

# PTM ASEAN NEWS

## Welcome to the Vibrant ASEAN Community



“In 1967, our forefathers formed a new association called ASEAN that has grown to our 10 nations today. ASEAN is increasingly seen not only as integral to the global economy but also as a region of tremendous opportunity”

YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Razak  
Prime Minister

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## ASEAN Entered 2016 as a Community



Launching of the ASEAN Community at the 27th ASEAN Summit

With the signing of Declaration on the Establishment of ASEAN Community and the adoption of Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together by the ASEAN Leaders on 22 November 2015, ASEAN entered 2016 as a Community, bringing to fruition an integration process that created new opportunities for its 622 million people. Sharing a regional identity, ASEAN has made substantial progress by putting forward the desire and collective will to live in a region of lasting peace, security and stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress towards Southeast Asia’s overall development.

In this very First Issue, we are excited to introduce to you to some important facts about ASEAN and activities undertaken by the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN (CPR) in support of the work of the ASEAN Community Councils, ASEANS Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and ASEAN Dialogue Partners. We will also highlight some activities undertaken by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN (PTM ASEAN) in Jakarta.

Enjoy reading..



### About PTM ASEAN

PTM ASEAN was established and began operations on 7 January 2009 in accordance with Article 12(1) of the ASEAN Charter. It supports the work of ASEAN Community Councils, ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat.

**Vision:**

To safeguard and advance Malaysia's national interest, particularly in the context of building an ASEAN Community through proactive diplomacy.

**Missions:**

1. Uphold Malaysia's sovereignty
2. Coordinate with ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat and other relevant agencies
3. Oversee the operations of the ASEAN Secretariat
4. Facilitate cooperation with ASEAN Member States, external partners and stakeholders
5. Extend excellent services to the clients of PTM ASEAN

### Permanent Representatives

Since its establishment in 2009, PTM ASEAN has had three Permanent Representatives:

1. Y.Bhg. Dato' Hsu King Bee (2009-2011)
2. TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah (2012-July 2016)

The Permanent Representative is assisted by a Deputy Permanent Representatives, a Counselor, two First Secretaries, a Second Secretary, a Third Secretary, an Office Secretary and two clerks.

### ASEAN Leaders Declared the ASEAN Community Established



*ASEAN Leaders at the Closing Ceremony of 27th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur*

ASEAN Leaders signed the Declaration on the Establishment of ASEAN Community and adopted the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together on 22 November 2016 in Kuala Lumpur. These documents marked an important milestone in ASEAN's integration process and demonstrates ASEAN Member States' commitment to implement the ASEAN Vision 2025 in a timely and effective manner.

### Malaysia Handover CPR Chairmanship to Laos



Following the conclusion of the 27th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, the Handover of CPR Chairmanship Ceremony between TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN and H.E.Latsamy Keomany, Permanent Representative of Laos was held on 8 January 2016 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

This important event was witnessed by H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN. It was also attended by Member of the CPR, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, Members of Diplomatic Corps, ASEAN stakeholders, external and development partners, as well as local and international media.

### CPR's Engagement with Dialogue Partners



7th ASEAN-US JCC, 29 April 2016

In efforts to enhance ASEAN's relations with Dialogue Partners, the CPR held meetings with eight Dialogue Partners namely European Union (EU), Republic of Korea (ROK), Russian Federation, China, U.S., Canada, New Zealand, Australia and India through annual meetings called Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) Meeting. The CPR also engaged Dialogue Partners through other mechanisms such as ASEAN Plus Three Ambassadors and CPR-EAS Ambassadors Meetings from January - July 2016.

These Meetings reviewed areas of functional cooperation, discussed regional and global developments and as well as future directions of the partnership between ASEAN and Dialogue Partners in all three pillars of ASEAN Community.



4th ASEAN-Canada JCC, 16 May 2016

### CPR's Engagement with ASEAN Bodies, Sectoral Dialogue Partner and External Parties



CPR-Pacific Alliance Meeting, 10 May 2016, Bangkok

The CPR held consultation with ASEAN Institutions / sectoral bodies namely ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission for Human Rights (AICHR) and Coordinating Conference on the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOC-COM) to discuss cross-cutting and cross-sectoral issues.

The CPR also met Pakistan and Germany as ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partners, as well as the external parties namely United Nations Delegation from New York, UN ESCAP in Bangkok and Pacific Alliance External Group.



1. ASEAN was established in 1967 through the signing of Bangkok Declaration by the 5 Founding Fathers from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.



2. ASEAN Membership was further expanded with Brunei joining in 1984, Viet Nam in 1995, Laos and Myanmar in 1997, and Cambodia in 1999.

3. The ASEAN Flag represents a stable, peaceful, united and dynamic ASEAN.

- Colours of the Flag: Blue, Red, White, Yellow
- Stalks of Padi represents the the dream of ASEAN's Founding Fathers for an ASEAN comprising all the countries in Southeast Asia, bound together in friendship and solidarity

4. ASEAN has had two Secretary-Generals from Malaysia namely Y.Bhg Datuk Ali bin Abdullah (1978-1980) and Y.Bhg Dato' Ajit Singh (1993-1997).

5. ASEAN did not have a Secretariat until 1976, nine years after its creation. The Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

6. All ASEAN Member States have appointed their Permanent Representatives to ASEAN and

## CPR Interface with the High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Council and Vice President of the European Commission



The CPR met with H.E Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the

European Commission on 9 April 2016 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

The Meeting discussed on regional and global issues, as well as exchanged views on ASEAN-EU relations which include among others the implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025: Forging Ahead Together with the focus on the EU's important role and support to ASEAN Community-building and integration process. It was attended by Members of the CPR, EU Ambassador to ASEAN, as well as officials from the CPR Working Group, EU Delegations and ASEAN Secretariat.

## Regional Workshops on Post-2015 IAI Work Plan and Post-2015 Agenda for ASEAN Connectivity



The CPR, in its capacity as the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Task Force and ASEAN Coordinating Committee for ASEAN Connectivity (ACCC) participated at the Regional Workshops on 29 March 2016 and 6-7 April 2016, respectively, in Jakarta.

The purpose of the Workshops were to discuss on the proposed vision, strategy, objectives and initiatives for both documents, which formed the integral part of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 adopted on 22 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur. The Workshops were also attended by the Dialogue Partners, development partners, external parties and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

## ASEAN Economic Community at a Glance

1. With a combined GDP of US \$2.6 trillion in 2014, ASEAN economy was:
  - 7th largest in the world
  - 3rd largest in Asia
2. In 2014, ASEAN was the 3rd largest market in the world with 622 million people, behind only China & India.
3. Total trade increased by nearly US\$1 trillion between 2007 and 2014, with intra-ASEAN trade comprising the largest share of ASEAN's total trade by partner:
  - ASEAN Member States : 24%
  - China : 14%
  - European Union : 10%
  - Japan : 9%
  - U.S. : 8%
4. ASEAN attracted US\$136 billion in FDI in 2014, accounting for 11% of global inflows, up from only 5% in 2007.
5. Annual tourist arrivals were up from 62 million in 2007 to 105 million in 2014, almost half of which were intra-ASEAN.

Source: ASEAN Secretariat

### **TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah Bid Farewell to H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN**



TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah paid a farewell call on H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of ASEAN on 12 July 2016 at the ASEAN Secretariat as he finishing his tour of duty as the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN.

During the call, TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah thanked the Secretary-General for all the support extended to Malaysia and the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to ASEAN, throughout his 4 years and 5 months tenure as well as during Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2015. The Secretary-General congratulated TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah on his posting to Brussels and hoped that TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah would continue to promote and contribute to the strengthening of ASEAN-EU relations.

TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah assured the Secretary-General that he would continue forge and further strengthen ASEAN-EU relations, which will see its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017 and during this important journey to fortify ASEAN Community and integration by working closely with the ASEAN Committee in Brussels.

### **PTM ASEAN's Officers and Staff Bid Farewell to TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah**



Officers and Staff of PTM ASEAN bid farewell to TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah for his departure to Brussels as the new Ambassador of Malaysia to Belgium.

TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah was the 2nd Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN

and had served the Mission from February 2012 to July 2016.

*You empowered us with the power of knowledge  
You motivated us with the best tutelage  
You helped us move ahead with unending motivation  
As a leader and a human being, you are a true inspiration*

*Thank you Dato' Hasnudin, and congratulations on your new assignment..*

### PTM ASEAN's Outreach Programmes and Social Activities



TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah shared his thoughts during the Ambassador Seminar Series: U.S. Foreign Policy Towards ASEAN on 20 January 2016, at the Habibie Centre in Jakarta

PTM ASEAN and Malawakil Jakarta's Home-based Staff (HBS) with Y.Bhg. Tan Sri Othman Hashim, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs during a Dinner on 11 March 2016 in Jakarta



Y.Bhg Datin Rusnah Ismail, Spouse to Permanent Representative of Malaysia to ASEAN, HBS and Spouses of PTM ASEAN and Malawakil Jakarta with Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Abd Samad, Patron of PERWAKILAN Kuala Lumpur, at a Dinner on 11 March 2016 in Jakarta

TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah met with Malaysian students from Universitas Padjadjaran Jatiangor in Bandung on 26 March 2016. He also shared information and experiences on Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2015 as well as current issues and development in ASEAN



TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah officiated Final Futsal League of the Malaysian Students Club in Bandung, 26 March 2016



TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah delivered a speech at Universitas Pelita Harapan on Current Issues on Dispute Settlement Mechanism - Under AEC (in Investment, Trade and Stock Market) on 6 April 2016 in Jakarta.

TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah & Y.Bhg Datin Rusnah Ismail with the Malaysian dancers during the ASEAN Women Circle (AWC) Spring Luncheon on 29 April 2016 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

Malaysia presented "tarian zapin" and prepared Nasi Lemak, Satay Ayam and Teh Tarik for the invitees and public.



Ms. Wan Faizatul Afzan Ismayatim, Second Secretary, with the Malaysian Delegation to the 10th SOMTC Meeting on 10 May 2016 in Jakarta

Y.Bhg. Datin Rusnah Ismail and spouses of the HBS in Jakarta participated in the AWC Bowling Tournament in May 2016 in Ancol, Jakarta



Y.Bhg. Datin Rusnah Ismail received a farewell gift from Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Che Mahani Ismail, Chair of PERWAKILAN Jakarta during a Farewell Reception hosted by PERWAKILAN Jakarta in May 2016 in Jakarta

Ms. Norciha Asmal Baderi and her husband at their booth during Happy Hour Day on 17 May 2016 in Jakarta, selling *Mee Kari* for both international and Malaysian guests and invitees



TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah hosted '*moreh*' for Malaysian muslims residing in Jakarta, following the Tarawikh Prayer in June 2016. The event was attended around 100 people.

Officers and Staff of PTM ASEAN hosted a Farewell *Buka Puasa* for TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah and family, June 2016



PTM ASEAN's officers - Ms. Nurzetty Affira Abd Rahim, Ms. Wan Faizatul Afzan Ismayatim and Mr. Mohd Hazwan Hussin participated in the Milo Jakarta International 10km Run on 24 July 2016 in Jakarta



Mr. Mohd Razdan Jamil was the Deputy Permanent Representative. He had served PTM ASEAN from December 2013 - April 2016. He is now the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Malaysia in Paris, France



Ms. Norciha Asmal Baderi was the Secretary to TYT Dato' Hasnudin Hamzah. She had served PTM ASEAN from July 2012 - July 2016. She is now serving at the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCCT) in Kuala Lumpur

Good Byes are not the end of the world.. They simply mean  
We miss you and until we meet again..  
All the best to both Mr. Razdan & Ms. Norciha



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