

Remarks by

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**ASEAN Women Circle's – "ASEAN Street Food Festival"**  
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Ibu Ugi Pramono, President, ASEAN Woman's Circle;  
Ibu Caecilia Legowo;  
Distinguished Members of the AWC;  
Excellencies Permanent Representatives of the ASEAN Member States;  
Respected Guests:

Welcome to the ASEAN Secretariat;  
Welcome to ASEAN;  
Welcome to the Community of Opportunities!

It is a pleasure to join in this colorful event this morning. Today's event is another testimony how the AWC always brings in color and glamor to ASEAN activities.

The sumptuous food galore and their tempting fragrances indeed capture the true picture of ASEAN: We are diverse, yet complementing and enriching each other!

Most importantly, street food is people's food! This Festival therefore truly brings into live ASEAN's aspiration as a people-oriented, people-centred Community.

For this, the ASEAN Secretariat congratulates and sincerely thanks the AWC for the continuous initiative and hard work to bring ASEAN closer to the people and for bringing the peoples to ASEAN.

Our Festival today is especially auspicious as today is the 117<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine independence. On behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat, I would like to convey our congratulations to H.E. Ambassador Elizabeth Buensuceso and to all our friends from the Philippines.

We saw a glimpse of the magnificent richness of the Philippines' heritage and talents during the Independence Day's reception at the Shangri-La. We are fortunate that we could experience and enjoy more about beautiful Philippines at this Festival, as well as other ASEAN Member States and our Dialogue Partners and Friends.

Let me close my remarks by congratulating the AWC and the Philippines once again, and also expressing our profound thanks to all parties and friends who have continued to support and participate in ASEAN activities, making our endeavor toward an integrated, caring and sharing Community, a reality.

Thank you.

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