



Press Release
Spain Appoints Ambassador to ASEAN
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ASEAN today welcomed its 27th Ambassador as H.E. Aurora Bernáldez Dicenta presented her letter of credentials to Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan.

“Ambassador Bernáldez Dicenta’s accreditation signals Spain’s commitment to build closer relations with ASEAN,” said Dr Surin in receiving the Ambassador, who is concurrently the Ambassador of Spain to Indonesia. ASEAN welcomes this gesture and we look forward to mutual cooperation,” he added.

Upon presenting her credentials, Ambassador Bernáldez Dicenta said that, “It is the policy of Spain to encourage and support the main principles that inspire ASEAN”. She also confirmed that her country would maintain its participation in the activities of ASEAN as Spain strongly believes in the reinforcement of regional institutions.

Following the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN Dialogue Partners have appointed and accredited Ambassadors to ASEAN. The European Union (EU) has also announced that each of its Member States is to appoint an Ambassador to ASEAN. To date, there are 15 Ambassadors to ASEAN from EU Member States, including Spain. ASEAN also recently welcomed Ambassadors from Libya and Norway.