



**ASEAN Supreme Audit** Institutions (ASEANSAI) was just established on November 16, 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. In order to run the organization, it needs to develop a plan. Thus, two important meetings namely the Executive Commitee meeting and the ASEANSAI Committees meeting had been conducted in Brunei Darussalam and Sabah, Malaysia respectively. They aim to develop the terms of reference (TOR) and work plans of the ASEANSAI Committees and Secretariat. The ASEANSAI Plan 2012-2013 would then be developed based on the TORs and work plans of each Committee and the Secretariat.

In the meeting in Jaipur, India on February 29, 2012, the ASEANSAI Plan 2012-2013 was endorsed. This would later be a guidance for the Executive Committee and ASEANSAI Committees to perform their activities in the period of 2012-2013 until the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan is developed. The ASEANSAI Plan 2012-2013 aims to serve as a guidance for the Committees in performing their activities in 2012-2013 and to serve as a reference for the development of the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2014-2017.

ASEANSAI Plan 2012-2013 is expected to achieve the organizational development and institutional capacity building for member SAIs as the main concern of the organization. The organizational development will cover three programs including the development of the Strategic Plan 2014-2017, the development of Rules and Procedures, and the organizational awareness campaign. In this regard, the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan Committee, the Rules and Procedures Committee and the Secretariat will be responsible for providing support to achieve the goal.

The development of the draft ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2014-2017 will be completed in 2012 and the next process will be more directed towards the finalization of the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan in 2013. On the other hand, the ASEANSAI internal governance in finance, administration and secretariat that will be summarized in the ASEANSAI Rules and Procedures will be finalized in April 2013.

In accordance with the Agreement on the Establishment of ASEANSAI, the main objective of the ASEANSAI is to build the capacity of member SAIs. Therefore, the institutional capacity building will cover the knowledge sharing and training programs. The Knowledge Sharing Committee plans to conduct capacity building activities such as symposiums, seminars, study visits, parallel audits, research projects and secondment. Meanwhile, the Training Committee plans to conduct training programs which will be based on the Training Needs Assessment (TNA) and to hold a training program at least once in a year.

Above all, the ASEANSAI Secretariat will support the run of the organization by preparing financial, administrative and secretarial arrangements to the Executive Committee and all ASEANSAI Committees.

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## *EDITORIAL*

The ASEANSAI Secretariat proudly launches the first edition of the ASEANSAI bulletin. This bulletin will be published every three months as an official publication of the ASEANSAI functioning as a forum for information exchange among the ASEANSAI members.

This bulletin contains some columns namely editor notes, ASEANSAI events, recent issues among members, photo gallery, upcoming agenda and the uniqueness. On this first edition, we have listed latest activities of the ASEANSAI such as the Executive Committee meeting of the ASEANSAI in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam , the ASEANSAI Committees meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia and the ASEANSAI meeting in Jaipur, India. In the column "Reminder", the Secretariat also wants to remind all members to submit their comments, suggestions, or any new ideas regarding the ASEANSAI Logos.

In the column "Uniqueness", we want to explore and to show all members the uniqueness of each country of the ASEANSAI members. We appreciate the SAI of Brunei for having contributing the article depicting the uniqueness of its country.

The ASEANSAI Secretariat invites submissions of articles, special reports, news items and other materials on the state audit and related fields. The material could be sent to the ASEANSAI Secretariat by email at **aseansai@bpk.go.id** 

Regards, Head of Secretariat Hendar Ristriawan



#### »NEWS FROM MEMBER SAIS



Chairperson of the COA of the Philippines Visited BPK

The Chairperson of the Commission on Audit (COA) of the Philippines, Ms. Maria Gracia Pulido-Tan, visited the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK) on March 15, 2012. She was accompanied by the Chairman of the Ombudsman of the Philippines, Ms. Conchita Carpio-Morales, and the representatives of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) of the Philippines, Ms. Maria Rendon and the Management Systems International (MSI) of the Philippines, Ms. Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers.

#### Technical Meeting On Parallel Audit Between JAN Malaysia And BPK Republic Of Indonesia

This meeting was held in Perak, Malaysia from 9 to 11 April 2012 to discuss the implementation of the parallel audit on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing and its Environment between both SAIs. Both SAIs also discuss the preparation of the Audit Planning Memorandum and its content, the share of knowledge and experience on Customs, and regulations about the management of the export in the Indonesian and Malaysian CustomsThe MoU was signed in Perak, Malaysia, on April 10, 2012.



#### Scoping Mission of BPK Delegates to NAA Cambodia

On March 18-21, 2012, the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK RI) led by Dr. Cris Kuntadi, the Head of BPK RI's Training Center, visited the National Audit Authority (NAA) of Cambodia in a scoping mission to design the 2012 programs as the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the bilateral cooperation between the BPK RI and the NAA. The MoU was signed in Johannesburg, South Africa, on November 23, 2010.

### Strategic Planning Committee (SPC)

The SPC aims to develop a strategic plan for the period 2014-2017 based on the assessment developed by the three other committees of the ASEANSAI. In order to achieve this, the committee is responsible to draft the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan, the ASEANSAI Implementation Plan and the Strategic Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation System. It also has to get the input from other working committees and ASEANSAI members regarding the Strategic Plan and to review the implementation of the Strategic Plan and assess the achievement of ASEANSAI objectives.

The general work plan of the committee comprises activities of gathering the result of the needs assessment of the three other committees, conducting a need assessment survey including the problem identification in order to determine the major issues in SAIs, creating statements of vision, mission, and core values based on the result of a need assessment survey, identifying strategic issues based on the result of a need assessment survey and develop strategic goals as a cascade of its mission, determining strategic objectives as an explanation of strategic goals, developing key performance indicators of the ASEANSAI to measure the achievement of the Strategic Plan, developing the plan of the implementation of the strategic plan, disseminating the strategic plan to all members of ASEANSAI and receive feedbacks, finalizing the strategic plan and table it to the Assembly for approval, and implementing the strategic plan, including monitoring and evaluation from 2014 onwards.

Its activities in 2012 will comprise of the two-day workshop to develop the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan on May 15-16, 2012 in Hanoi, Vietnam and the three-day meeting to finalize the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan on September 2012. In 2013, it will hold a three-day meeting for the improvement and refinement of the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan on September 2013.

#### Executive Committee Meeting In Brunei Darussalam



The ASEANSAI Executive Committee meeting was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

from January 25 to 26, 2012 to discuss some topics related to the work plan of the ASEANSAI Secretariat for the period of 2011-2013 and the ASEANSAI strategic plan development and the ASEANSAI Committees' work plans. The executive committee has agreed to develop the Work Plan and Terms of Reference at the ASEANSAI Committee meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on February 2012, which have been endorsed in theASEANSAI informal meeting in Jaipur, India. In addition, the meeting also supported the initiation to strengthen the close relationship with other related organizations like ASOSAI, INTOSAI, ASEAN and Donors.

#### Committees Meeting In Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia



The four ASEANSAI Committees gathered togather to hold parallel meetings in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on February 9 and 10, 2012 to finalize the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Work Plans (WP) of the Committees for the periode of 2011-2013. This meeting resulted the drafts of the Terms of Reference and Work Plans of each

»REMINDER: COMMENT AND INPUT FOR ASEANSAI LOGOS



Please send your comment, input or new idea about the ASEANSAI Logos to **aseansai@bpk.go.id** before July 30, 2012

committees. These drafts were finally endorsed as the ASEANSAI Plan 2012-2013 at the ASEANSAI meeting in Jaipur, India, with some adjustments made on the TORs of all Committees for the greater standardization on the decision making process.

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#### **ASEANSAI Endorsed Its Plan For 2012-2013**

ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAI) chaired by The Chairman of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK RI) held a meeting at the Sapphire Ballroom, J.W. Marriot Hotel Jaipur, India on February 29, 2012. This meeting is a follow up of ASENSAI



Executive Committee Meeting in Brunei Darussalam on 25-27 January 2012 and ASEANSAI Committee Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on 9-11 February, 2012.

Four committees have been established during the First Assembly of ASEANSAI in Bali on November 16, 2012 to prepare and implement main activites of ASEANSAI. Those committees are Strategic Plan Committee, Rules and Procedures Committee, Training Committee and Knowledge Sharing Committee.

The prime objective of this meeting is to endorse the work plan of ASEANSAI for 2012-2013 consisting of the work plan of secretariat and four committees of ASEANSAI. The work plan will be the guidance of the implementation of ASEANSAI's duties before its Strategic Plan is endorsed in the Second Assembly in Brunei Darussalam in 2013. In addition, ASEANSAI also discusses some important issues such as ASEANSAI official logo, relationship with similiar organizations, and some uses of terminology. The official website of ASEANSAI, www.aseansai.org , was also launched in this meeting.

The meeting was attended by all Heads of ASEANSAI members. The Chairman of ASEANSAI, Mr. HadiPoernomo accompanied by the Vice Chairman of ASEANSAI, Pengiran Haji AbdRahman bin Pengiran Haji Mat Saleh, and the Head of Secretariat, Mr. HendarRistriawan, led the meeting.

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# **BRUNEI, THE GREEN HEART OF BORNEO**



Brunei Darussalam (Brunei, Abode of Peace) is a small, prosperous, safe, stable and peaceful oil rich Kingdom located on the northern shores of the Island of Borneo, which it shares with Malaysia and Indonesia.

Ruled by a beloved and benevolent Sultan, His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, the 29th ruler from an unbroken royal lineage dating back to the late 14th century, this enchanting Kingdom provides generously for the welfare of its 400 thousand inhabitants, exempting them from personal income taxes and providing them with virtually free universal education and medical care.

This little slice of paradise, free of tropical diseases and with one of the lowest crime rates in the world, is packed with a variety of easy to reach attractions, most of which can be visited on half day or day long excursions, such as the tiny capital of Bandar Seri Begawan, probably South East Asia's loveliest capital, a green, airy and well maintained garden city free of the crowds, traffic jams, pollution, noise and trepidation found in the region's other capitals.

The capital boasts of the world's largest water village, Kampong Ayer, where over 20 thousand people live in wooden houses on stilts. Overlooking it all is the iconic Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque, and Istana Nurul Iman, the Sultan's palace, the largest in the world with 1,788 rooms. Museums retracing Brunei's history and Royal heritage, majestic Mosques, colorful riverside markets, a range of modern shopping malls and numerous restaurants catering to all palates and budgets complete Bandar's peaceful urban experience.

The odd looking proboscis monkey, endemic to Borneo, can easily be spotted only minutes away by boat from downtown Bandar, and Pulau Selirong, one of the best preserved mangrove islands anywhere can be seen in a half day excursion.

Discovering the best preserved rainforests in the whole of Borneo, luxuriant, pristine and rich in exotic flora and fauna, such as the Ulu Temburong National Park with its challenging canopy walkway towering over the forest's treetops, is an easy and safe proposition. Though the National Park can be experienced on a day trip from the capital, due to Brunei's small size of less than 6 thousand square kilometers, those with more time on their hands can enjoy a pristine rainforest environment while staving in the comfort of the boutique Ulu Ulu National Park Resort, or at more simple lodges nearby.



Brunei however is not just about rainforests. There are a number of other wholesome activities to keep visitors busy, such as wreck and reef diving, world class golfing, horse riding by the beach or being pampered at the Spa.

The jewel in the crown of Brunei's man made attractions is the Empire Hotel and Country Club, an exquisitely opulent 520-room, suites and villas golf, spa and family friendly integrated sea-side resort, complete with private beach, a gigantic lagoonpool, children's playground, theatre, Cineplex, bowling alley, 6 food and beverage outlets, a shopping gallery and an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus designed championship golf course. Though a city, rainforest and resort combination can make for a fulfilling vacation on its own, Brunei is also a destination that can easily be combined with the neighboring Malaysian states of Sarawak and Sabah, with their fascinating indigenous cultures, World Heritage listed natural attractions and iconic orangutans, making for a more complete and enriching Borneo experience.

With plenty to see and do, one



should not miss exploring this aptly named Kingdom of Unexpected Treasures, located in the green heart of the mythical island of Borneo.

Source:Article courtesy of the Brunei Tourism Board, Ministry of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam - Photos by David Kirkland)

- 1 Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddin Mosque
- 2 Inside view of the Royal Regalia Museum
- 3 Ulu Temburong National Park

#### **»DID YOU KNOW?**

What is the name of the bridge at Vientiane that connects Laos to Thailand?

Mittaphab Bridge. The construction of the bridge began in 1991 and officially opened in April 1994. It is 1,240 meters in length with 1,174 meters over water and 12.7 meters wide and spans across the Mekong River between Laos-Thailand. In English the name means "The Friendship Bridge".

