Lumpur
1-3 November 2007	22 nd Meeting of the AUN Board of Trustees (BOT) and Workshop of AUN Member Universities on Strategic Planning Towards ASEAN Community 2015	Pattaya, Thailand
21-22 November 2007	SEAMEO High Officials Meeting	Bangkok
22 November 2007	2 nd Senior Officials Meeting on Education (SOM-ED)	Bangkok
26 November-1 December 2007	Workshop on Teacher Capacity Development Focusing on ICT Pedagogy Integration: University Facilitating Models	Bangkok
18 January 2008	14 th AUN/SEED-Net Steering Committee Meeting	Bangkok
13-14 March 2008	43 rd SEAMEO Council Conference	Kuala Lumpur
14 March 2008	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 3 rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Education (ASED)	Kuala Lumpur
15 March 2008	3 rd ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
28-29 May 2008	8 th ASEAN Inter-University Conference on Social Development	Manila

Environment

20 June 2007	3 rd Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Jambi, Indonesia
3-4 July 2007	17 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Bandar Seri Begawan
23-25 July 2007	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Water Resources Management (AWGWRM)	Penang, Malaysia
31 July-1 August 2007	8 th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME)	Nay Pyi Taw
4 August 2007	5 th Meeting of the Governing Board of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Boracay, Philippines
5 August 2007	4 th Meeting of the Project Steering Committee of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	Boracay, Philippines
6-8 August 2007	18 th Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment (ASOEN)	Boracay, Philippines
3-7 September 2007	1 st Meeting of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties (COP-3) to the ASEAN Agreement on the Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bangkok
3-7 September 2007	3 rd Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-3) to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Bangkok
3-7 September 2007	10 th Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (IAMME)	Bangkok
14-16 January 2008	6 th Meeting of the Governing Board of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and 5 th PSC Meeting	Singapore
12-14 February 2008	4 th Meeting of the Project Planning and Preparation Working Group (PPPWG) for the IFAD/GEF Project on Rehabilitation and Sustainable Use of Peatlands in Southeast Asia	Kuala Lumpur
28-29 February 2008	Special Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB)	Manila

4-7 March 2008	2 nd Meeting of the Committee under the Conference of the Parties To the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COM-2)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
4-7 March 2008	1 st Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution in the Mekong Sub-Region (TWG Mekong)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
28 March 2008	1 st Official Meeting for EAS Environment Minister's Meeting and 1 st ASEAN-Japan Environment Dialogue	Ha Noi
7-8 April 2008	4 th Meeting of the Technical Working Group on Transboundary Haze Pollution (TWG southern)	Putrajaya, Malaysia
7-8 April 2008	4 th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution	Putrajaya, Malaysia
14-16 April 2008	ASEAN Workshop on Urban Biodiversity	Singapore
24-25 April 2008	1 st Meeting of the National Contact Points of ACB	Manila
28-30 April 2008	Regional Meeting/Workshop on the Development of the Long-term ACB Strategic Plan	Manila
1-2 May 2008	ASEAN Workshop on COP-9 CBD Negotiation Issues	Manila
26 May 2008	AKECOP Project Steering Committee Meeting	Seoul
Health		
24-25 July 2007	Program Coordination Group Meeting of ASEAN+3 EID Programme Phase II	Vientiane
5-7 November 2007	15 th Meeting of the ASEAN Task Force on AIDS (ATFOA)	Bangkok
29-30 November 2007	ASEAN Regional Workshop on Multi-sectoral Coordination in Pandemic Preparedness and Response	Halong Bay, Viet Nam
12-14 December 2007	3 rd Meeting of ASEAN Experts Group on Communicable Disease (AEGCD)	Vientiane
12-14 December 2007	4 th Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD)	Vientiane
12-14 December 2007	3 rd Meeting of SOMHD-Working Group Project Development	Vientiane
13-14 December 2007	ASEAN-ILO Workshop on the Prevention of HIV in the Work Place	Jakarta
13-15 February 2008	4 th ASEAN Workshop on HPAI Control and Eradication: The Way Forward with the (New) ASEAN Regional Strategy for the Progressive Control and Eradication of HPAI for 2008-2010 and the 7 th ASEAN HPAI Taskforce Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
Labour		
10-11 September 2007	3 rd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance Competitiveness of ASEAN	Yogyakarta, Indonesia
29-30 October 2007	ASEAN-ILO Technical Workshop on Labor Market Statistics	Putrajaya, Malaysia
28-29 November 2007	Final Regional Workshop on Enhancing Skills Recognition System	Jakarta
13-14 December 2007	Meeting of ASEAN Ministries of Labour Focal Points on HIV Prevention and Control at the Workplace	Jakarta
3-4 March 2008	4 th Meeting of Ad-Hoc Working Group on Progressive Labour Practices to Enhance Competitiveness of ASEAN	Kuala Lumpur
22-24 April 2008	9 th ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) Coordinating Board Meeting	Kuala Lumpur
24-25 April 2008	ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour	Manila
6-7 May 2008	Preparatory Senior Labour Officials Meeting for the 20 th ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)	Bangkok
8 May 2008	20 th ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting	Bangkok
12-14 May 2008	ASEAN OSHNET Workshop on Effective Implementation of National Promotional Frameworks for Occupational Safety and Health	Ha Noi
Rural Development and Poverty Eradication		
28-29 April 2008	Regional Workshop on Poverty Reduction and Social Development in ASEAN: Towards an ASEAN Roadmap for the Implementation of MDG Plus	Bangkok
Social Welfare and Development		
2 December 2007	2 nd ASEAN GO-NGO Forum	Ha Noi
4-5 December 2007	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 6 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)	Ha Noi
6 December 2007	6 th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)	Ha Noi
Women		
6 November 2007	ASEAN Workshop on Microcredit Programme for ASEAN Women	Chiang Mai, Thailand
7-8 November 2007	6 th ASEAN Committee on Women Meeting (ACW)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
14-15 January 2008	ASEAN-High Level Meeting on Good Practices in CEDAW Reporting & Follow up	Vientiane
13-15 February 2008	ASEAN Regional Workshop on Gender Equality Legislation	Bangkok
7-8 April 2008	Joint Roundtable Discussion on the Establishment of an ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection on the Rights of Women and Children	Jakarta
Youth		
5-8 February 2008	14 th ASEAN Youth Day Meeting (AYDM XIV) and the ASEAN Youth Day Award	Vientiane

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

ASEAN Plus Three

8 June 2007	1 st ASOMM Plus Three Minerals Consultation (ASOMM+3)	Nay Pyi Taw
6 July 2007	11 th Meeting of the ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Ha Noi
10-11 July 2007	9 th ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Meeting (ASEAN+3 DGs)	Guiyang, China
13 July 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting Plus Three (SEOM+3)	Viet Nam
31 July 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting (ASEAN+3 SOM)	Manila
31 July 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers Meeting	Manila
9 August 2007	4 th Meeting of ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Environment (ASOEN+3)	Boraquay, Philippines
20-21 August 2007	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Working Group	Singapore
20-24 August 2007	3 rd Meeting of SOMTC Plus Three Working Group on Narcotics	Ha Noi
21 August 2007	5 th SOME Plus Three Consultations	Singapore
21 August 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting Plus Three (SEOM+3)	Makati City, Philippines
22 August 2007	10 th Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General	Singapore
22 August 2007	5 th ASEAN + China, Japan, Korea Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (5 th TELSOM + CJK)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
23 August 2007	4 th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Plus Three (4 th AMEM+3)	Singapore
23 August 2007	3 rd SOMTC Plus Three Working Group on Narcotics	Ha Noi
26 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers Plus Three (AEM+3)	Makati City, Philippines
3-7 September 2007	6 th ASEAN Plus Three Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM)	Bangkok
10-12 September 2007	Ad Hoc ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Working Group Meeting	Bangkok
14-15 September 2007	Ad Hoc ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Meeting	Bangkok
5 October 2007	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN COST Plus Three	Tokyo
21-30 October 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming	Guanxi, China
31 October 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Focal Group Meeting	Tokyo
31 October 2007	Senior Officials Meeting for the 7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (SOM-7 th AMAF+3)	Bangkok
2 November 2007	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (7 th AMAF+3)	Bangkok
5-12 November 2007	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Training Programme on Cooperation for Cultural Human Resources Development	China
7 November 2007	3 rd ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC+3)	Bandar Seri Begawan
8 November 2007	Preliminary Meeting of the ASEAN Plus Three Committee on Women (ACW+3)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
8-9 November 2007	2 nd Consultative Meeting for the Establishment of the ASEAN+3 Centre for the Gifted in Science	Seoul
19-20 November 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Workshop on Youth Entrepreneurship	Jakarta
20 November 2007	11 th ASEAN Plus Three Summit	Singapore
21-23 November 2007	Workshop to Develop a Protocol for Communication and Information Sharing on Emerging Infectious Diseases in the ASEAN Plus Three Countries	Beijing
29-30 November 2007	Informal ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting Plus Three (AFDM+3)	Lijiang, China
29-30 November 2007	Formal ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting Plus Three (AFDM+3)	Lijiang, China
5 December 2007	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD+3)	Ha Noi
7 December 2007	2 nd ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting for Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD+3)	Ha Noi
13-14 December 2007	ASEAN Plus Three Workshop on Technology Transfers and Joint Technology Development	Ha Noi
20 January 2008	12 th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea National Tourism Organisations (NTOs)	Bangkok
22 January 2008	7 th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea Tourism Minister	Bangkok
29 January 2008	7 th SOME Plus Three Energy Policy Governing Group (EPGG)	Kuala Lumpur
11-14 March 2008	4 th Meeting of DG of Agricultural Statistics and Information in ASEAN+3 Countries, and the 1 st Focal Point meeting of AFSIS Project Phase 2	Tokyo
2 April 2008	Informal ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting Plus Three (AFDM+3)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
3 April 2008	Formal ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting Plus Three (AFDM+3)	Da Nang, Viet Nam

3 May 2008	ASEAN Finance and Central Bank Deputies Plus Three (AFDM+3)	Madrid
4 May 2008	ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting Plus Three (AFMM+3)	Madrid
7 May 2008	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting (ASEAN+3 SOM)	Singapore
7 May 2008	ASEAN Plus Three Senior Labour Officials Meeting (SLOM+3)	Bangkok
8 May 2008	ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers Meeting	Bangkok
30 May 2008	11 th ASEAN Plus Three Directors-General Meeting	Japan
ASEAN – Australia		
7 July 2007	1 st ASEAN-Australian Tourism Consultations	Ha Noi
16-23 July 2007	ASEAN-Australia Seminar on Immigration Investigation	Cairns, Australia
23-26 July 2007	ASEAN-Australia Workshop on Immigration Investigations	Cairns, Australia
22 August 2007	AADCP Workshop Mutual Recognition of Digital Signatures in ASEAN	Siem Reap, Cambodia
26-27 September 2007	AADCP-PS 7 th Project Coordination Committee (PCC) Meeting	Jakarta
28 September 2007	AADCP-REPSF 10 th Research Priority Committee (RPC) Meeting	Jakarta
8-9 October 2007	ASEAN-Australia Plan of Action Meeting	Brisbane, Australia
9 October 2007	Seminar on ASEAN-Australia Dialogue Relations	Brisbane, Australia
28 November 2007	AADCP-PS 11 th Joint Selection Review and Panel (JSRP) Meeting	Jakarta
12-13 December 2007	3 rd DGICM + Australia Consultation	Vientiane
14-15 February 2008	4 th Meeting of PCG on AADCP Project on Plant Health and Strategic Planning Workshop	Bangkok
6 March 2008	AADCP-REPSF 11 th Research Priority Committee (RPC) Meeting	Jakarta
16-17 April 2008	AADCP-PS 8 th Program Coordination Committee (PCC) Meeting	Jakarta
22 May 2008	22 nd ASEAN-Australia Forum	Australia
22 May 2008	AADCP-RPS-12 th Joint Selection and Review Panel (JSRP) Meeting	Canberra
23 May 2008	6 th AADCP-Joint Planning Committee (JPC) Meeting	Canberra
ASEAN – Canada		
22 August 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Canada Consultations (SEOM-Canada)	Makati City, Philippines
26 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers-Canada Consultations (AEM-Canada)	Makati City, Philippines
10-11 March 2008	ASEAN-Canada ICM	Viet Nam
12-14 May 2008	5 th ASEAN-Canada Dialogue	Ha Noi
ASEAN – China		
13-21 June 2007	China-ASEAN Youth Civil Servants Exchange Programme	Beijing, Nanning, Guangzhou, China
4 July 2007	2 nd ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC) Roundtable with China	Bohol, Philippines
12 July 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Commerce of China (SEOM-MOFCOM)	Viet Nam
16-21 July 2007	ASEAN-China Management Seminar for Law Enforcement Agencies	Hangzhou City, China
17-18 July 2007	ASEAN-China Symposium on Progress of Human Infection with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Prevention and Control	Beijing
18-19 July 2007	2 nd ASEAN-China Working Group on Information Superhighway	Brunei Darussalam
22-28 July 2007	China-ASEAN Workshop on Small Medium Enterprise Financing	Beijing
6-12 August 2007	China-ASEAN Training Course on Disaster Emergency Response	China
15-22 August 2007	2 nd China-ASEAN Youth Camp and China-ASEAN Young Leaders Meeting Programme	Beijing, China and Manzhouli, Inner Mongolia
20 August 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting – Ministry of Commerce of China (SEOM-MOFCOM)	Makati City, Philippines
21 August 2007	3 rd ASEAN + China Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (3 rd TELSOM + China)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
24 August 2007	2 nd ASEAN + China Telecommunications and IT Ministers (2 nd ASEAN + China TELMIN) Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
25 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers-Ministry of Commerce of China (AEM-MOFCOM)	Makati City, Philippines
16-26 September 2007	China-ASEAN Workshop on Electronic Commerce and Electronic Government	Beijing
17-21 September 2007	27 th ASEAN-China Trade Negotiating Committee (ACTNC)	Beijing
22-29 September 2007	3 rd ASEAN-China Media Cooperation Seminar and Interview Tour	Guangzhou and Guangxi, China
10-12 October 2007	China-ASEAN High Level Seminar on Human Resources Development	Yunnan, China
18-19 October 2007	4 th China-ASEAN Business Investment Summit	Nanning, China
21-25 October 2007	China-ASEAN Workshop on Cooperation against Avian Influenza Border Transmission	Beijing
21-31 October 2007	China-ASEAN Workshop on National Network and Information Security	Beijing

21 October-3 November 2007	China-ASEAN Training Course on Application of Satellite Remote Sensing and Satellite Communication Technologies in Disaster Reduction	Beijing
28-29 October 2007	1 st China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine	Nanning, China
28-31 October 2007	4 th China ASEAN Expo	Nanning, China
28 October-1 November 2007	China-ASEAN Science and Technology Cooperation Forum on Biomass Energy Development and Utilization	Kunming, China
30 October-2 November 2007	1 st Conference of China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction	Nanning, China
5-7 November 2007	1 st China-ASEAN Telecom Universal Service Forum	Chengdu, China
5-16 November 2007	ASEAN-China Workshop on Deployment and Application of Broadband Access	Wuhan, China
7 November 2007	2 nd AMMTC + China Informal Meeting	Bandar Seri Begawan
7-8 November 2007	China-ASEAN Forum for Cooperation in Human Resource Development	Nanning, China
20 November 2007	11 th ASEAN-China Summit	Singapore
18-21 December 2007	2007 ASEAN – China TV Cooperation Summit	Kunming, China
3-5 March 2008	9 th ASEAN-China Joint Cooperation Committee and Working Group Meetings	Chongqing, China
6 March 2008	2 nd Joint Working Group Meeting + China (JWG + China)	Kuala Lumpur
24-26 March 2008	14 th ASEAN-China Senior Officials Consultations (SOC)	Bandar Seri Begawan
7 April 2008	China – ASEAN Internet Emergency Response Drill	Shenzhen, China
17-18 April 2008	2 nd ASEAN-China International Bioinformatics Workshop	Singapore
ASEAN – European Union		
22 August 2007	1 st ASEAN-EU Officials Dialogue on Energy Cooperation	Singapore
23 October 2007	The Drafting Meeting of the Joint Declaration of the ASEAN-EU Commemorative Summit and the Plan of Action (POA) to Implement the Nuremberg Declaration	Singapore
22 November 2007	ASEAN-European Union Commemorative Summit	Singapore
6 March 2008	2 nd Joint Working Group Meeting + EU (JWG + EU)	Kuala Lumpur
27-28 May 2008	ASEAN-EU Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Phnom Penh
ASEAN – India		
13 July 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-India Consultations (SEOM-India)	Viet Nam
21 August 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-India Consultations (SEOM-India)	Makati City, Philippines
22 August 2007	4 th ASEAN + India Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (4 th TELSOM + India)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
24 August 2007	3 rd Telecommunication and IT Ministers (TELMIN)+India Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
26 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers-India Consultations (AEM-India)	Makati City, Philippines
3-7 September 2007	19 th ASEAN-India Trade Negotiating Committee	Viet Nam
31 October 2007	12 th ASEAN-India Working Group	Jakarta
21 November 2007	6 th ASEAN-India Summit	Singapore
20 January 2008	3 rd ASEAN and India Tourism Working Group	Bangkok
22 January 2008	1 st Meeting of ASEAN and India Tourism Ministers	Bangkok
6 March 2008	Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) Joint Working Group Meeting+India	Kuala Lumpur
22 April 2008	13 th ASEAN-India Working Group	Bali, Indonesia
23 April 2008	10 th ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee	Bali, Indonesia
24 April 2008	10 th ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
ASEAN – Japan		
25-26 June 2007	5 th ASEAN-Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) Leaders Conference	Okayama City, Japan
3-6 July 2007	6 th AEM-MITI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC) Working Groups Meeting	Vientiane
5-9 July 2007	Symposium on Women and Poverty	Tokyo
12 July 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Ministry of Economic, Trade and Industry (SEOM-METI)	Viet Nam
6-9 August 2007	9 th ASEAN-Japan Committee on Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCCEP)	Makati City, Philippines
20 August 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Ministry of Trade, Economic and Industry (SEOM-METI)	Makati City, Philippines
21 August 2007	3 rd ASEAN + Japan Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (3 rd TELSOM + Japan)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
21 August 2007	8 th Senior Officials Meeting on Energy – Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (8 th SOME-METI) Consultations	Singapore
23-24 August 2007	ASEAN-Japan Programme on Industrial Relations (AJPIR) Phase II 3 rd Regional Capacity Building Workshop and Policy Dialogue Seminar	Bangkok
24 August 2007	2 nd ASEAN + Japan Telecommunications and IT Ministers (2 nd ASEAN + Korea TELMIN Meeting)	Siem Reap, Cambodia

25 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers-Ministry of Trade, Economic and Industry (AEM-METI)	Makati City, Philippines
27-30 August 2007	5 th ASEAN-Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies	Tokyo
3-5 September 2007	10 th AEM-MITI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC) on Automotive Industry (WG-AI)	Jakarta
10-11 September 2007	2 nd Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Counter Terrorism Dialogue	Kuala Lumpur
4-5 October 2007	Japan-ASEAN General Exchange Fund/Japan-ASEAN Exchange Project/Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAGEF/JAEP/JAIF) Management Committee Meetings	Jakarta
15-16 October 2007	Consultative Meeting on Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Additional Guidelines for ASEAN-Japan Project on Stockpiling of Tamiflu and Personal Protective Equipment	Singapore
19 November 2007	Informal Consultations of the ASEAN Economic Ministers and the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (AEM-METI Consultations)	Singapore
21 November 2007	11 th ASEAN-Japan Summit	Singapore
10 December 2007	1 st Consultative Meeting of the Consignees for the ASEAN-Japan Project on Stockpile of Tamiflu and PPE	Bangkok
22-23 February 2008	4 th JAIF/JAEP/JAGEF Management Committee Meeting	Jakarta
6 March 2008	2 nd Joint Working Group Meeting + Japan (JWG + Japan)	Kuala Lumpur
5 May 2008	Project Coordinating Committee Meeting of the ASEAN/ILO – Japan Industrial Relations Project	Bangkok
9 May 2008	ASEAN-Japan HRD Collaboration Programme Phase II Planning and Evaluation Working Group	Bangkok
ASEAN – Republic of Korea		
5-8 June 2007	18 th ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Ha Noi
5-8 June 2007	4 th Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Sub-Committee on Tariffs and Rules of Origin (AK-STROO)	Ha Noi
6-7 June 2007	ASEAN-Korea Expert Group on Investment Meeting for the 18 th ASEAN-Korea TNC	Ha Noi
5-6 July 2007	11 th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Dialogue	Kuantan, Malaysia
12 July 2007	8 th Consultation of the Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Republic of Korea (SEOM-ROK)	Da Nang, Viet Nam
13-14 August 2007	5 th ASEAN-Korea Sub-Committee on Tariffs and Rules of Origin (AK-STROO)	Singapore
13-16 August 2007	19 th ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Singapore
14-15 August 2007	2 nd Meeting of the Working Group on TBT and SPS for AKTFA (WG TBT & SPS)	Singapore
21 August 2007	3 rd ASEAN + Korea Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting (3 rd TELSOM + Korea)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
21 August 2007	Special Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Republic of Korea Consultations (SEOM-ROK)	Makati City, Philippines
24 August 2007	2 nd ASEAN + Korea Telecommunications and IT Ministers (2 nd ASEAN + Korea TELMIN) Meeting	Siem Reap, Cambodia
26 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers-Republic of Korea Consultations (AEM-ROK)	Makati City, Philippines
2-5 October 2007	20 th ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Vientiane
3-4 October 2007	ASEAN-Korea Expert Group on Investment Meeting for the 20 th ASEAN-Korea TNC	Vientiane
3-5 October 2007	4 th Meeting of the Working Group on the Economic Cooperation for AKFTA (WGEC)	Vientiane
17-18 October 2007	4 th Informal JPRC	Gyeong Ju, Korea
30-31 October 2007	ASEAN- Korea u-ICT Forum	Seoul
18 November-1 December 2007	ASEAN-Republic of Korea Training Course on Programming IT Management and Ubiquitous Computing	Seoul
21 November 2007	11 th ASEAN-Republic of Korea Summit	Singapore
13-15 January 2008	6 th ASEAN-Korea Sub-Committee on Tariffs and Rules of Origin (AK-STROO)	Baguio City, Philippines
13-18 January 2008	21 st ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Baguio City, Philippines
6 March 2008	2 nd Joint Working Group Meeting + Korea (JWG + Korea)	Kuala Lumpur
7 March 2008	Telecommunication Senior Officials Meeting (TELSOM) Joint Working Group Meeting + Korea	Kuala Lumpur
13 March 2008	9 th Consultation of the Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Republic of Korea (SEOM-ROK)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
12-14 March 2008	10 th ASEAN-Republic of Korea JPRC	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
7-9 April 2008	7 th Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Sub-Committee on Tariffs and Rules of Origin (AK-STROO)	Busan, Korea

8-9 April 2008	5 th Meeting of the Working Group on the Economic Cooperation for AKFTA (WGEC)	Busan, Korea
8-11 April 2008	22 nd ASEAN-Korea Trade Negotiating Committee (AKTNC)	Busan, Korea
8-11 April 2008	ASEAN-Korea Expert Group on Investment Meeting for the 22 nd ASEAN-Korea TNC	Busan, Korea
9-10 April 2008	3 rd Meeting of the Working Group on TBT and SPS for AKFTA (WG TBT & SPS)	Busan, Korea
28-30 April 2008	ASEAN-Korea Workshop on the Use of Wireless Technologies to Bridge Digital Divide	Bangkok
27-29 May 2008	Intersessional Meeting of the ASEAN-Korea Expert Group on Investment	Jakarta
ASEAN – New Zealand		
12-13 December 2007	ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue	Wellington
ASEAN – Russian Federation		
10 June 2007	3 rd Meeting of ASEAN-Russia Working Group on Science and Technology (ARWGST)	Moscow
7 July 2007	2 nd ASEAN-Russia Tourism Consultations	Ha Noi
10 July 2007	3 rd Meeting of ASEAN-Russia Working Group on Science and Technology (ARWGST)	Moscow
5-6 November 2007	5 th ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)	Moscow
20 January 2008	2 nd ASEAN-Russia Tourism Consultations	Bangkok
22 January 2008	1 st Meeting of ASEAN-Russia Tourism Ministers	Bangkok
4 February 2008	5 th ASEAN-Russia Senior Officials Meeting	Moscow
ASEAN – United States		
21 June 2007	20 th ASEAN-US Dialogue	Washington DC
31 July 2007	ASEAN-US Universal Service Obligation Workshop	Phnom Penh
22 August 2007	1 st Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials Meeting with US ASEAN Business Council Consultation	Siem Reap, Cambodia
10-11 April 2008	10 th ASEAN-US ICM	Singapore
10 May 2008	21 st ASEAN-US Dialogue	Singapore
ASEAN – CER (Australia & New Zealand)		
13 July 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Closer Economic Relations Consultations (SEOM-CER)	Viet Nam
30 July-4 August 2007	10 th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee (AANZ TNC) Meeting	Perth, Australia
21 August 2007	Senior Economic Officials Meeting-Closer Economic Relations Consultations (SEOM-CER)	Makati City, Philippines
26 August 2007	ASEAN Economic Ministers-Closer Economic Relations Consultations (AEM-CER)	Makati City, Philippines
9-24 November 2007	12 th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee (AANZ TNC) Meeting	Cambodia
ASEAN – Pakistan		
10-12 September 2007	ASEAN-Pakistan Workshop on Geoinformatics	Islamabad
East Asia Summit		
13-14 June 2007	2 nd East-Asia Bioinformatics Network Meeting	Bangkok
29 June 2007	Ad-Hoc Consultations of East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials	Manila
3-7 July 2007	2 nd East Asia Expert Meeting on Manufacturing Industry Statistics (EAMS); and Industrial Seminar	Vientiane
29 July 2007	Ad-Hoc Consultations of East Asia Summit (EAS) Senior Officials	Manila
31 July 2007	East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers Luncheon	Manila
22 August 2007	5 th Meeting of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force (ECTF)	Singapore
23 August 2007	EAS Energy Ministers Meeting	Singapore
10 September 2007	EAS Senior Finance Officials' Workshop and Officials Discussion	Jakarta
22-23 October 2007	East Asian Summit (EAS) Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting	Singapore
26 October 2007	East Asia Summit Ad-hoc Working Group Meeting	Singapore
26 October 2007	East Asia Summit Ad-hoc Senior Officials Meeting Consultations	Singapore
1 November 2007	5 th East Asia Forum	Tokyo
21 November 2007	3 rd East Asia Summit (EAS)	Singapore
18 April 2008	East Asia Bioinformatics Network (EABN)	Singapore
25 April 2008	Experts Workshop on Future Scenarios of East Asia	Bangkok
8 May 2008	East Asia Summit (EAS) Ad-Hoc Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) Consultations	Singapore

OTHER MEETINGS		
7 June 2007	Meeting of the Council of Advisors (COA) of the ASEAN Foundation	Jakarta
7-8 June 2007	ASEAN Economic Community Coordinating Conference (ECOM)	Jakarta
29 June 2007	Meeting with Working Group for ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism	Manila
9-11 July 2007	1 st Cooperative Business Forum	Bali, Indonesia
10-11 July 2007	2 nd ASEAN Security Community Plan of Action Coordinating Conference (ASCCO)	Jakarta
25-27 July 2007	8 th Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Dispute Settlement Mechanism (DSM)	Jakarta
24 September-5 October 2007	ASEAN Exchange Programme for Mid-Level Managers	Singapore
22-23 October 2007	3 rd Coordinating Conference on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Plan of Action	Jakarta
7 January 2008	Ceremony for the Transfer of Office of the Secretary-General of ASEAN	Jakarta
14-15 January 2008	ASEAN High-Level Meeting on Good Practices in CEDAW Reporting and Follow Up	Vientiane
8 March 2008	ASEAN-INTEL Workshop on WiMAX	Kuala Lumpur
1 April 2008	Further Developing Strategic R&D Cooperation with Southeast Asia on ICT (SEACOO) Seminar	Brussels
12-13 April 2008	ASEAN Exchange Programme for Mid-Level Managers	Singapore
21-22 April 2008	4 th SOCCOM	Jakarta
22-24 April 2008	21 st ASEF Board of Governors Meeting	Bali, Indonesia
28-30 April 2008	2 nd ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint Drafting	Luang Prabang, Lao PDR
1 May 2008	1 st ASEAN Meeting on Setting Up of the ASEAN IP Backbone eXchange (AIPBX)	Bangkok
12-23 May 2008	ASEAN Exchange Programme for Mid-Level Managers	Singapore
15-17 May 2008	Workshop on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights	Bali, Indonesia
22 May 2008	Briefing on ASEAN Secretariat's Procedures and Guidelines in Processing Project Proposals	Manila
22-23 May 2008	2 nd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting Working Group (SOM WG) on ASEAN Political Security Community Blueprint	Medan, Indonesia
28-30 May 2008	Synergy Conference for Regional Organizations on the Implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action on SALW	Brussels

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The ASEAN emblem represents a stable, peaceful, united and dynamic ASEAN. The colours of the emblem – blue, red, white and yellow – represent the main colours of the crests of all the ASEAN Member States.

Blue represents peace and stability. Red depicts courage and dynamism. White shows purity and yellow symbolises prosperity.

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.

