INCOSALXXII in Abu Dhabi, United **Arab Emirates**

n the occasion of INCOSAI XXII, which was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 7 to 11 December 2016, the new Secretary General of INTOSAI, Dr. Margit Kraker, was cordi-ally welcomed to her new function. She underlined her willingness to make a positive and constructive contribution to the successful further development of INTOSAI.

The SAI of the United Arab Emirates under the leadership of its President, Dr. Harib Al Amimi, was an excellent host and organizer of this INTOSAI Congress, which takes place every three years and which, in addition to the traditional discussions in the plenary sessions, provided plentiful opportunities for individual talks and group discussions group discussions

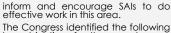
During INCOSAI XXII, the members of INTOSAI, which now has 194 full members, took numerous ground-breaking decisions, such as the:

- endorsement of the INTOSAI Strategic Plan 2017–2022, which envisages to put into practice, in a comprehensive, transporent and efficient way, the contribution of Stelen where the contribution of the envisor of the contribution. SAIs to enhancing accountability and transparency in public ad-ministration for the benefit of citizens worldwide;
- endorsement of the revised Due Process for the INTOSAI Frame-work for Professional Pronouncements:
- endorsement of the INTOSAL endorsement of the INTOSAI Framework for Professional Pro-nouncements (IFPP), which com-prises all INTOSAI products broken down by three categories: 1. INTOSAI Principles, 2 INTOSAI Standards and 3. INTOSAI Guide-lines. The IFPP replaces the former ISSAI framework;
- creation of the Forum for INTOSAI Professional Pronouncements (FIPP), the INTOSAI standardsetting body, which revises and approves professional pronounce-ments, such as the ISSAIs, accord-ing to the Due Process;
- endorsement of 30 ISSAIs and 3 INTOSAI GOVs;
- appointment of the SAIs of Ghana and Lithuania as INTOSAI's exter-nal auditors, who will audit the financial statements of INTOSAI in the General Secretariat in Vienna in early March 2017;



- endorsement of the reviewed INTOSAI Statutes, which brought about a closer alignment with the current structure, strategy and objectives in order to better meet the needs of its members and takebadar; stakeholders:
- adoption of the SAI Performance Measurement Framework (SAI
- election of the following SAIs as new or re-elected representatives in the INTOSAI Governing Board, which now consists of 20 mem-bers: Argentina, the Bahamas, Brazil, India, Peru, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia and Samaa: and Samoa;
- creation of a Regional Forum for Capacity Development in the framework of the CBC (Strategic Goal 2);
- creation of a forum for the closer cooperation of SAIs with jurisdic-tional competences;
- confirmation of the INTOSAI Community Portal with features such as communities of practice, blogs, chats, virtual meetings or interac-tive surveys; and
- approval of the 2017 priority theme "Implementation of the INTOSAI Strategic Plan 2017-2022 based on the Abu Dhabi Declara-tion, with particular focus on the 5 strategic cross-cutting priorities".

strategic cross-cutting priorities". As regards Theme I of this year's INCOSAI, which addressed the con-tribution and the role of SAIs with regard to reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the Sustaina-ble Development Goals (SDGs), the Congress identified the importance of, and interest in, undertaking audit and review work on the SDGs, and, in doing so, through four different approaches. INTOSAI plans to pro-vide regular feedback to its commu-nity on SDG-related audit issues, such a approaches. methodologies such as approaches, methodologie and results, in order to engage with



The Congress identified the following key objectives for the expert group to be addressed in the period lead-ing up to INCOSAI XXIII in 2019: · developing and delivering frame-

- works for implementing the four approaches based on SAIs' initia-tives, and a mechanism for moni-toring progress and collecting information;
- supporting the production of high-quality_SDG-related_information through these frameworks, and its sharing within the SAI community; and
- ensuring effective relations with the UN and other external part-ners, including informative and accessible reporting and maximiz-ing the value of future INTOSAI/UN symposia on the theme.

As regards Theme II of the INTOSAI Congress, professionalization, INTO-SAI's members agreed upon the fact that a decisive contribution to im-proving professionalization requires a commitment from all parts of INTO-SAI to grow the professional support available to all SAIs and their staff, thereby enabling them to deliver thereby enabling them to deliver timely, relevant high-quality prod-ucts. INTOSAI is addressing this through three major initiatives:

• enhancing INTOSAI's standard setting; • professionalization at global, re-

gional and SAI levels; and

rolling out the SAI performance measurement framework (SAI PMF).

On the last day of the Congress, the participants adopted the Abu Dhabi Declaration as the official final and outcome document

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Mandalay Center of Myanmar Culture

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The Uniqueness

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(ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions) in an Asian forum. Mrs. Som Kim Suor, Auditor General of Cambodia and Chairperson of ASEANSAI was delivered a speech to members of ASOSAI Governing Board on the activities report of ASEANSAI in 2016.

On her speech, Mrs. Som Kim Suor, conveyed the accomplishments made by ASEANSAI in 2016 related to (1) training and knowledge sharing (2) research project (3) ASEANSAI's meeting (4) communication and cooperation, and (5) publication of ASEANSAI. The highlighted activities in 2016, namely, the Long-term ASEANSAI Program on ISSAI he Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia Implementation, Workshop on Audit of Health (BPK) hosted the 51st ASOSAI Governing Service, Workshop on Public Private Partnership, Board Meeting in Bali, Indonesia from 13 to Workshop on Audit of Public Procurement, re-14 February 2017. The meeting was opened search project and develop guideline on audit of by the Chairman of BPK, Harry Azhar Azis and at- revenue, developing the draft ASEANSAI strategic tended by 11 SAIs member of ASOSAI Governing plan 2018 - 2021, signing the Protocol Amending Board, Audit Committee and the observer from the Agreement on the Establishment of ASEANSAI, China National Audit Office (CNAO), INTOSAL De- cooperation with international organization, pubvelopment Initiative (IDI) and National Audit Au- lishing newsletter and booth exhibition during the XXII INCOSAI.

Some of the issues discussed during the meeting. At the end, Mrs. Som Kim Suor emphasized that are ASOSAI financial reports 2016, preparation of the ASEANSAI will pursue the planned activities multi-year budget plan from 2018 to 2020, the re- within the strategic plan and action plans of each port ASOSAI capacity development activities; respective committee. The new strategic plan for progress reports ASOSAI strategic achievement in 2018-2021 will focus on building capacity of mem-2016-2021, ASOSAI Journal report, reports on ASO- bers according to their needs as well as the new SAI cooperation with regional organizations, as evolution especially on SAIs' contributions to the well as reports of working groups and committees UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Also, stated that ASEANSAI is committed to support In this occasion, ASEANSAI have the opportunity to the ASOSAI's activities set out in ASOSAI's strategic

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NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION



Dear Readers of the ASEANSAI Newsletter,

In our current capacity as the Administrative Function of ASEANSAI, the National Audit Authority of Cambodia (SAI Cambodia) is having a pleasure to present the first volume of the ASEANSAL Newsletter for 2017

As the first edition, the volume mentions some main events from January to March of 2017; starting from (1) ASEANSAI Activities Report at the 51st ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting, (2) ASESANSAI Activities Report for 2016, (3)The 8th ASEANSAI Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Developing the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2018-2021, (4)Trilateral Cooperation Project on Supporting ISSAI Implementation in ASEAN Region, (5)The 51st ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting (Bali, Indonesia, 13-14 Feb. 2017),(6)INCOSAI XXII in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. In this edition, also, we would like to bring you the brief historical background of Mandalay, the center of Myanmar culture, 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 ASEANSAI 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

Best regards,

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ASESANSAI Activities **Report for 2016**

SEANSAI has passed five years since its establishment. Over the years, there have been various activities undertak-en with active participation and contri-bution from all members, in which some of them are supported by development partners.

During 2016, ASEANSAI has organized many activities consisting of training and sharing knowledge forum. ASEANSAI outstanding pro-gram, called Long-term ASEANSAI Program on ISSAI Implementation (LTAPII), has entered into Phase 2. Under this phase, ASEANSAI has con-ducted Audit Review Meeting in July 2016, aiming to review the result of pilot audit and discuss the difficulties as well as challenges faced during Phase 1 and Instructor's Design Meeting in November 2016 aiming to design the course material to be delivered in 2017.

Under the sharing knowledge activities, ASEANSAI has conducted Workshop on Audit of Public Procurement in November 2016 using the guideline developed in 2015. Another activity held in 2016 was the development of guideline approximation and the provided the second guideline on gudit revenue

At international activities, ASEANSAI has a At international activities, ASEANSAI has a privilege to present its achievement at the 50th ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting both in Thailand. Further, an opportunity to introduce ASEANSAI to the INTOSAI community was held in the XXII INCOSAI Abu Dhabi by opening the ASEANSAI booth exhibition. The booth aimed to display the profile of ASEANSAI, its activities and its achievement.

Under the framework of cooperation with other stakeholders, ASEANSAL continued its relations with development partner consisting of GIZ, World Bank, and ADB as well as other interactional acceptization such as Swedish International organization such as Swell as officer International Audit Office (SNAO), ASOSAI, and INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI). The out-standing ASEANSAI achievement was the Grant Agreement signing with the World Bank on the area of establishment of ISSAI Facilita-tors Poll for ASEANSAI.

In this opportunity, I would like to highlight the strategic changes of the ASEANSAI organiza-tion structure. The signing of the protocol on amending the ASEANSAI Agreement on 8 December 2016 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, has brought ASEANSAI into single and longer term Secretariat. It is expected that the new Secretariat will be a driving force for ASEANSAI in managing all activities and the able to maintain the sustainability of ASEANSAI activities particularly related to the coopera-tion with the external parties including to the ASEAN Secretariat.

As the conclusion, I hope this report will provide an overview on the ASEANSAI activities that undertaken during 2016

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The 8th ASEANSAI Strategic Planning Committee Meeting on Developing the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2018-2021

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n the framework of 2017 workplan of Strategic Plan Committee (SPC) in particular and ASEANSAI as a whole, with the technical assistance by GIZ, the 8th SPC Meeting on developing the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan (SP) 2018 – 2021 was officially launched in Bali, Indonesia on 16 February 2017.

The meeting was attended by technical level repre-sentatives from 07 SPC members, Executive Commit-tee (National Audit Authority of Kingdom of Cambodia) and GIZ's experts. Especially, Honorable Dr. Har-ry Azhar Azis, Chairman of the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK) as the host SAI of the event, delivered a welcome speech and beat the opening gong in the opening ceremony.

On behalf of SAV's Auditor General as the Chair of SPC, Mr. Phan Truong Giang, Deputy Director Gen-eral of International Cooperation Department, gave opening remarks in which clearly mentioned the ves of the Meeting and developing the draft SP 2018 - 2021.

Trilateral Cooperation Project on Supporting ISSAI Imple-mentation in ASEAN Region

n 28 February 2017, the "Support to Financial Audit for the State Audit Organization of Lao PDR" officially launched its project Kick-Off Ceremony at Vientiane, Lao PDR. Through the Support to ASEANSAI project, Germany has been facilitating the exchange of knowledge and experiences and as well as the implementation of International Standards of Su-preme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) to enable ASEANSAI to fulfill its mandate as a regional association of SAIs in the region.

The GIZ regional project "Support to ASEANSAI", which works with the regional organization of Supreme Audit Institu-tions (SAI) initiated the trilateral project (Lao-Thai-Germany) and fund it together with the Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA). Under the

Following the working agenda, the participants fo-cused on discussion on finalizing relevant input materials for new SP development including survey ques-tionnaire results, the 2015 – 2016 results report on ASEANSAL SP implementation, ISSAL 12 Review, Benchmark with INTOSAL, ASOSAL SP in developing ASEANSAI SP 2018 – 2021; SWOT analysis of ASEANSAI SP 2014 – 2017 and particularly making contribution to the first draft SP prepared by SAV.

After 03 days of effective working (16 – 18 February 2017), with GIZ facilitators and experts' active support, the SPC members basically reached an agreement on strategic goals and objectives under the SP



To follow up the results of the meeting, the SAV will At the opening ceremony, Dr. Harry Azhar Azis em-phasized the importance of developing the SP for new period while the SP 2014 – 2017 is coming to an He also gave prominence to improving SAI's year in Cambodia and for approval at the fourth ASEANSAI Assembly in Nov in Laos. The SP 2018 – 2021 plays on important relations. capacity to enhance the accountable governance and benefit of citizens in each ASEAN country, and eventually in the ASEAN region. the fourth ASEANSAI Assembly in Nov in Laos. The SP 2018 – 2021 plays an important role as direction for ASEANSAI's activities during the new period of time.

> trilateral cooperation framework, the State Audit Organization (SAO) financial auditors of Lao PDR will carry out the activities with the support of Thai and an experts in the 3 mains areas within 2 (2017-2018) in strengthening the capacity of junior financial auditors, Development of training curricular

and courseware for junior financial auditors and Enhance the ca-pacity of SAO training centér and financial audit instructor.

On this project, Chair of Training Committee also invited as the Project Leader of Long-Term ASEANSAI Programme on ISSAI Implementation (LTAPII) to attend the kick-off meeting and join the Project Steering Committee (PSC) as the member. PSC is an advi-

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Heated discussion took place with many ASOSAI Along with the aforementioned regular agendas, member countries expressing their opinions. Look-ing back upon the case of ASEANSAI, the ASOSAI the discussions of the GBM centered on the following issues: didn't have any rules and regulations aoverning the issue of recognizing a sub-regional organiza-tion and therefore, the ASEANSAL cooperates with 1. Contribution to the SDGs in ASOSAI Strategic Plan for 2016-2021 the ASOSAI and attends the ASOSAI meetings in the capacity of an observer. In this regard, the In line with INTOSAI's efforts to contribute to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the ASOSAI Strategic Plan Management Task Force (TF) decided to include the SDGs-related ECOSAI requested ASOSAI to grant it a status of observer to participate in the ASOSAI meetings and present a report on its activities on a regular activities into the ASOSAI Strategic Plan. More precisely, the TF decided to add in its 2017 matter involving revision of ASOSAI Charter as Annual Operational Plan under the 'Strategic well as its Rules and Regulations, it was decided Goal 2 Enhance Knowledge Sharing among Member SAIs' that ASOSAI will start creating the that the Secretariat will first carry out review on the ASOSAI Charter and regulations, and consult Community of Practice (CoP) on the INTOSALKSC with the Board members to put up a written pro--IDI Community Portal to intensify discussion on posal at the next GBM for a final decision. SDGs and carry out one activity in 2017. In addi-5 Nominating a candidate SAL for bosting the Nominating a candidate SAI for hosting the tion, the ASOSAI GB decided to join the regional 15th Assembly and the Secretary General roll-out of IDI's SDG program.

In regards to ASOSAI-EUROSAI Cooperation, EUwith ASOSAI, proposing more practical coopera-tion framework and activities between the two 2021. Regional Organization by changing the scope of participants; frequency and mode of cooperation: and the utilization of the cooperation results.

The 51st ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting (Bali, Indonesia, 13-14 Feb. 2017)

February, 2017. A total number of 69 dele-gates (Governing Board and Audit Committee member SAIs, and Observers) participated in the meeting and discussed key agendas for the The date for the 14th ASOSAI Assembly was an-

The 51st GBM, hosted by the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia, adopted the reports on regular agendas, which include: the ASOSAI financial statement for FY 2016, formulation of the **4. Matter of Recognizing ECOSAL as a sub-**multi-year budget plan for 2018-2020, revised **regional group of ASOSAL** budget plan for 2017, the Evaluation for 2016 As the Secretariat of ECOSAL the SAL of Pakistan Annual Operational Plan, the 2017 Annual Operational Plan, ASOSAI e-Journal, and capacity development activities.

2. ASOSAI-EUROSAI Cooperation

Taking into account the ASOSAI GB's opinions, the Secretariat made the following suggestions candidate for the Secretary General. for the ASOSAI-EUROSAI Joint Conference.

• The ASOSAI-EUROSAI Joint Conference keeps its regular periodicity of three years.

• The Conference is to be composed of vari- pines obtained 2 votes.) ous sessions designed for different levels of participants.

Information and experiences that would help raise mutual understanding are to be shared as the first step to identify common interests and needs.

Discussion should be held to draft a manual to prepare for ASOSAI-EUROSAI Joint Conference.

In addition, the ASOSAI GB agreed to the Secre-tariat's suggestion that the 3rd ASOSAI-EUROSAI Joint Conference be held in the first quarter of

The 51st ASOSAI Governing Board Meeting 2018. The venue of the Joint Conference is to be (GBM) was held in Bali, Indonesia on 13-14 decided by the EUROSAI Governing Board.

3. Preparation for the 14th Assembly of ASOSAI in 2018

nounced to be held 16-22 September 2018. The opening ceremony will take place on 19 September 2018 at Vietnam National Conventional Centre

As the Secretariat of ECOSAI, the SAI of Pakistan reported on recognizing ECOSAI as a sub-regional group of ASOSAI.

The SAIs of the Philippines and Thailand informed the Secretariat of their intention to run for the host of the 15th Assembly to be held in 2021 while the ROSAI shared the discussion of its GBM in 2016 SAI of China expressed its intention to run for the

> As per the established selection procedures, the ASOSAI Secretariat asked the Board to contemplate the competency of the SAI of China for the post and the SAI of China was nominated as the

> Meanwhile, for the post of hosting the 15th As-sembly, the SAI of Thailand was elected as the nominee by obtaining 9 votes. (The SAI of Philip-

Establishment of selection procedures for the ASOSAI Journal Editor

At the last GBM held in February 2016, it was decided that the ASOSAI Journal Editor sit on the ASOSAI Governing Board as an ex-officio member. The Secretariat raised suggestions on selection proce-dures of the ASOSAI Journal Editor and it was approved by the Board

(Source: ASOSAI Website)