

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Workshop on ISSAI Compliance and Forensic Audit



and the action plan to further improve the ISSAI compliance of the members of the ASEANSAI.

During the workshop, participants from SAI Myanmar, SAI Lao PDR, SAI Cambodia, SAI Philippines, SAI Vietnam, SAI Malaysia, SAI Brunei Darussalam, SAI Indonesia as well as representative from GIZ and ADB discussed and shared the progress of financial audit guidelines in compliance with ISSAI, monitoring of ISSAI Compliance by ASEANSAI, the experience on implementation of revised financial audit guidelines, donor assistance in ISSAI and its implementation, and fraudulent schemes in project financial statements.■



The workshop aimed to discuss the compliance of the International Standard of SAs (ISSAIs) on financial audit, the insertion of forensic audit,

## Annual Meetings of INTOSAI Capacity Building Committee and INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation Steering Committee

3-6 October 2016

On the INTOSAI's Capacity Building Committee (CBC) and the INTOSAI-Donor Cooperation (IDC) Steering Committee meeting that held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 3—6 October 2016, SAI Philippines attended the meeting as the representation of ASEANSAI.

Some topics discussed during the Meeting which

may be considered and/or prioritized by ASEANSAI Committees are those on Quality Assurance Review, SAI PMF, Peer Review and Cooperative Audits. The knowledge of the SAs on these topics is very important because it enables them to determine gaps between their practices; and the ISSAIs and other



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Melaka was founded by a fleeing prince from Sumatra in 14th century, it developed into a major trading port for ships from India and China. As the Melaka Sultanate flourished, the Portuguese conquered Melaka in 1511. Later the Dutch took over in 1641 until much later the British empire ruled Malacca. The state finally obtained independence with the then "Malaya states" in 1957. Today, one will find many remnants of the glorious past dated back more than 500 years ago.

In Melaka they built fine public buildings and churches, which remain the most solid suggestions of European presence, while Medan Portugis is still home to Portuguese Eurasians, many of whom are practicing Catholics and speak Kristang (Cristao), a creole littered with archaic Portuguese.

### HISTORICAL PLACES

A replica of the **Melaka Sultanate palace** was reconstructed at the foot of St. Paul's Hill. The design is based on the description of the palace from the sixteenth-century 'Malay Annals,' or 'Sejarah Melayu.' It is the only building of its kind in Malaysia, and it provides a rare glimpse of the ancient Malay kingdom that once flourished here. The palace houses the Malacca Cultural Museum, which includes many artifacts of that kingdom.

On top of St. Paul's Hill is the **St. Paul's Church**, once the prayer house of the Portuguese Catholics, then turned into burial ground for their noble dead by the Dutch. The tombstones have Latin and Portuguese inscriptions on them. St. Francis Xavier was buried here in 1553 before his body was moved to Goa in India.

After the Portuguese captured Melaka, they built a fortress to defend themselves. The fortress, called **A'Famosa** suffered severe

destruction during the Dutch invasion. What's left today is just the entrance walls, still well preserved till today.

The **Stadthuys** (1650) was the official residence of the Dutch Governor. It now houses the Historic Museum and Ethnography Museum which has many traditional bridal costumes and relics on display. Nearby, one will also find the Christ Church built in 1753, another fine example of the Dutch architecture.

During the peak of the Malacca Sultanate, the Sultan was gifted the Princess Hang Li Poh by the China Emperor. Her entourage settled in **Bukit China** (Chinese Hill). Today, Bukit China is believed to be the largest Chinese cemetery outside China, with many tombs dating back to the Ming Dynasty. Hang Li Poh's followers built a well in 1459 that is said to have never dried up. Today, the well is turned into a wishing well and many believe those who toss coins into the well will return again to Malacca.

The **Kampung Keling Mosque** is one of the oldest in the country (17th century). It's a blend of Sumatran and Western architecture with a 3 tier pyramid roof, a touch of Hindu influence perhaps. The carved wooden ceiling is supported by elegant Corinthian-styled columns.

Another well preserved building, the **Cheng Hoon Teng temple** was constructed in 1645 and is believed to be the oldest Chinese temple in the country. The eaves of the temple are decorated with Mythological figures and animation made from broken glass and porcelain. Besides the figures, the wood carvings and lacquer work are almost breath-taking.

There are many other places of historical value well worth a visit. What is mentioned above are just some of the "Not to be miss" sites.■

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## ASEAN, AIPA and ASEANSAI Workshop

2 - 3 November 2016, Jakarta

The ASEANSAI Secretariat attended ASEAN, AIPA and ASEANSAI Workshop held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 2 to 3 November 2016. The workshop aims to discuss areas of cooperation between ASEANSAI and the ASEAN Secretariat as well as the modalities for the ASEAN-AIPA Retreat 2017.

Led by Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for Community and Corporate Affairs Department, H.E. AKP Mochtan, trilateral workshop between the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), the Secretariat of AIPA and ASEAN Supreme Audit



Institutions (ASEANSAI) Secretariat was attended by about 22 participants from the ASEAN Secretariat, AIPA Secretariat, ASEANSAI Secretariat and GIZ.

The participants agreed on the need to strengthen cooperation between the three secretariats and other relevant ASEAN agencies with regard to the role of ASEAN, involvement of the ASEAN community and capacity development of each institution. Furthermore, the workshop also discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASEAN and invited each organization to join in the commemoration.■



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## NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION



### Dear Readers of the ASEANSI Newsletter,

In our current capacity as the Administrative Function of ASEANSI, the National Audit Authority of Cambodia (SAI Cambodia) is having a pleasure to present the fourth volume of the ASEANSI Newsletter for 2016.

This last edition of the year 2016 highlights some main activities related to progress and activities of ASEANSI and some members of ASEAN-SAI, namely (1)ASEAN, AIPA & ASEANSI workshop in Jakarta, (2)ASEANSI booth exhibition in the XXII INCOSAI 2016 and (3)the signing ceremony protocol on amending the ASEAN-SAI agreement in Abu Dhabi, (4)the 3rd focus group discussion on audit of revenue and (5)design meeting on facilitation skills workshop for LTAPII in Malaysia, (6) workshop on the audit of public procurement in Myanmar, (7)the 2nd regional workshop on ISSAI compliance and forensic audit in Malaysia, and (8) annual meeting of INTOSAI capacity building committee and INTOSAI-Donor cooperation steering committee meeting. In this edition, also, we would like to bring you the brief background of Melaka, the historical state in Malaysia and UNESCO World Heritage Site, which you could find in the Uniqueness column.

We hope all esteem readers enjoy reading the articles and find them useful to our community. We encourage all ASEANSI members to contribute article (s) or materials to the upcoming newsletter in order to make it a better platform for sharing professional experience and exchanging information.

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## ASEANSI Booth Exhibition in the XXII INCOSAI 2016

ASEANSI establishment has been officially recognized through the status of ASEANSI as the entity associated with ASEAN, listed in the category of "other stakeholders" by the Secretary-General of ASEAN on 21 February 2013. Within its Southeast Asia scope, ASEANSI has also conducted a series of communication and visits to introduce its existence.

Within broader scope, Asia, ASEANSI have introduced its profile during the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the ASOSAI Governing Board in Jaipur, India in February



2012. Following this, ASEANSI also presented its work plan and its implementation at the 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASOSAI Governing Board in February 2013 in Manila, Philippines. ASEANSI also has the opportunity to present itself at the INTOSAI CBC Annual Meeting in Lima Peru 9-11 September 2014. In February 2015, ASEANSI has presented its activities at the 50<sup>th</sup> ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand. In 2016, the INCOSAI



XXII Meeting in Abu Dhabi has provided valuable moment for ASEANSI to show its existence in international community. ASEANSI open the booth exhibition from 6 - 11 December on the INCOSAI to promote and introduce the profile, objective, programme and achievement of ASEANSI in a broader scope of international communities.



The exhibition was supported by all ASEANSI members in which they provided activities reports, guidance that have been developed and other ASEANSI products. With the support from German Cooperation, the booth also displayed ASEANSI publication materials (i.e. organization profile leaflet, brochure Strategic Plan, newsletter, ASEANSI Book and some ASEANSIA souvenirs)■

## ASEANSI Newsletter

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## Signing Ceremony Protocol on Amending the ASEANSI Agreement

8 December 2016

On 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016, ten Head of SAs in ASEAN region signed the protocol on amending the ASEANSI Agreement as a side meeting during the XXII



INCOSAI 2016 in Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center, Abu Dhabi, United Arab

Emirates.

The amendment of ASEANSI agreement was triggered by the need of ASEANSI to have a strong Secretariat to maintain its sustainability. As a new established organization, ASEANSI should be supported by Secretariat that plays role as a driving force of the organization through knowledge management, project management, communication and administration external relation particularly with donors as well as event management.

With the signing of the amendment of Agreement, the ASEANSI Secretariat was merged becoming

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Focus Group Discussion on Audit

The 3rd FGD was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on **24-26 October 2016**. The FGD, attended by 19 participants from SAI Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, was facilitated by Mr. Paul Chai Sin Ngee, Deputy Director of Customs Audit Branch, and SAI Malaysia as Project Leader.

As agreed during 2nd FGD, SAI Malaysia has amended some paragraphs in the report to ensure a better understanding of the issues presented in the relevant country papers. On the 3rd

FGD, all participants agreed on the final draft of the guidance.

In summary, the meeting agreed on some matter, they are (1) SAI Malaysia furnished the final draft of the Revenue Audit Guidelines and sent a copy to all participating SAs; (2) The research project and the ASEANSI Revenue Audit Guidelines was presented as an output of an ASEANSI project at INCOSAI 2016 in Abu Dhabi, UAE in December 2016; (3) SAI Philippines will use the ASEANSI Revenue Audit Guidelines to develop the revenue audit training



## Design Meeting on Facilitation Skills Workshop for LTAPII (Phase 2)

Following the end of the phase 1 LTAPII, SAI Malaysia as Sub project lead of LTAPII Phase 2 together with SAI Philippines as Project lead of LTAPII, held the Design Meeting of Facilitation Skills Workshop for LTAPII from 14-24 November 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting was attended by participants from four ASEANSI member countries; SAI Indonesia, SAI Malaysia, SAI Philippines, and SAI Thailand.

The purposes of the meeting were to develop and finalize the course design and workshop materials for Facilitation Skills Workshop (FSW), to determine the agenda of FSW, to assign roles and responsibilities of course designers during FSW, and to develop criteria for participants' certification on LTAPII.

During the meeting, it was agreed upon following points:

1. Facilitators would review and give comments on all materials, and then SAI Malaysia will collect all online-comments from facilitators for the final course materials.
2. Certification program for ASEANSI LTAPII to be finished at the end of 2017.
3. Participants would draft an action plan, as one of the expected FSW output, which would be implemented in respective SAs.
4. Parties in charge with the monitoring and evaluation (money) of action plan would be the project lead, sub project leads, mentors on phase 1 and facilitators on phase 2. For phase 1,



the money will be done by evaluating the audit report conducted on phase 1; while for phase 2, the money mechanism would be discussed later.

5. After the FSW and certification process, ASEANSI would be reviewed by World Bank at the end of 2017. The review will include the achievement of 75% of certified facilitators involve in audit assignment and deliver ISSAI training as well as establishment of 2 pilot project selected in ASEANSI member countries■



## Workshop on the Audit of Public Procurement

The Training Committee led by SAI of Philippines conducted workshop on the Audit of Public Procurement held from 31 October to 6 November 2016 in Nay Phi Taw, Myanmar. This workshop used the Guideline that was developed in 2015 by Knowledge Sharing Committee. The workshop was attended by 23 participants from seven members SAI of ASEANSI and representative from ASEAN Secretariat. The workshop aimed to capacitate audit team members of participating SAs in the audit of public procurement.

Workshop was conducted using the andragogy learning method with less explanation and focused on case studies, discussions, sharing knowledge and experience of instructors and

participants related to public procurement and examination of public procurement in each country. In addition, each group made a presentation on the particular case study.

On the last day of the workshop, a Way Forward session moderated by the TC Representative and Instructor/Facilitator from SAI Philippines was conducted where participants have to submit the a) Action Plan 1 (Commitment part); b) Action Plan 2 (Commitment and Implementation parts) containing detailed audit procedures; and c) Risk Assessment Matrix. These served as the post-workshop requirements that the participants have to submit to the TC to complete the workshop and to receive the Certificates of Training■