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8th ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia Consultation

The 8th ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 6 September 2012 in Phuket, Thailand.

The Meeting was co-chaired by Police Maj Gen Nathathorn Prousoontorn, Commander of Immigration Division 2, Immigration Bureau, Royal Thai Police, and Mr Peter Vardos, Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), Australia.

The Meeting noted the success of ongoing activities undertaken in 2012 as agreed by the 7th DGICM+ Australia Consultation.

The Meeting agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2012 and 2013, demonstrating the shared interest that ASEAN and Australia have in continuing a constructive partnership that benefits the project countries of ASEAN and Australia.

ASEAN and Australia agreed that they would continue to work together on cooperative arrangements in relation to immigration matters across the region. The meeting also agreed to further publicise, where appropriate, the agreements of the ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation through the ASEAN website.

It was agreed that the 9th ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 17th Meeting of the ASEAN DGICM in Vietnam in 2013.

All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Government of Thailand for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.