

Friday, 30 November 2012
Universität Hamburg
Room 121 (1. Stock), Westflügel
Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, 20146 Hamburg
14:30–17:30 Uhr

A round-table discussion between Southeast Asian ambassadors and German academics

An ASEAN community in 2015: Perspectives of regional integration in Southeast Asia. Jointly organised by the Berlin ASEAN Committee and the Asien-Afrika-Institut, Universität Hamburg.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded 45 years ago, on 8 August 1967, in Bangkok, Thailand. Its founding members were Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand. Later on, Brunei Darussalam joined ASEAN (in 1984), followed by Vietnam (in 1995), Laos and Myanmar (in 1997), and finally Cambodia (in 1999), making up what is today the ten member states of ASEAN.

At their 2007 summit in Singapore, the ASEAN leaders reaffirmed their strong commitment to create by 2015 an ASEAN Community based on three pillars, namely the ASEAN Political-Security Community, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, and the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). The AEC has the goal of regional economic integration envisaging the following key characteristics: (a) a single market and production base, (b) a highly competitive economic region, (c) a region of equitable economic development, and (d) a region fully integrated into the global economy. The areas of cooperation within the AEC also include the development of human resources and an enhanced infrastructure and communications connectivity. To achieve these goals increased cooperation in the field of education, culture and academia is also a necessity.

Recently a consortium of five European and four Southeast Asian universities has been set up to carry out a wide range of interdisciplinary research projects on “Integration in Southeast Asia: Trajectories of Inclusion, Dynamics of Exclusion”, and to organize a series of workshops both in Europe and in Southeast Asia for disseminating the research results over the period 2013–2015. The University of Hamburg, which is the German partner in this consortium, considers it as a good opportunity to bring together German academics and experts with representatives of the ASEAN countries in Germany.

In an effort to increase the awareness of ASEAN in the academic sector in Germany, the Asia-Africa-Institute through its South-east Asia Department is happy to organise jointly with the Berlin ASEAN Committee a round-table discussion between ASEAN ambassadors in Berlin and German experts in the field of Southeast Asian Studies to explore the perspectives of regional integration in Southeast Asia.

14:00 Entrance

14:30 Welcome remarks Speaker of the Asien-Afrika-Institut
Head of the Dept. of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia

14:40 Presentations on the H.E. Nongnuth Phetcharatana
Prospects of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of ASEAN Community Thailand, Chairperson of the
Berlin 2015 ASEAN Committee
H.E. Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah, Ambassador of Malaysia

15:30 Round-table Ambassadors of the Berlin discussion ASEAN Committee
German academics and Southeast Asia experts

17:20 Closing remarks Asien-Afrika-Institut

17:30 End of round-table Discussion

Moderator(s): Professors of the Department of Languages and Cultures of Southeast Asia

17:30–19:00 Reception

Berlin ASEAN Committee

Mr. Asnawi Arbi Sharifuddin
Chargé d' Affaires a.i.
Embassy of Brunei Darussalam

H.E. Dr. Widhya Chem
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Cambodia

H.E. Mr. Eddy Pratomo
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia

H.E. Mr. Khamvone Phanouvong
Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

H.E. Dato' Ibrahim Abdullah
Ambassador of Malaysia

H.E. U Soe New
Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

H.E. Ms. Maria Cleofe R. Natividad
Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Mr. Jai S. Sohan
Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore

H.E. Ms. Nongnuth Phetcharatana
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand
Chairperson, Berlin ASEAN Committee

H.E. Dr. Nguyen Thi Hoang Anh
Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam