

THE RETIREMENT OF AUDITOR-GENERAL OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL’S OFFICE SINGAPORE



Mr. Lim Soo Ping, the Auditor-General of the Auditor-General’s Office Singapore, has retired from his duty effectively from February 8, 2013. Mr. Willie Tan Yoke Meng has succeeding him after serving as the Deputy Secretary (Administration), Ministry of Defence, Singapore.

Mr. Lim Soo Ping, in his 37 years of service in the Singapore public sector including 6 years service as the Auditor-General, proved his dedication to help enhance

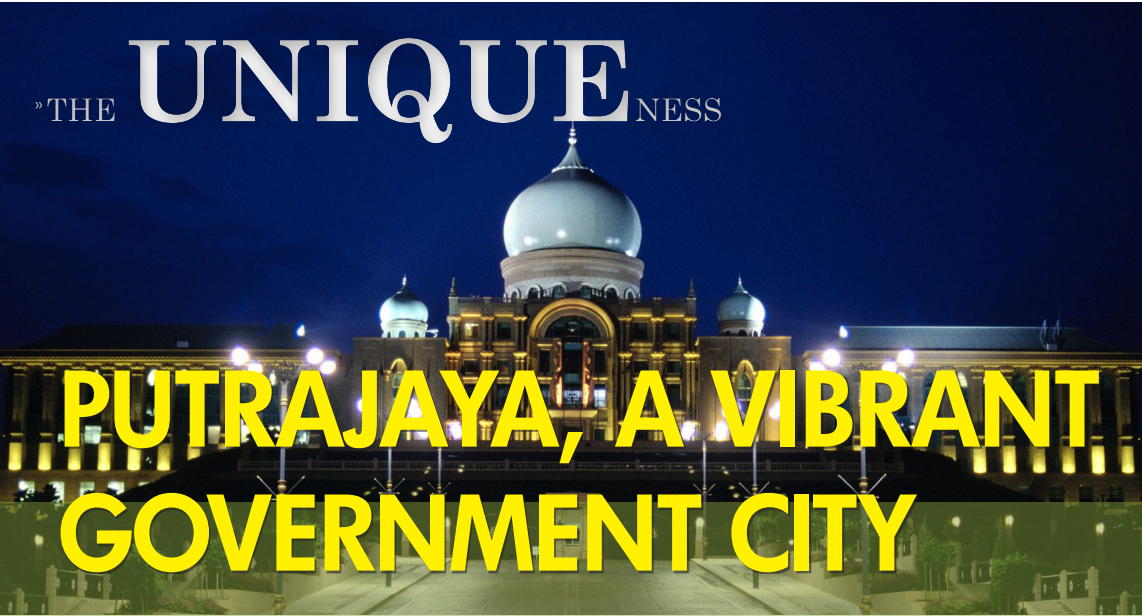
public accountability in the use and management of public funds. He also paid particular attention to the development of the AGO’s capacity in carrying out its duties effectively.

In the ASEANSAI, Mr. Lim Soo Ping was one of the nine Heads of SAI who marked the establishment of the ASEANSAI by signing the ASEANSAI Agreement in Bali, Indonesia, on November 16, 2011. He was also highly committed his role as the Chair of Rules and Procedures Committee.

As the Chairman of the ASEANSAI Rules and Procedures Committee, he has led the Committee towards a significant progress by formulating the ASEANSAI Rules and Procedures. With this set of Rules and Procedures, all aspects pertaining to financial, administrative and secretarial matters, meeting proceedings, decision making process and other areas could be well ruled and organized.

Mr. Lim Soo Ping has provided many feedbacks for the development of ASEANSAI. We wish Mr. Lim Soo Ping a happy retirement and look forward to working with Mr. Willie Tan Yoke Meng.

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Putrajaya, Malaysia’s first Intelligent Garden City, is the futuristic and trendy administrative centre of the Federal Government. Here we see a convergence of the past, present and future. A union of heritage, design and technology.

Putrajaya is a planned city, located 25 km south of Kuala Lumpur that serves as the federal administrative centre of Malaysia. The seat of government was shifted in 1999 from Kuala Lumpur to Putrajaya and in 2001, Putrajaya became Malaysia’s third Federal Territory after Kuala Lumpur and Labuan.

The city is named after the first Malaysian Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra. “Putra” also means prince in Bahasa Melayu while “Jaya” means excellent or success.

Putrajaya was conceptualized on man’s three core relationships the spiritual relationship between man and his Creator, the social inter-action between man and man, and environmental harmony between man and nature. Putrajaya has many objectives: to be a vital development catalyst; to act as model city; and to be nerve centre of the nation.

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohmad, best known for his Vision 2020 and former Prime Minister, unveiled Putrajaya on June 4, 1999, as a shining example of his grand vision for the future. Putrajaya has since come to symbolize the branding of Malaysia.

Putrajaya’s core areas are grouped into identifiable precincts, each distinctly landscaped and sculptured. Futuristically-designed facilities juxtapose with centuries-old Islamic architectural designs. They make for an awe-inspiring sight. Boulevards add colour, depth, space and character to an already inspired environment.

It s a socially healthy environment. Self-contained, and very much in touch with the needs of 21st Century living, Putrajaya mirrors good governance on the part of the Government. It reflects a political leadership that promotes good citizenship through informed participation, compassion and fairness. Citizen participation, of course, ensures greater transparency, greater accountability, and leads to public policies that better satisfy the people s needs.

Putrajaya has refined the definition of a planned city to one that combines the joys of the countryside with urban comforts. This city of commanding sights stands on land formerly occupied by rubber and palm oil plantations. It has been built from scratch into what some refer to as urban utopia.

Architecturally, Putrajaya can be described as an indigenous city with a modern look. And reflecting a well-planned city, the buildings here are as visually interesting as they come, reflecting various origins.

Putrajaya is a city ahead of its time.



Upon our deliberation on ASEANSAI’s application, we are pleased to inform you that the Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR) to ASEAN on 6 February 2013 has granted the approval to your request to be an entity associated with ASEAN. The ASEANSAI is now an entity associated with ASEAN listed under the category of “Other Stakeholders” in Annex 2 of the ASEAN Charter.

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As stated in Article 17 of the Agreement of ASEANSAI, the ASEANSAI shall be associated to ASEAN and the ASEANSAI shall establish an open and productive communication with ASEAN. Therefore, in March 26, 2012, The Chairman of ASEANSAI, Mr. Hadi Poernomo, sent the request to ASEAN Secretariat to propose ASEANSAI to be an Associated Entity with ASEAN and listed in Annex 2 of ASEANSAI Charter.

The Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR) to ASEAN on February 6, 2013 granted the approval of ASEANSAI to be an entity associated with ASEAN. This news was delivered by the Secretary General of ASEAN, Mr. Le Luong Minh, on his letter to the Chairman of ASEANSAI dated February 21, 2013.

With this approval, ASEANSAI is now an entity that is associated with ASEAN listed under the category of

“Other Stakeholders” in Annex 2 of ASEAN Charter, and also brings some responsibilites and obligations to ASEANSAI as stated in the ASEAN Guidelines on Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

As entity associated with ASEAN and categorized as a civil society organisation (CSO), ASEANSAI is a non-profit organisation of ASEAN entities, natural or juridical, that promotes, strengthens and helps realise the aims and objectives of the ASEAN Community and its three Pillars – the ASEAN Political-Security Community, the ASEAN Economic Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

This status will strengthen the ASEANSAI commitment to continue the good cooperation with ASEAN for the achievement of ASEAN Community goals.

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In this premiere edition of ASEANSAI Newsletter in 2013, The ASEANSAI Secretariat brings you good news from the ASEAN Secretariat. After going through various processes of discussion in the Committee of Permanent Representative (CPR) of ASEAN, finally on February 6, 2013, the CPR granted the proposal of ASEANSAI to be the Entity Associated with ASEAN. This Good news was delivered by the Secretary General of ASEAN on his letter to the Chairman of ASEANSAI dated February 21, 2013.

This good news will be part of ASEANSAI’s journey which will be presented in this edition. For reminding you, some overviews of ASEANSAI activities that have been implemented during the year 2012 will be presented in this edition. After the first ASEANSAI Assembly meeting in Bali, we have organized some activities related to the Chairmanship and all committees. In early 2012, The ASEANSAI Executive Committee conducted a meeting to mainly discuss about the work plan of the ASEANSAI Executive Committee and Secretariat for the period of 2011-2013.

Following the Executive Committee meeting in Brunei Darussalam, some important meetings were held in relation to the development of the ASEANSAI. Those meetings are The ASEANSAI Committee Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, The ASEANSAI Meeting in Jaipur, India, the ASEANSAI Strategic Planning Committee Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, the ASEANSAI Training Committee Meeting in Manila, Philippines, the ASEANSAI Strategic Planning Committee Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia, and also The Rules and Procedures Committee Meeting in Singapore

Meanwhile, on February 19, 2013, the Chairman of ASEANSAI was invited to give a speech on the progress activities of ASEANSAI during the 46th ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting in Manila, Philippines. In this meeting, ASEANSAI was represented by Vice Chairman of ASEANSAI, His Excellency Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman bin Pengiran Haji Mat Saleh, the Auditor General of Brunei Darussalam.

Also in this edition, we would like to congratulate Mr.Lim Soo Ping, the Auditor General of the Auditor - General’s Office (AGO) Singapore for his retirement after 6 years served in the Auditor - General’s Office Singapore. Mr Lim Soo Ping was one of the nine heads of SAI who marked the establishment of the ASEANSAI by signing the ASEANSAI Agreement on November 16, 2011 in Bali. We would also like to congratulate Mr. Willie Tan Yoke Meng as the new Auditor General of the AGO Singapore.

I hope that you will enjoy this edition and we would be very happy to receive comments and inputs on this publication. We also encourage all members of ASEANSAI to submit articles to enrich the content of ASEANSAI Newsletter. Thank you.

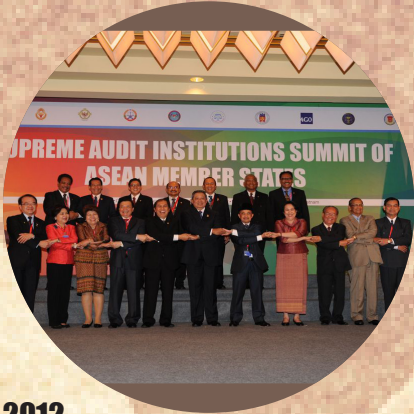
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2011

FIRST ASEANSAI ASSEMBLY MEETING
Bali, Indonesia - November 16



2012

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam - January 25-27



2012

THE ASEANSAI COMMITTEE MEETING
Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia - February 9-10



2012

THE ASEANSAI TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING
Quezon City, Philippines - June 4-5



2012

THE ASEANSAI STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Hanoi, Vietnam - May 14 - 17



2012

THE ASEANSAI MEETING
Jaipur, India - February 28



2012

ASEANSAI INSTRUCTORS’ DESIGN MEETING FOR
THE QUALITY ASSURANCE IN FINANCIAL AUDIT WORKSHOP
Bangkok, Thailand - September 5-11



2012

THE RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE MEETING
Singapore - September 11-12



2012

THE ASEANSAI STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Jakarta, Indonesia - September 24-27



2012

ASEANSAI WORKSHOP ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN
FINANCIAL AUDIT
Yogyakarta, Indonesia - December 3-8



2012

ASEANSAI SYMPOSIUM ON GOOD GOVERNANCEWORKSHOP
Bandar Seri Begawan,
Brunei Darussalam - November 28-29



2012

PARALLEL AUDITING SEMINARS ON FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY INDEX AND
NON-REVENUE WATER AUDIT
Penang, Malaysia - October 31 - November 2



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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

ASEANSAI VICE CHAIRMAN PRESENTS A SPEECH
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF ASEANSAI DURING THE 46TH
ASOSAI GOVERNING BOARD MEETING



Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman bin Pengiran Haji Mat Salleh, Auditor General of Brunei Darussalam and Vice Chairman of ASEANSAI delivering a speech on the activities of ASEANSAI

From 19th to 20th February 2013, the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) held its 46th Governing Board Meeting in Manila, Philippines. The meeting brought together more than 50 delegates from thirteen Supreme Audit Institutions in their capacities as members of the ASOSAI Governing Board and Audit Committee as well as 5 observers from the INTOSAI Development Initiative and ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAI). ASEANSAI was represented by Pengiran Haji Abdul Rahman bin Pengiran Haji Mat Salleh, Auditor General of Brunei Darussalam as Vice Chairman of ASEANSAI.

The meeting began with an opening address from His Excellency Vinod Rai, Chairman of ASOSAI followed by a welcoming speech from the Chairperson of the Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines as the host of the ASOSAI Governing Board meeting. This was followed by reports by ASOSAI Governing Board members and the invited observers.

During the proceedings of the 46th ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting on 19th February 2013, the Vice Chairman of ASEANSAI gave a speech on the activities of ASEANSAI. In his speech, the Vice Chairman highlighted the notable achievements accomplished by ASEANSAI since its establishment in November 2011 such as the formulation of the draft ASEANSAI 2014-2017 Strategic Plan by the Strategic Plan Committee; the development of a set of rules and procedures to enhance the governance and financial management of ASEANSAI by the Rules and Procedures Committee; the parallel seminars on Financial Management Accountability Index and Non-Revenue Water Audit and also the ASEANSAI Symposium on Good Governance organized by the Knowledge Sharing Committee; as well as the ASEANSAI Workshop on Quality Assurance in Financial Audit conducted by the Training Committee.

The Vice Chairman further added that all activities and operations of ASEANSAI was further facilitated by the support of the ASEANSAI Secretariat managed by SAI Indonesia whilst at the same time was also actively forging relationships with relevant stakeholders as well as pursuing potential cooperation with donor organisations and other international organisations.

The Vice Chairman clearly stated that the establishment of ASEANSAI was not to act as a standard setting body nor to create new guidelines but to enhance the capacity of its members in order to safeguard a stable ASEAN Community. Thus, it can be said that activities of ASEANSAI are closely aligned with INTOSAI and ASOSAI.

Last but not least, the Vice Chairman reiterated ASEANSAI’s commitment to close cooperation with ASOSAI as both regional organisations which share a similar goal on promoting good governance can corroborate closely to enhance their members’ capacities as supreme audit institutions.