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**Setting the stage
for a regional
cooperation in
statistics:
AHSOM 1 - AHSOM 2**

***AHSOM was
inaugurated on
10 October 1997.***

***Initial agenda
was in response to
prevailing regional
economic crisis at
the time.***

The Beginning

The Tenth of October 1997 marks the founding of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) with the endorsement of the AHSOM Institutional Arrangement at the close of the Inaugural AHSOM held at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta on 9-10 October 1997.

The Meeting was convened by then ASEAN Secretary-General, His Excellency Dato' Ajit Singh and was attended by six heads and several representatives of the national statistical offices (NSOs) of all ASEAN Member States (AMS), with Cambodia present as observer.

AHSOM 1 essentially set the stage for a regional cooperation in statistics by agreeing to establish an ASEAN Primary Database, endorsing the formulation of an ASEAN Plan of Action in Statistics, and recommending the establishment of a Statistics Unit at the ASEAN Secretariat.

Taking the first steps

As a response in the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis and ensuing economic debacle in the region, an informal AHSOM was convened in Manila, the Philippines on 1-2 October 1998. The Meeting was jointly organised by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and World Bank. In attendance were

representatives from five AMS, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department, NSO of the Republic of Korea, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), UNESCAP, BIS, IDB and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Regional economic and financial monitoring, measuring economic and social impact of the crisis, and the role of multilateral and bilateral agencies constituted the primary agenda.

Statistics Unit was created at the ASEAN Secretariat in October 2000.

AHSOM 2 held in Bali, Indonesia on 5-6 January 1999 followed through the key decisions of AHSOM 1 toward establishing a regional cooperation in statistics. The Meeting discussed the early drafts of the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics and ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI), and adopted a Terms of Reference that led to the establishment of the Statistics Unit at the ASEAN Secretariat in October 2000.

In attendance were the heads and/or representatives of NSOs of all AMS, with Cambodia keeping its previous observer status, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the international organisations — UNESCAP, UN Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP), ABS, MITI-Japan, ASEAN Economic Ministers-MITI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC), and the Japan Overseas Development Corporation (JODC).

Laying down the foundation of the ASEAN Cooperation in Statistics: AHSOM 3 - AHSOM 5

Early stage of regional cooperation was facilitated by the UN System.

Fostering a spirit of regional cooperation and international partnership

The UN Statistics Division (UNSD), along with the UNESCAP and UNSIAP, had been instrumental in the strengthening of the ASEAN Secretariat's Statistics Unit and in nudging forward statistical cooperation initiatives in the region since the inaugural AHSOM.

In 2000, UNSD in particular offered to ASEAN a project on *Strengthening Regional Capacities for the Statistical Development in South East Asia, 2000-2003*, in which AHSOM served as the Steering Committee. The project conducted several seminars/workshops and provided technical support and equipment to the region. In particular, the project arranged for the posting of two UN volunteers and donated some equipment that facilitated the settling in of the newly-established ASEAN Secretariat Statistics Unit.

The grant produced two tangible outputs:

- the *ASEAN in Figures 2003*, a compendium of statistics on Development Indicators published in 2005, which was the output of a regional initiative on harmonisation of Development Indicators; and
- the Menu-based Information System (MbIS) developed by one of the UN volunteers to facilitate

internal data queries at the ASEAN Secretariat on such domains as trade, foreign direct investment, and tourism statistics.

The assistance also proved helpful in building capacities in webpage development which had contributed to the putting up of statistics websites in some AMS.

Perhaps the most significant achievement of the project was the spirit of regional cooperation and international partnership established among the AMS, and between ASEAN and the international statistical community.

Laying down the basic foundation of statistics cooperation

ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics was adopted in 2001.

AHSOM 3 paved the way for the adoption of the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics. Shortly after the AHSOM 3, through an ad-referendum, the heads/ representatives of ASEAN NSOs agreed to and signed the basic document that was to chart the direction, set the spirit and lay down the principles of the ASEAN cooperation in statistics.

AHSOM 3 was hosted by the Department of Statistics of the Prime Minister's Office of Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur on 24-25 September 2001, with the heads and/or representatives of NSOs of all AMS participating, along

with the ASEAN Secretariat, UNSD, UNESCAP, UNSIAP, ADB, and the AMEICC Secretariat.

Approved along with the Framework was the Plan of Action in Statistics to pursue four major thrusts, to wit:

- support to ASEAN initiatives and policy making;
- harmonisation of statistics;
- promotion of international standards and best practices; and
- capacity building.

Making the first move in harmonising statistics

ASEAN experts on manufacturing industry statistics were among the first to engage in formal regional cooperation. With the creation of the AMEICC Working Group on Industrial and Commercial Statistics (AMEICC WGS) at AHSOM 3, a forum for harmonisation of industrial and commercial statistics in ASEAN was initiated.

Getting down to main business: Harmonisation & improvement of statistics

In the traditional spirit of ASEAN cooperation and sharing, and mindful of the need to produce tangible outputs in support of ASEAN initiatives, AHSOM 4 launched four mechanisms aimed at promoting improvement in the quality

ASI, with 27 core statistical indicators, was adopted in 2002

and comparability of basic statistics in the region, namely:

- the ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI);
- a Task Force on Harmonisation of Statistical Classifications (TFSC);
- a Task Force on Harmonisation of Statistics on International Trade in Services (SITS); and
- a Task Force on Harmonisation of Poverty Statistics.

AHSOM 4 was hosted by Myanmar's Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) in Yangon on 9-10 December 2002. Present were the heads and/or representatives of NSOs of all AMS, representatives of the UNSD, UNESCAP, UNSIAP, ADB, Japan Bureau of Statistics, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The ASI was intended to be the main reference of ASEAN for sharing of data on core statistical indicators and addressing developmental and comparability issues concerning ASEAN statistics. The list consisted of 27 indicators in the following areas of statistics that are of high priority and relevance to ASEAN work:

- trade and manufacturing industry;
- general business and real sector development;
- tourism and international trade in services;
- poverty, social development and social protection;
- environment and sustainable development; and
- energy, access and inputs to development.

First ASEAN task force on statistics, the TFSC, was convened in 2003.

The setting up of the TFSC was deemed timely as it coincided with the global initiative led by UNSD to revise the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC). The TFSC was established through the same UNSD capacity building project upon the adoption of the TOR at its first meeting at the UNESCAP, Bangkok on 9-11 July 2003. UNSD dispatched its expert to brief ASEAN on the latest developments in the ISIC revision process and to assist in direction-setting. UNESCAP provided technical and logistical support, while ABS lent its own expert to attend and assist the TFSC in its first meeting.

The complexity of SITS and the fact that SITS was still at its very early stage of development in the region had led AHSOM 4 to agree to the establishment of a task force to start some groundwork.

The creation of a task force on poverty statistics was also considered important to be able to address issues in measuring poverty, as poverty alleviation continued to be the prevailing overarching thrust in the region.

Setting medium-term goals for ASEAN statistics through the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP)

Medium-term goals on statistics were integrated into the VAP.

The regional statistical system was quick in responding to the call for the formulation of goals and measures for the development of statistics to



become an integral component of the Vientiane Action Programme (VAP).

The medium-term goal-setting for statistics came about in AHSOM 5, held in Luang Phabang on 12-13 January 2004 through the hosting of the National Statistical Centre (NSC) of Lao PDR. The preliminary discussion in the meeting led to the ad-referendum adoption of the Statistics Section for the VAP. For the very first time, statistics would be explicitly outlined in a major ASEAN action programme that would become an impetus toward integration of the statistical system in the ASEAN process.

The proposed measures were consciously formulated to be responsive to the statistical needs at the regional and national levels, while emphasizing the importance of ensuring statistical development at the national — producer level.

AHSOM 5 was attended by the heads and representatives of NSOs of all AMCs, and representatives of the UNSD, UNESCAP, UNSIAP, ADB, ABS, National Bureau of Statistics of China, Japan Statistics Bureau, NSO of the Republic of Korea, and Statistics Sweden.

Addressing harmonisation of statistics in a more structured way

The ASI adopted at AHSOM 4, even with only 27 indicators, had clearly indicated

the enormity of potential challenges to harmonising statistics. AHSOM 5 resolved that it could be more effective to address this concern in a graduated but progressive manner, with the short-term issues to be addressed through the assistance of the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme (AADCP)-RPS Facility, and the longer-term issues to be worked out in the proposed EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Programme.

*Task forces on SITS
was put on hold.*

Reconsidering the decision to create task forces on poverty and SITS

While maintaining that addressing poverty statistics would remain important, AHSOM 5 had to forego the establishment of a task force on poverty statistics so as not to duplicate efforts by a growing number of initiatives devoted to poverty measurement by international, regional and national organisations.

The convening of the SITS task force meanwhile had to be put on hold until an exploratory workshop had been conducted and a situational analysis provided.

**Strengthening cooperation in support of ASEAN integration:
AHSOM 6 - AHSOM 7**

Increasing support to cooperation in statistics

With the basic foundation in place, AHSOM was set to pursue further strengthening of regional cooperation toward integration in statistics to

sustain support to ASEAN integration initiatives. Building on the momentum of previous years, AHSOM 6 and 7 saw to the adoption and launching of the following significant initiatives:

- o development of the ASEAN Common Industrial Classification;
- o establishing the groundwork for harmonisation of SITS and international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS);
- o preparation of the ASEAN Baseline Report (ABR) in 2005-2006;
- o development of the ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS);
- o strengthening of institutional mechanisms; and
- o endorsement of the proposed expansion of the ASI Framework and formulation of roadmaps for the development of ASEAN statistics;

AHSOM 6 convened in Manila on 16-17 August 2005 through the hosting of the Philippine National Statistics Office, together with representatives of the UNESCAP, UNSIAP, OECD, ADB, NSO of the Republic of Korea, the AADCP-RPS through its project consultant, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

AHSOM 7, on the other hand was hosted by the Department of Statistics of the Department of Economic Planning and Development under the Prime Minister's Office of Brunei Darussalam, Bandar Seri Begawan on 21-22 November 2006. Also present were representatives of the UNESCAP/ UNSIAP, Eurostat, ABS, AADCP-RPS through its project consultant, JODC, METI-Japan,

ASEAN-US Facility, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Supporting ASEAN initiatives

ASEAN Baseline Report (ABR)

The ABR Preliminary Study was completed in 2006.

The idea of the ABR was drawn up in 2005 with the aim to come up with an analysis of the baseline situation of ASEAN at the start of the VAP, and develop a system that can help monitor progress of implementation of the VAP goals.

AHSOM 6 defined its own role in and committed to providing the needed data for the preparation of the ABR, including the designation of focal persons who assisted in the data collection. The initiative on ABR not only produced a preliminary baseline situation analysis but also a system of indicators that can be considered in further developing a system for monitoring of progress toward an ASEAN Community.

ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS)

The initiative on ACPMS was endorsed in November 2006.

AHSOM 7 endorsed and assured its support to the development of the ACPMS, stressing the need for close consultation with stakeholders and good prioritisation to come up with a manageable but relevant set of indicators.

The NSOs carried through AHSOM's

***The initiative
on ASI Framework
Expansion was
endorsed in 2006.***

support at the country level by agreeing to serve as national focal agencies, and thus ensuring that the AMS statistical systems would be deeply involved in the implementation and consultation processes — from conceptualization, development of framework, rationale and indicators, to data collection and validation.

AHSOM 7 endorsed the expansion of the ASI taking into account indicators used in the ABR, with a view of providing sufficient support to the ASEAN initiatives.

Under the ASEAN-US Facility, a project has been carried out to review and expand the ASI framework and to develop roadmaps for the development of regional statistics, taking into consideration the information needs of regional integration policy and the enabling national plans, as well as relevant international concerns. This twofold document is expected to provide a reference for the development, generation, and communication of comparable statistics in ASEAN.

*Gaining ground in harmonising
statistics*

***ACIC was adopted
in November 2006.***

Starting off the work programme previously designed by the TFSC, AHSOM 6 set out to undertake the Development of ASEAN Industrial Classification through the EU-ASEAN Programme for Regional Integration Support (APRIS) to develop an ASEAN

Common Industrial Classification (ACIC) in 2005.

The ACIC, along with a set of guidelines for revision of national standard industrial classifications, was adopted by the TFSC during its Fifth Meeting in Bali, Indonesia on 23-25 August 2006, and was endorsed in a special session at the close of the meeting by AHSOM, with the exception of Myanmar who could not make it at the time.

The ACIC shall serve as the core industrial classification structure based on the adaptation of the ISIC Rev.4 at the 3-digit level.

AHSOM 7 noted with appreciation the completion of the project and the adoption of the ACIC in the Bali Meeting. Also noted were the suggestion to also work on other statistical classifications and on harmonisation in other statistical domains including labor statistics and national accounts. The Meeting likewise agreed to proceed with Phase 2 of the TFSC work programme.

Task forces and work plan on harmonisation of IMTS and SITS

Task forces and indicative work plans for IMTS and SITS were set in place.

With the idea first brought out in AHSOM 5, a detailed project implementation plan for harmonisation of international trade in goods and services indicators was endorsed by AHSOM 6. Recognising that the IMTS system is relatively more developed than SITS, AHSOM 6 put greater emphasis on SITS.

***ASEAN+3
cooperation on
manufacturing
industry
classification was
established.***

In 2005-2006, under the AADCP-RPS funding, the project conducted a comprehensive assessment of the current situation in the two statistical fields at the country level. Gaps were assessed against international standards and regional needs. The project also produced indicative work plans and recommended the creation of task forces on IMTS and SITS that were endorsed in AHSOM 7.

Harmonisation of industrial and commercial statistics

With support from AHSOM, a comparability study of manufacturing industry statistics of AMS and Japan was conducted under the purview of the AMEICC WGS. Noting that differences in classification constitutes the major problem, AHSOM 6 agreed to expand the scope of the study from 3 manufacturing industries to cover all manufacturing industries and to provide the necessary data.

AHSOM 7 agreed further with the involvement of China and ROK in addition to Japan to promote the sharing of comparable manufacturing industry statistics in East Asia. An East Asia Expert on Manufacturing Statistics (EAMS) was then established by AHSOM and representatives of Japan, China and ROK in Tokyo on 22-23 January 2007, where. The EAMS primary objective is to develop a common industrial classification for Manufacturing industry at the 4-digit level as a basis for establishing a

database of comparable industrial statistics.

Also endorsed at Tokyo Meeting was the initiative to conduct of a pilot study in four countries - Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, and Viet Nam - to provide a basis for developing a common East Asian Manufacturing Industry Classifications (EAMIC) at 4 digits-level based on the ACIC and ISIC Rev.4.

System of National Accounts (SNA) 1993

Motion to set up forum on SNA and population statistics was endorsed.

In view of the latest international developments related to the finalisation of the SNA 1993 Update Framework spearheaded by the IMF, UNSD and several other international organisations, AHSOM 7 agreed to help advocate for the implementation of the SNA 1993 Framework and to explore ways for establishing a SNA Forum, with the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) of the Philippines to serve as lead agency.

2010 World Population Census

Discussion of issues on population statistics has increasingly become more urgent and necessary as the region comes closer to the 2010 World Population Round. AHSOM 7 endorsed the setting up of an email forum to facilitate discussion of issues and exchange of views and experiences in managing the population census, with the Philippines' NSO designated to serve as moderator.

AHSOM is now directly linked to AEM through SEOM.

ASYB was adopted as principal output of the cooperation in statistics.

Consolidating support to integration in statistics

AHSOM 7 made a very important decision of accepting the new institutional arrangement endorsed by the Senior Official Economic Meeting (SEOM) 38, wherein AHSOM is to report its outputs, programs, and concerns to the Leaders through the SEOM and the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM).

Such a direct coordination link between SEOM/AEM and AHSOM could provide more strategic venues where user-producer communication can be enhanced and made mutually-beneficial. With better policy support to statistics development, the production and provision of relevant data can be greatly improved.

ASEAN Statistical Yearbook

As demand for statistics on ASEAN continues to expand, the importance of the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook (ASYB) gets to be more appreciated by users.

This observation prompted AHSOM 6 to agree to start addressing issues, such as data gaps, inconsistent series, and incomparable data, among others, that might have limited the potential of the ASYB as a useful source of ASEAN statistics and tool for regional policy analysis.

AHSOM 7 went a couple of steps further by committing to the institutionalisation of the ASYB as the principal output of

the AHSOM process through the creation of a task force/ working group on data dissemination to facilitate full development of the ASYB as well as improve data exchange and dissemination/ communication in the region.

Stepping up integration of statistics: now and the future

ACPMS has moved halfway toward establishing a monitoring tool

A few notes on ongoing activities

With some of the basic mechanisms for statistical development and integration in place, AHSOM continues and looks to more coordinative and collaborative efforts to accelerate regional integration in statistics.

Monitoring progress of the ASEAN Community

The development of the ACPMS is now underway with assistance from the AADCP-RPS Facility and is expected to come out with the first ASEAN Community progress report at the end of 2007.

The full report, incorporating the updated baseline analysis, comprehensive progress assessment, and the refined framework and system of indicators for monitoring, is planned for completion in early 2008.

***First phase of
Enhanced ASI
framework and
roadmaps nears
completion.***

***ACIC lines up for
rollout soon.***

***Initiative on IMTS
and SITS to take off.***

*Updating framework and drawing
roadmaps toward development of
ASEAN statistics*

A Draft Report is expected to be ready by end of 2007, which shall recommend on the Enhanced ASI Framework and Roadmaps to integrate regional statistics. A practical guide for the compilation of selected ICT indicators would also be among the recommendations.

Improving Comparability of statistics:

ACIC implementation

AHSOM can look forward to the next phase of harmonisation of industrial classification – the implementation of the ACIC by the AMS starting in 2008.

As agreed at AHSOM 7, adoption of the ACIC can be either full adoption (by 8 AMS), which means that the ACIC shall be the starting point of development/revision of national standard industrial classifications, or partial adoption, which entail the preparation of correspondence tables and submission of data based on the ACIC.

*Implementation of work programme
for IMTS and SITS*

The work on improvement on and promotion of comparability of IMTS and SITS is expected to go full blast under the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Programme, slated to start in 2008, and building on the work

programme formulated and through the two task forces created by AHSOM 7.

Promoting development of key and critical statistical indicators

System of National Accounts (SNA) 1993

Forum on SNA, population and labor statistics soon to be launched.

With support from the IMF and the ASEAN-US Technical Assistance and Training Facility an exploratory workshop on SNA is to be conducted in Bangkok on 17-19 October 2007.

Population statistics and the 2010 World Population Census

The establishment of the forum is expected to be in place in early 2008.

ASEAN-ILO Exploratory Workshop

In response to the ASEAN and ILO Cooperation Agreement signed in March 2007, which covers, among others, the exchange of relevant information resources, good practices and research studies, including gathering statistics, on matters of mutual interest, ASEAN and ILO plans to conduct an exploratory workshop that could translate into strategies the intent of the cooperation agreement in the area of statistics.

The workshop will take place in late 2007, under ILO funding.

***ASEAN gets ready for
EU-ASEAN Statistical
Capacity Building
Programme.***

*Strengthening partnerships with
dialogue partners*

***EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity
Building Programme***

The region is coming to a few steps closer to the start of the EU-ASEAN Statistical Capacity Building Programme, which is designed to build statistical capacities and address quality and comparability issues in three major domains, namely, IMTS, SITS, and foreign direct investment statistics (FDIS), and three other areas, i.e., health, education, and non-observed economy as well as in ICT and forestry statistics in ASEAN.

The revised financing agreement, which is made in line with the new EU financial regulation, has been reviewed by AHSOM and submitted to the EU through the European Community (EC) Delegation in Jakarta for final evaluation. The TORs for the consultants prepared by the EC Delegation have been agreed by the ASEAN Secretariat. The Programme may be expected to commence in early 2008.

East Asia cooperation

***AHSOM to strengthen
East Asia ties.***

In recognition of the growing importance of East Asia initiatives in the overall ASEAN integration process, AHSOM resolves to strengthen cooperative activities with Japan, China, ROK, and Australia and continue inviting their respective NSOs in its annual meetings.

AHSOM also looks to the continuing collaboration on promoting and enhancing comparability of industrial statistics through the AMEICC and EAMS.

In line with the pilot study under the EAMS, the participating countries shall share their industrial data on number of establishments and employment coming out of the latest economic or industrial census, in support of the pilot study.

Enhancing mechanism for data sharing and dissemination

Access to ASEAN statistics expected to get wider and better

Drawing from the intent of AHSOM 1 to establish an ASEAN Primary Database, AHSOM will need to address increasing demand for statistics on individual AMS and ASEAN as a regional community.

A plan is to be set up to promote, among others, the followings: (a) enhanced statistical publications; (b) improved regional community website on statistics; and (c) web-enabled statistical databases, including an envisioned ASEAN Trade Data Repository and Exchange.

APPENDIX 1

ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics

ASEAN FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION IN STATISTICS

We, the Heads of Statistical Offices/Administrations of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN);

NOTING the emerging developments and trends regionally and globally, particularly globalisation and the increasing interdependence of countries in the world economy;

MINDFUL of the challenges these trends would pose for ASEAN Statistical Offices/Administrations in the production of high quality official statistics;

RECOGNISING the importance of timely and accurate information for decision-making processes of businesses and governments at the national and regional levels;

FURTHER RECOGNISING the importance of effective dissemination, accessibility and transparency of ASEAN statistical information;

REALIZING the urgent need for the support and commitment of the respective governments of the ASEAN Statistical Offices/Administrations in the implementation and sustainability of their statistical programmes, projects and activities;

COMMITTING to deepen and broaden ASEAN statistical cooperation to augment the capabilities of statistical collection and dissemination and to conform to the highest statistical standards,

as well as to promote uniformity and greater provision of statistical information at the regional level;

MINDFUL of the ASEAN Statistical Offices/Administrations' different stages and priorities of statistical developments and varying national practices;

RECOGNISING the need to create a framework of cooperation in statistics, which will chart future directions, and set new heights, for ASEAN statistical cooperation;

NOW THEREFORE we have agreed on a Framework of Cooperation in Statistics, as follows:

I. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics (the Framework) are the following:

- a). to enhance and intensify statistical cooperation among ASEAN Statistical Offices/Administrations;
- b). to harmonise the definition, classification and measurement of statistics in ASEAN to promote the production of comparable statistics and the development of regional statistical indicators;
- c). to support ASEAN bodies' regional planning and policy-making through the provision of comparable and timely statistics;
- d). to enhance the technical and management capabilities of ASEAN Statistical Offices/Administrations;
- e). to establish and promote the highest professional standards;
- f). to coordinate and promote ASEAN positions on statistical issues in relevant international fora;
- g). to advocate greater governmental support and commitment to the priority statistical programs, projects and activities of the member ASEAN countries;
- h). to promote improvements in the official statistics generated by the member countries; and
- i). to promote adherence to the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission.

II. AREAS OF COOPERATION

That the Member Countries shall work towards achieving greater cooperation in the area of statistics through programmes and activities which shall include, though not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- a). Exchange of Views
Holding regular exchange of views among ASEAN Statistical Offices/Administrations and, as and when necessary, with other international statistical institutions as well as statistical users on issues ranging from national, regional and international concerns.
- b). Collaboration on Region-Wide Projects and Activities
Collaborating on region-wide statistical projects and activities with a view to producing statistics with harmonised/common concepts, definitions and classification.
- c). Capacity Building and Human Resource Development
Developing mechanisms and training programmes to focus on all aspects of statistical administration and operations.
- d). Other Areas of Cooperation
Exploring other areas of cooperation in the area of statistics which fall within the objectives and principles of this Framework.

RESOLVED to ensure that appropriate activities and projects are developed for an effective implementation of the Framework. The progress of implementation of the Framework shall be reviewed by the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM) once a year.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a unit within the ASEAN Secretariat shall provide technical and secretariat support needed in the implementation, monitoring and review of the Framework.

DONE, on this 30th day, in the month of December, in the year of 2001

APPENDIX 2

Action Plan on Statistics

PLAN OF ACTION ON STATISTICS

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The third Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices (AHSOM 3) held in Kuala Lumpur on 24-25 September 2001 adopted the ASEAN Framework of Cooperation in Statistics (the Framework). In view of the Framework, regional cooperation in statistics should be intensified and guided by principles of practical utility, quality, transparency, and accessibility, in conformance with international standards, while still ensuring confidentiality. Among the most important objectives of regional cooperation in statistics are to support ASEAN bodies' regional initiatives, planning and policy-making through the provision of comparable and timely statistics; to harmonize classifications, concepts, definitions and measurements; to adopt international good practices; and to promote improvements in the official statistics.

In order to achieve the objectives set forth under the Framework, the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices agreed to intensify their cooperation activities according to the following strategic thrusts.

1. Support for ASEAN Initiatives, Planning and Policy-making
To ensure the production and improvement of statistics that are needed for the ASEAN bodies' regional planning and cooperation activities.
 - 1.1. Assist relevant ASEAN bodies in identifying data/indicators that are needed to support the implementation of the ASEAN initiatives such as the ASEAN Surveillance Process (ASP), ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), ASEAN Investment Area (AIA), ASEAN Scheme of Industrial Cooperation (AICO), etc. These indicators shall be called the ASEAN Statistical Indicators (ASI);

- 1.2. Assist in identifying gaps in the provision of ASI and develop measures to facilitate the National Statistical Offices/Administrations (NSOs) concerned in the production of missing indicators;
 - 1.3. Establish a mechanism for regular updating of ASI by Member Countries;
 - 1.4. Assist in developing and maintaining a selected set of ASI on an ASEAN Statistics Web at the ASEAN Secretariat;
 - 1.5. Assist in the periodical publications of statistical indicators that represent the region's characteristics, current issues, and progresses of cooperation activities;
 - 1.6. Establish and maintain linkages with NSO's individual websites; and
 - 1.7. Promote the development of websites in members where websites are not available.
2. Harmonization of Classification, Concept, Definition, and Measurement To ensure that international standards of classification, concept, definition, measurement and methodology be adopted or harmonized so that comparable ASI can be produced.
 - 2.1. Review classifications, concepts, definitions, measurements and methodologies of the ASI, currently adopted by Member Countries against relevant international standards, survey existing international harmonization efforts/programs and develop measures to harmonize them according to the international standards;
 - 2.2. Set up a Working Group on Harmonization of Statistics to coordinate and monitor the harmonization activities, including the above activities.
3. Adoption of International Good Practices To adopt international good practices that promote transparency and create greater public awareness and appreciation of statistics.
 - 3.1. Conduct self assessment on good practices and performances based on the UNSD's questionnaires;
 - 3.2. Promote the dissemination of country's good practices, including on the UNSD's website.

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4. **Capacity Building and Human Resources Development**
To facilitate the development of technical expertise and skills of NSOs required in the implementation of the Plan of Action.
 - 4.1. Assess the training needs of each NSO and develop training programs;
 - 4.2. Review existing national, regional and international training facilities that could address the training needs identified above;
 - 4.3. Seek technical and/or financial support from relevant training facilities and/or international agencies/donors in the conduct of the training programs; and
 - 4.4. Promote cooperation of technical expertise within the region.

APPENDIX 3

AHSOM Mechanism

ASEAN Secretariat Discussion Paper
Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices
9-10 October 1997, Jakarta, Indonesia

Agenda Item No. 7

INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES (AHSOM)

Introduction

1. Global competition is getting more intense. Other regions are competing and challenging ASEAN's attractiveness as a market and a place for foreign direct investments. Thus, ASEAN's effectiveness and competitiveness needs to be further enhanced in this era of globalisation and interdependence.
2. Major ASEAN's economic cooperation programmes like the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), ASEAN Industrial Complementation (AICO) Scheme, ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) require, among others, timely, accurate and up to date statistical information to facilitate policy-making process as well as provide information support in their enhanced implementation. The availability of planning and development of the other ASEAN economic sectors of agriculture, food and forestry; finance and banking; energy, transport and communications; and tourism; and in the functional areas of science and technology; environment, culture, health, education and other human development and social concerns also need not be over-emphasised.
3. Within the above context, and with due cognisance of the importance of the role of statistics in the overall integration of the ASEAN economies, the Meetings of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices (hereinafter referred to AHSOM) is proposed to be established as an integral part of ASEAN cooperation activities.

4. The institutionalisation is in line with the Bangkok Summit Declaration of 1995 which stipulates that ***“ASEAN shall move towards greater economic integration by building on existing economic cooperation activities, initiating new areas of cooperation, and promoting closer cooperation in international fora.”*** This 1995 Declaration also provides that ***“ASEAN Sectoral Ministers as well as Senior Officials shall meet regularly to embark on new initiatives to strengthen economic cooperation.”***

Scope of Activities

5. The possible mandate or scope of activities for the Meetings of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices (AHSOM) will be the following:

- a. Initiate, coordinate and monitor cooperation in the area of statistics in ASEAN;
- b. Develop and implement regional cooperative programmes and activities to among others, enhance harmonised statistical collection, reporting, dissemination and exchange in ASEAN and between and among ASEAN Member Countries;
- c. Discuss and exchange views on statistics issues raised in other regional and international fora which could have implications on ASEAN, and where possible, coordinate ASEAN common stand/position;
- d. Cooperate in human resources development activities by sharing resources, skills and training facilities, e.g., networking of training institutes/centre provision of technical assistance and experts, for ASEAN statistical officers/statisticians;
- e. Disseminate, as appropriate, results and recommendations of statistical researches/analyses on ASEAN regional development trends, prospects and issues to appropriate ASEAN bodies;
- f. Provide statistical policy support, upon request, to other ASEAN bodies and the ASEAN Secretariat, in their policy review, planning and research activities; and
- g. Establish technical working group(s), with defined terms of reference and duration, as and when the need arises.

Areas of Cooperation

6. The following is an indicative listing of the possible areas of mutual cooperation in the field of ASEAN statistics.
 - a. Formulation of Common Statistical Indicators, for ASEAN-wide collection, reporting and information dissemination;
 - b. Harmonisation/alignment of statistical definition or terminologies;
 - c. Development of common technical guidelines, systems and procedures for statistical collection, reporting and information dissemination;
 - d. Development and dissemination of statistical models and tools;
 - e. Human resources development; and
 - f. Strengthening ASEAN statistical information and data management resources, thru networking between and among the national statistical offices and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Composition

7. The AHSOM, which is in the form of an ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), shall be composed of the heads of the national statistical organisations / agencies / offices of the ASEAN Member Countries.

Frequency of Meetings

8. As in other ASEAN sectoral SOMs, AHSOM can be convened regularly on an annual basis. Special or ad-hoc meetings could be held whenever deemed necessary by consensus of the Member Countries. The ASEAN Secretariat shall provide technical assistance in the preparation of the agenda and report preparation/documentation of the AHSOM meetings.

Chairmanship

9. The Meeting shall be chaired by ASEAN Member Countries on a rotational basis and in alphabetical order. The next Member Country in rotation shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Meeting. The Member Country chairing the Meeting shall also serve as the host for the Meeting.

Reporting Structure

10. Under the Bangkok Summit Declaration of 1995, the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) and the Senior Economic Officials Meeting (SEOM) are the main coordinators of all ASEAN economic cooperation activities. In this regard, the Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices (AHSOM), by Virtue of its composition and the subjects covered could submit its report to the Secretary-General of ASEAN who will then refer to the appropriate Ministerial bodies.

SUGGESTED ACTION

The Meeting may wish to consider and adopt the proposal to institutionalise the Meetings of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices (AHSOM) as outlined above.

APPENDIX 4

Vientiane Action Programme (VAP) - Statistics Section

VIENTIANE ACTION PROGRAMME (VAP) (SECTION ON STATISTICS)

Strategic Thrusts

(VAP, page 73)

2.11.2. Statistics

Provide the necessary statistical support for ASEAN initiatives, planning and policy making through improved quality and availability of important statistics, adoption of international good practices, promotion of greater awareness of statistics, enhanced networking and close partnership between users in the policy areas and statistical systems, and wider dissemination of ASEAN statistics through the annual publication of the ASEAN Statistical Yearbook and a continuous expansion of statistical coverage on Member Countries and the ASEAN Secretariat's Websites.

Programme areas and Measures in the VAP concerning statistics

(VAP page 117)

2.11. Institutional Strengthening

Statistics

- 2.11.2.1. A core set of ASEAN Statistical Indicator, ASI, (2005)
- 2.11.2.2. Annual review, and revision if necessary, of the ASI (2006)
- 2.11.2.3. Harmonised statistical classification at three digits-level for ISIC and SITC and six digit level for Harmonised System (2008)
- 2.11.2.4. Harmonised merchandise trade statistics (2008)

- 2.11.2.5. Comparable methodology and tools for core statistics in international trade in services (2008)
- 2.11.2.6. Automated data processing of merchandise trade statistics (2010)

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

- 2.11.2.7. Strengthen FDI statistics data collection system
- 2.11.2.8. Harmonised FDI statistics
- 2.11.2.9. Expand the coverage of FDI statistics to the services sector

APPENDIX 5
Letter of Transmittal

10 October 1997

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Inaugural Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices, held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 9-10 October 1997.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.


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ABDUL HAMID ABAS
Brunei Darussalam


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SUGITO SUWITO
Indonesia


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BOUNTHAVY SISOUPHANTHONG
Lao PDR


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AKBAR ALI
Malaysia


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SEIN TIN
Myanmar


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BELÉN F. ANOTA
Philippines


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PAUL CHEUNG
Singapore

Faimechan Premyothin

FAIMCHAN PREMYOTHIN
Thailand


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LE VAN TOAN
Vietnam

Chairman,
Secretary-General of ASEAN

Denpasar, Bali, 6 January 1999

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

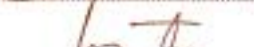
Excellency,

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Second Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices (AHSOM), held in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia on 5-6 January 1999.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



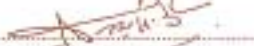
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Socialist Republic of Vietnam






Secretary-General of ASEAN

25 September 2001

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Third Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices/Administrations Offices, held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 24-25 September 2001,

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



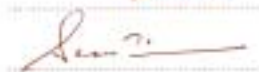
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Kingdom of Thailand



Dr. NGUYEN VAN TIEN
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Secretary-General of ASEAN

10 December 2002

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices, held in Yangon, Myanmar on 9-10 December 2002.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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Socialist Republic of Viet Nam













The Secretary-General of ASEAN

12 January 2004

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices, held in Luangphabang, Lao PDR on 12-13 January 2004.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

	Dr. FATIMAH ABDUL HAMID Brunei Darussalam
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	Dr. SOEDARTI SURBAKTI Republic of Indonesia
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H.E. ONG KENG YONG
Secretary-General of ASEAN

16 August 2005

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Sixth Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices, held in Manila, the Philippines on 16-17 August 2005.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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	Dr. CHOIRIL MAKSUM Republic of Indonesia
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	Mr. AZIZ BIN OTHMAN Malaysia
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	Ms. WONG WEE KIM Republic of Singapore
	Mr. SUE LO-UTAI Kingdom of Thailand
	Dr. DO THUC Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

H.E. ONG KENG YONG
Secretary-General of ASEAN

22 November 2006

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Seventh Meeting of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices, held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 21-22 November 2006.

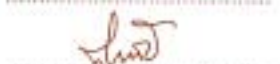
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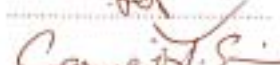
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Secretary-General of ASEAN

APPENDIX 6

Who Chaired AHSOM

AHSOM CHAIR PERSON

No Meeting	Name of Chair person	Venue and Country	Date and Year
1 AHSOM 1	Mr. Sugito Suwito CBS- Indonesia	ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia	9-10 Oct 1997
2 AHSOM- ADB - WB	Mr. I. P. David ADB	Manila Philippines	1-2 Oct 1998
3 AHSOM 2	Mr. Sugito Suwito CBS- Indonesia	Bali Indonesia	5-6 Jan 1999
4 AHSOM 3	Dato' Shaari Abdul Rahman DOS- Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia	24-25 Sep 2001
5 AHSOM 4	Dr. Sein Tin CSO- Myanmar	Yangon Myanmar	9-10 Dec 2002
6 AHSOM 5	Mr. Bounthavy S and Dr. Samaychanh Boupha NSC- Lao PDR	Luangphabang Lao PDR	12-13 Jan 2004
7 AHSOM 6	Ms. Carmelita N. Ericta PNSO- Philippines	Manila Philippines	16-17 Aug 2005

8	AHSOM 7	Mrs. Hajah Rosni Haji Tungkat Dept of Economic Planning Brunei Darussalam	Bandar Seri Begawan Brunei Darussalam	21-22 Nov 2006
9	AHSOM 8	Mr. San Sy Than - NIS Cambodia	Phnom Penh Cambodia	17-18 Dec 2007
To be confirmed				
10	AHSOM 9		Singapore	
11	AHSOM 10		Thailand	
12	AHSOM 11		Viet Nam	

APPENDIX 7

Who Attended AHSOM?

THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES JAKARTA, INDONESIA, 9-10 OCTOBER 1997

LIST OF DELEGATES

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

1. Mr. Abdul Hamid Abas Second
Secretary Embassy of Brunei Jakarta

INDONESIA

1. Mr. Sugito Suwito
Central Bureau of Statistics
2. Mr. Sugiarto, MA
Central Bureau of Statistics
3. Mr. Suwandhi Sastrotaruno
Central Bureau of Statistics
4. Mr. Rusman Heriawan, SE
Central Bureau of Statistics

LAOS

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National Statistical Centre
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Statistical Centre

MALAYSIA

1. Mr. Akbar Ali
Department of Statistics
2. Ms. Chellam Palanyandy
Department of Statistics

MYANMAR

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Central Statistical Organization
2. Mr. Shu Kyein
Central Statistical Organization

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Department of Statistics

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National Statistical Office
2. Mrs. Warai Woramontri
National Statistical Office

VIETNAM

1. Dr. Le Van Toan
General Statistical Office
2. Mr. Nguyen Anh Tuan
General Statistical Office of Vietnam

ASEAN SECRETARIAT

1. H.E. Dato' Ajit Singh
Secretary-General of ASEAN
2. Dr. Suthad Setboonsarng
Deputy Secretary-General
3. Dr. Chee Peng Lim
Bureau of Economic Cooperation
4. Mr. Honorio Vtasa
Bureau of Economic Cooperation
5. Mr. Nararya Suprpto
Bureau of Economic Cooperation

OBSERVER

CAMBODIA

1. Mr. Hou Taing Eng
National Institute of Statistics Ministry
of Planning
2. Mr. San Sythan
National Institute of Statistics Ministry
of Planning

**THE FIRST MEETING OF
THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES
MANILA, PHILIPPINES, 1-2 OCTOBER 1998**

LIST OF DELEGATES

AUSTRALIA

1. Mr. William McLennan
Australian Bureau of Statistics
2. Mr. Dennis Trewin
Australian Bureau of Statistics

HONG KONG

3. Mr. Frederick W. H. Ho
Census and Statistics Department

INDONESIA

4. Mr. Sugito Suwito
Central Bureau of Statistics

KOREA

5. Mr. Young-Dae Yoon
National Statistical Office
6. Mr. Bong-Ho Choi
National Statistical Office
7. Mr. Jung Ho Chung
The Bank of Korea

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Department of Statistics

PHILIPPINES

9. Mr. Tomas P. Africa
National Statistics Office
10. Ms. Wilhelmina Manalac
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
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Bureau of Agricultural Statistics
12. Ms. Carmelita Erica
National Statistical Coordination Board
13. Ms. Margarita Guerrero
National Statistics Office

THAILAND

14. Mrs. Eaimchan Premyothin
National Statistical Office
15. Mrs. Poonsin Chalermpong
Bank of Thailand
16. Mrs. Warai Woramontri
National Statistical Office

SINGAPORE

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Department of Statistics

THE WORLD BANK

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Development Data Group
International Economics Department

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF)

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Statistics Department

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Statistics and Data Systems Division
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Statistics and Data Systems Division
23. Ms. Dalisay S. Maligalig
Statistics and Data Systems Division
24. Mr. Biswanath Bhattacharyay
Statistics and Data Systems Division

UNESCAP

25. Mr. Andrew J. Flatt
Chief, Statistics Division

**BANK FOR INTERNATIONAL
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26. Mr. John Hawkins
Monetary and Economic Department

ASEAN SECRETARIAT

27. Mr. Lim Hong Hin
AFTA Bureau

**ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK,
SAUDI ARABIA**

28. Dr. Muhammad Serunjogi
Statistics Section

**THE SECOND MEETING OF
THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES (AHSOM)
DENPASAR, BALI, INDONESIA, 5-6 JANUARY 1999**

LIST OF DELEGATES

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Statistics Division, Economic Planning
Unit

INDONESIA

2. Mr. Sugito Suwito
BPS Statistics – Indonesia
3. Mr. Sugiarto Mardi
BPS Statistics – Indonesia
4. Mr. Suwandhi Sasrotaruno
BPS Statistics – Indonesia
5. Dr. S.G.M. Mamas
BPS Statistics – Indonesia

LAO PDR

6. Mr. Bounthavy Sisauphantong
National Statistical Center
7. Mr. Samaychanh Bhoupa
National Statistical Center

MALAYSIA

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Department of Statistics
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Department of Statistics

MYANMAR

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VIET NAM

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General Statistical Office
16. Mr. Do Trong Khanh
General Statistical Office

CAMBODIA

17. San Sy Than
National Institute of Statistics

ASEAN SECRETARIAT

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Secretary General
19. Dr. Suthad Setboonsarng
Deputy Secretary General
20. Dr. Raymond Yee
AFTA Bureau

UNESCAP

21. Mr. M. Khalid Siddiqui
Chief, Statistics Development Section,
Statistics Division

SIAP

22. Mr. Lau Kak En
SIAP Center

**JAPAN OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION (JODC)**

23. Katsuhiko Umehara
Representative of Asia and Pacific
Region

**AEM-MITI ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL
COOPERATION COMMITTEE (AMEICC)**

24. Mr. Susumu ONO
Coordinator of AMEICC Secretariat

MITI JAPAN

25. Mr. Yuji Hosoya
HRD Technical Cooperation Division

**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS
(ABS)**

26. Mr. William McLennan
Statistician

THE THIRD MEETING OF THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES (AHSOM) KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 24-28 SEPTEMBER 2001

LIST OF DELEGATES

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

1. Pg. Hj. Osman Pg. Hj. Hashim
Statistics Division, Economic Planning
Unit

CAMBODIA

2. Mr San Sy Than
National Institute of Statistics

INDONESIA

3. Mr. Saudin Sitorus
BPS - Statistics Indonesia

LAO PDR

4. Mr. Bounthavy Sisouphanthong
National Statistical Centre

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PHILIPPINES

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SINGAPORE

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Department of Statistics

THAILAND

10. Ms. Chintana Pejaranonda
National Statistical Office
11. Mrs. Phunvadee Pornpatimakorn
National Statistical Office

VIET NAM

12. Mr. Nguyen Van Tien
General Statistical Office
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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

14. Mr. V.N. Gnanathurai
Statistics and Data System Division

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Chief, Statistical Information Services
Section, Statistical Division

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17. Mr. Herman Habermann
Director, Statistical Division
18. Mr. Willem F. M. de Vries
Deputy Director, Statistical Division
Dr. Sabine Warschburger
Associate Statistician
19. Mr. Bill McLennan
UNSD Consultant

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20. Mr. Masaki Ishikawa
Representative
21. Mr. Yukihide Tsutsumi
Assistant Representative

ASEAN SECRETARIAT

22. Dr. Worapot Manupattpong
Bureau for Finance and
Macroeconomic Surveillance
23. Dr. Agus Sutanto
Statistics Unit

**THE FOURTH MEETING OF
THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES (AHSOM 4)
YANGON, MYANMAR, 9 - 10 DECEMBER 2002**

LIST OF DELEGATES

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

1. Pg. Hj. Osman bin Pg. Hj. Hashim
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CAMBODIA

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3. Mr. Khieu Sary
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15. Ms. Wong Pui Mun
Singapore Department of Statistics

THAILAND

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National Statistical Office
17. Mr. Wilas Suwee
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VIET NAM

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General Statistics Office of Vietnam
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General Statistics Office of Vietnam

ASEAN SECRETARIAT

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Director

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28. Mr. OBAYASHI Senichi
Statistical Survey Department

THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN HEADS OF STATISTICAL OFFICES (AHSOM) LUANGPHABANG CITY, LAO PDR, 12-13 JANUARY 2004

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What Organisations Participating in AHSOM?

LIST OF ORGANISATIONS AND NON-ASEAN COUNTRIES STATISTICAL OFFICES ATTENDED AHSOM 1 TO AHSOM 7

No	Name of Organisation	Meeting Attended	Year
1	AMEICC Secretariat/JODC	AHSOM 3	2001
		AHSOM 7	2006
2	Australian Bureau of Statistics	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998
		AHSOM 5	2004
		AHSOM 7	2006
3	Asian Development Bank	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998
		AHSOM 3	2001
		AHSOM 4	2002
		AHSOM 5	2004
		AHSOM 6	2005
4	Bank for International Settlement	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998
5	China National Bureau of Statistics	AHSOM 5	2004
6	EUROSTAT	AHSOM 7	2006
7	Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998
8	Islamic Development Bank	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998
9	International Monetary Fund	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998

10	Japan Bureau of Statistics	AHSOM 4 AHSOM 5	2002 2004
11	Japan Overseas Development Corporation	AHSOM 7	2006
12	Korea NSO	AHSOM-ADB-WB AHSOM 5 AHSOM 6	1998 2004 2005
13	METI-Japan	AHSOM 7	2006
14	OECD	AHSOM 6	2005
15	Statistics Sweden	AHSOM 5	2004
16	UNESCAP	AHSOM-ADB-WB AHSOM 3 AHSOM 4 AHSOM 5 AHSOM 6	1998 2001 2002 2004 2005
17	UNSD	AHSOM 3 AHSOM 4 AHSOM 5	2001 2002 2004
18	UNSIAP	AHSOM 3 AHSOM 4 AHSOM 5 AHSOM 6 AHSOM 7	2001 2002 2004 2005 2006
19	USAID	AHSOM 7	2006
20	World Bank	AHSOM-ADB-WB	1998





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