

Closing Speech

By the Head of Principal Directorate of Planning, Evaluation, Development and Training

Technical Meeting of the Establishment of ASEAN SAI

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The honorable delegates of the SAIs of ASEAN member states,

My respected colleagues from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

My respected colleagues from BPK,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon and selamat siang.

How time flies. The two-day discussion on the establishment of ASEAN SAI has come to an end. I would like to acknowledge our appreciation for your participation and contribution to the discussion on the ASEAN SAI agreement and the plan of its establishment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the closing of this meeting, please allow me to sum up the result of this technical meeting. The participants of the meeting has agreed to the first draft of the ASEAN SAI Agreement with some matters to be brought for further consultation and finalization during the Senior Office Meeting.

I would like to conclude the fundamental points in the first draft of the ASEAN SAI Agreement that have been agreed during the meeting:

1. The first is that the activities and scope of cooperation shall be applicable to all member SAIs. This is in line with the spirit of ASEAN SAI which is to respect the different mandates, laws and regulations of each ASEAN country. In view of this, the activities and scope of cooperation of ASEAN SAI is designed to be acceptable and not be in conflict with the mandates and laws of respective member SAIs.

2. The second fundamental point is to start “small” and then develop the organization according to future needs. In starting small, the objective of the ASEAN SAI is to build capacity of member SAIs. Maybe in the future, the ASEAN SAI can move from being associated with ASEAN to being the external auditor of ASEAN. Of course this will take some time and process before it can be realized.

In this early stage, the design of the organization should not be too ambitious. So, the organization structure is designed as efficient as possible. The organizational structure consists of the Assembly, the Executive Committee consisting of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the Secretariat and the Committees.

The annual financial contribution is also agreed to be at the minimum level and equal for all members. In addition to the annual contribution, members may provide voluntary contributions or provide training or workshops voluntarily. ASEAN SAI will also accept donation as part of its funds.

As the result of the meeting, there are some issues that will be taken up during the Senior Officer Meeting:

1. Regarding the financial matter, the issues are the amount of the contribution, the term of financial year, the type of budget and audit of the financial report.
2. Another issue that should be taken up during the SOM is Singapore’s position with regards to its participation in ASEAN SAI.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We have come to the end of the technical meeting and two days of intensive work. I do not want to keep you too long from your free time. After returning from Indonesia, I hope that there will be strengthened collaboration and communication among the participating SAIs.

There is a quotation in Indonesian that I would like to share with you: “Berat sama dipikul, ringan sama dijinjing.” It means that heavy burdens will be borne together and light problems will be lifted together. In other words, we will stick together through thick and thin.

I hope that all SAIs will have this spirit and work together to realize the plan. Hopefully, with closer cooperation among SAIs, we will be able to achieve our goals, carry out the objectives as stated in the Agreement and at the end enhance good governance in ASEAN to make ASEAN a prosperous and stable region.

As the host of the meeting, I truly hope that your stay in Jakarta, although short, has been an enjoyable one.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the committee for their hard work without which this meeting would not have been a success.

To the participants of the meeting, please convey our regards to the Auditor General of your SAIs. I wish you a nice and safe journey back to your countries and look forward to welcoming your delegation in the next Senior Officer Meeting of the ASEAN SAI establishment.

With that, I declare the Technical Meeting of the Establishment of ASEAN SAI closed.

Thank you and Terima kasih.

Jakarta, July 26, 2011

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