

The 13th Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Economy Community

The ASEAN Secretariat held the 13th Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Economy Community (13th ASCCO) via videoconference on May 6, 2021. The Conference aimed to assess the implementation of the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Blueprint 2025 and to provide updates on recent developments in cross-sectoral and cross-pillar issues.

This annual Conference was attended by representatives from the ASEAN SOM Leaders, ASEAN SEOM Chair, ASEAN SOCA Chair, ASEAN Directors-General, Members of the Committee Representatives to ASEAN, Chair of APSC Bodies and Relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and Entities, as well as the Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Economic Community Department and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Department.

R.M. Michael Tene, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for APSC, delivered the Opening Remarks, providing a brief update on the status of the APSC Blueprint 2025 work. The Blueprint's mid-term review revealed that the majority of the activities evaluated have a high impact, are expected to be sustained, and have irreversible effects.

ASEANSAI has also been invited to share works relevant to the implementation of the APSC Blueprint 2025. Mr. Bahtiar Arif, Head of the ASEANSAI Secretariat and Secretary General of BPK, stated that since the establishment of ASEANSAI in 2011, it has embraced ASEAN's principles and sought to promote good governance, the rule of law, as well as public accountability, transparency, and therefore better government within each country.

ASEANSAI has thus developed the institutional capacity to address issues of anti-fraud as discussed in point A.2.3 of the Blueprint and Joint Events in point A.2.4, and note the specific mention in the 2025 Blueprint of the role of Supreme Audit Institutions in point A.2.6 ii and section B.2. To conclude the session, ASEANSAI offered assistance in addressing the professional services required to meet the 2025 APSC Blueprint targets.



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The Uniqueness

Wat Phu, Khmer Empire Temple in Laos

Vat Phou or Wat Phu is the UNESCO world heritage site in Champasak, Southern Laos, Wat Phou Hindu temple in the Khmer Empire located in the capital of the Champasak Laos

Vat Phou was initially associated with the city of Shrestapura, which lay on the bank of the Mekong directly east of Lingaparvata Mountain (now called Phou Khao). By the latter part of the fifth century, the city was the capital of a kingdom that texts and inscriptions connect with the Chenla Kingdom and Champa. The first structure on the mountain was constructed around this time. The mountain gained spiritual importance from the lingam-shaped protuberance on its summit. The mountain itself was, therefore, considered the home of Shiva, and the river as representing the ocean or the Ganges. The temple was naturally dedicated to Shiva, while the water from the spring directly behind the temple was considered sacred.

Vat Phou was a part of the Khmer Empire centred on Angkor to the southwest, at least as early as the reign of Yasovarman I in the early 10th century. Shrestapura was superseded by a new city in the Angkorian period, directly south of the temple. In the later period, the original buildings were replaced, re-using some of the stone blocks; the temple now seen was built primarily during the Koh Ker and Baphuon periods of the 11th

century. Minor changes were made during the following two centuries, before the temple, like most in the empire, was converted to Theravada Buddhist use.

This continued after the area came under the control of the Lao, and a festival is held on the site each February. Little restoration work has been done, other than the restoration of boundary posts along the path. Vat Phou was designated a World Heritage Site in 2001.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vat_Phou



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ASEANSAI KSC Workshop on Improving Information & Communication Technology (ICT) for Audit Work

ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Committee (KSC) Workshop on Improving Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Audit Work: Preparing for the Auditor of the Future was held virtually on April 21, 2021. The workshop aimed to encourage and develop knowledge sharing among ASEANSAI member countries on using and improving ICT for audit work through various perspectives, experience, research, and best practices.

The event was led by SAI Thailand, the Workshop's Project Leader, with the participation of 27 representatives from ASEANSAI KSC members. Dr. Puripant Ruchikachorn, an expert from Chulalongkorn University Thailand, also participated in the event as one of the main speakers.

The Workshop included explanations on initiating audit laboratory, the Moscow Declaration 2019 and the future of public sector audit, and sharing session by ASEANSAI members on how to improve ICT for audit work. The Project Leader would create a summary report containing the Workshop's results as the Workshop's output, which would be distributed to the ASEANSAI Community.



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Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to provide you the second edition of ASEANSAI Newsletter in 2021.

In this second edition, we bring you the latest activities of April to June 2021 which covers the ASEANSAI KSC Workshop on Improving Information & Communication Technology (ICT) for Audit Work, The 13th Coordinating Conference for the ASEAN Political-Security Economy Community, ASEANSAI SPC Virtual Committee Meeting and Virtual Update Meeting on IDI-ASEANSAI ISSAI Implementation Needs Assessment for Financial Audit

We also present contribution from SAI Myanmar with the article “3D Audit Status Regarding Cooperative Audit of Strong and Resilient National Public Health Systems “.

While for the uniqueness column, we post Wat Phu, Khmer Empire Temple in Laos.

Lastly, the Secretariat always welcomes your submission of articles, special reports, news and other materials related to the ASEANSAI and member’s activities. Please share and submit the materials to the Secretariat at aseansai@bpk.go.id.

Please stay safe and enjoy reading!

Warm Regards,

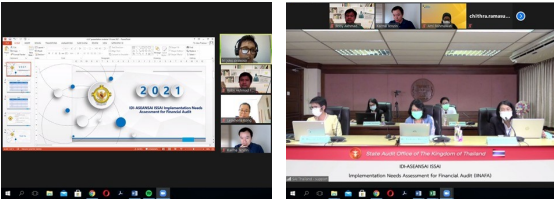
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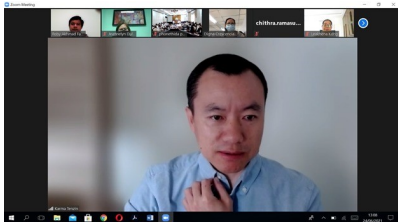
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Virtual Update Meeting on IDI-ASEANSAI ISSAI Implementation Needs Assessment for Financial Audit



ASEANSAI in collaboration with IDI has a co-operation programme called ISSAI Implementation Needs Assessment for Financial Audit (IINAFA). This initiative builds on the efforts and results of IDI-ASEANSAI ISSAI based Co-operative Financial Audits and aims to provide further support to SAIs in the ASEANSAI region for fully implementing financial audit ISSAIs.

To update the status of each participating SAI in conducting the assessment, virtual meeting facilitated by IDI and ASEANSAI Secretariat were organized in three badges on 11, 14 and 24 June 2021. Attended by 5 SAIs namely SAI Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines and Lao PDR, the meetings were started by the presentation from each SAI on their assessment progress. Following these presentations, the mentors of the programme provided advice and suggestion to complete the assessment. They also discussed some issues faced during the assessment process. At the end of the meeting, all participants agreed to submit the final report by August 2021.



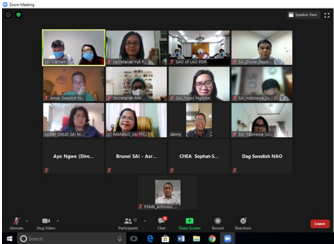
ASEANSAI SPC Virtual Committee Meeting

On May 20, 2021, SAI Vietnam, as Chair of the ASEANSAI Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), hosted a virtual committee meeting. Twenty-two participants from eight SAIs and two observers from the Swedish National Audit Office (SNAO) attended the Meeting. SNAO dispatched experts to assist ASEANSAI in the development of the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

Mr. Ha Minh Tuan, Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation, opened the meeting with a brief statement expressing the Chair of the SPC's expectations for the meeting output and SPC members' participation in contributing to the development of the initial draft of the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2022-2025.

During the meeting, Ms. Nguyen Thi Be Ngoc, Deputy Head of Multilateral Division at the Department of International Cooperation, presented the Needs Assessment Report and the results of the SWOT Analysis. She presented the overall satisfaction score on the current Strategic Plan for 2018-2021, indicating that the majority of member SAIs were satisfied with the implementation results during the period. The meeting also discussed some solutions/considerations for developing the new SP 2022-2025, including the need for ASEANSAI to include VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity), disruptive technology, the New Normal of the post-COVID-19 pandemic, and potential emerging issues.

At the end of the meeting, SAI Vietnam summarized the meeting results and invited all meeting participants to provide input for the initial development of the Strategic Plan via email.



SAI Myanmar's 3D Audit Status Regarding Cooperative Audit of Strong and Resilient National Public Health Systems

As the invitation to SAI Myanmar to participate in IDI-KSC-ASOSAI Cooperative audit of SDG implementation: Strong and Resilient National Public Health Systems (linked to SDG target 3d) by INTO-SAI's Strategic Plan (2017-2022), The SAI Readiness Declaration and Statement of Commitments (SOC) was signed by the Auditor General of the Union on 26th June 2020 and formed a 3d audit team consisting of 1 supervisor, 1 team leader and 2 team members.

As the performance of 3d audit team, they have attended the Webinar Session on ASEANSAI Awareness of IDI SDGs Audit Model (ISAM) jointly organized by ASEANSAI KSC and INTOSAI Development Initiative. Knowledge from this webinar supported the 3d audit team to better understand the concept of the SDG Implementation Audit, examining the progress towards achievement of nationally agreed targets linked to SDG targets.

3d audit examines the government efforts to strengthen capacities for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risk by focusing on Sustainable Development Goal 3 and its target 3.d. In accord with the understanding on audit of SDG implementation, 3d audit team carried out searching the relevant information as well as communicating with the relevant department, Ministry of Health and Sports, and obtaining the evidences including the setting and implementation of national targets.

IDI-KSC-ASOSAI provides professional education for participating SAIs in 3d audit by e-learning courses in the 3d audit Integrated Education and Audit Support (IEAS) platform on the IDI's Learning Management System (LMS) from 25th November 2020. Lessons from Cluster 1 to 4 will be delivered

through the IEAS platform and the lecturers are 3d audit mentors and the officials from WHO. Lessons up to first lecture of Cluster 4 have been taught till now.

The lessons learnt from Cluster 1 to 4 have added value to 3d audit team members and the SAI. Therefore, 3d audit team members have known how to use audit tools and techniques to examine progress towards the achievement of public health outcomes and SDG principles like coherence, multi-stakeholder engagement and no one left behind. The knowledge gained from these lectures will be used in 3d audit in order to identify the considerable deficiencies in the government operation and recommend the better way for the emergence of national public health system that lead to good health and wellbeing for all. As well as it will be shared for the future SDG implementation audit to strengthen the SAI performance and capacity to audit SDGs.

SAI Myanmar will continue to cooperate with international Supreme Audit Institutions for participating in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through audits and will carry out making valuable contributions to national efforts to track progress, and monitor implementation, and identify improvement opportunities of SDGs and national efforts.

