

**Incoming 2016 ASEAN Chair Laos Unveils Logo, Theme  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 22 (Bernama) -- Malaysia Sunday symbolically handed over the chairmanship of ASEAN to Laos as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak marked the occasion by handing a gavel to his counterpart from Laos, Thongsing Thammavong.

This took place at the closing ceremony of the 27th ASEAN Summit and Related Summit hosted by Malaysia here as the 2015 Asean chair.

The logo and the theme 'Turning Vision into Reality for a Dynamic ASEAN Community' of Laos' 2016 ASEAN chairmanship were also unveiled at the event.

In his remarks, Thammavong said his country would continue to promote effective cooperation towards building a dynamic and prosperous ASEAN Community.

"Laos will continue to contribute to the common cause in maintaining and promoting peace, stability and development in the region," he said.

Thongsing commended and congratulated Najib for his leadership in steering ASEAN throughout 2015 which had brought about new accomplishments, particularly the formal establishment of the ASEAN Community and the adoption of the vision for the community in the next 10 years.

"The ASEAN Community building is an ongoing process that will evolve over the years," he noted.

He said the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together, comprising the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and its blueprints for the three community pillars adopted by the leaders would further strengthen and advance the ASEAN Community in the years to come.

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