

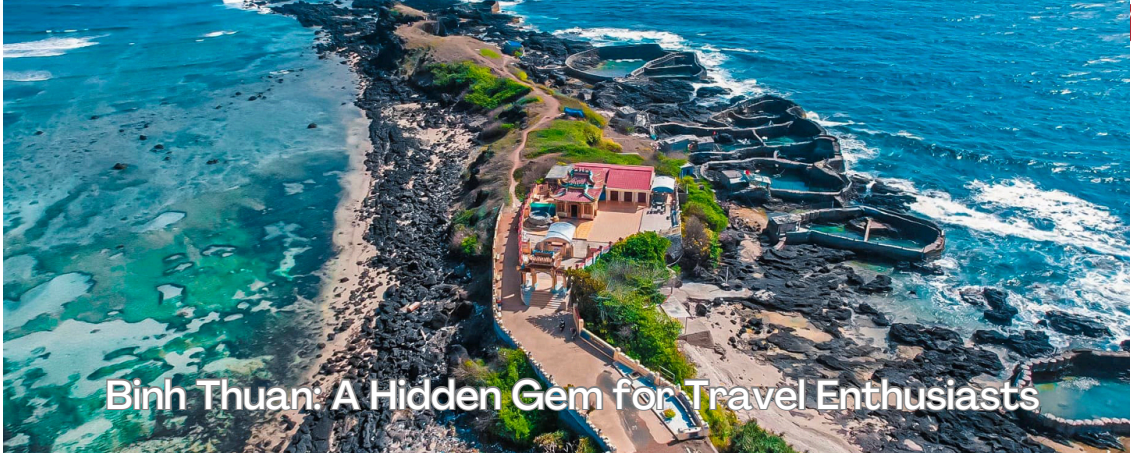
Workshop on Audit for ASEAN Countries: Key Takeaways from China

The Workshop on Audit for ASEAN Countries, led by the China National Audit Office (CNAO), showcased advanced audit practices. The workshop held from October 21-30, 2024, in China. The workshop was attended by 29 delegates from 9 member SAIs of ASEANSAI, with the support from CNAO. Participants explored China’s auditing innovations through presentations, industrial visits in Nanjing and Xi’an, and a visit to the Shan’xi Provincial Audit Office. The event strengthened networks between SAI from ASEAN countries and Chinese Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs). Key insights from the workshop included CNAO’s research-based audits, spanning 3–6 months for comprehensive reviews, and its subject-based audit divisions specializing in natural resources and social security. CNAO’s 30 out-posted offices enhance oversight, while local audit institutions operate independently but report hierarchically to CNAO. Tenure-based audits to assess public officials and CNAO’s unique National Audit Standard were notable practices that could inspire improvements in other SAIs.



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Binh Thuan: A Hidden Gem for Travel Enthusiasts

1. Bai Rang – A Coastal Symphony of Nature and Luxury

Just 15 kilometers northeast of Phan Thiet City, Bai Rang is a harmonious blend of luxurious resorts and rustic fishing villages. The beach stretches with soft, golden sand that feels like silk beneath your feet. Adding to its charm are rows of coconut trees swaying gently along the dunes, creating a picturesque escape where serenity meets sophistication.

2. Mui Ne Sand Dunes – A Canvas of Shifting Beauty

Dubbed the "Flying Sand Dunes," Mui Ne offers an ever-changing landscape of endless sandy waves. Located conveniently within Phan Thiet City, these dunes span kilometers and transform their shape with every whisper of the wind. Wake early for a sunrise stroll or arrive in the golden hour of late afternoon to marvel at the surreal beauty of this natural wonder.

3. Hon Rom – Where Time Stands Still

About 28 kilometers from Phan Thiet, Hon Rom is a coastal treasure waiting to be explored. Its pristine beaches, adorned with fine, golden sand, reflect the unique character of the Phan Thiet coastline. As the sun rises or sets, the scenery transforms into a living painting, making Hon Rom an unforgettable destination for photographers and nature lovers alike.

Why Binh Thuan Should Be on Your Travel List

Binh Thuan is more than a destination; it’s an experience that captivates your senses and soothes your soul. Whether you're seeking relaxation on tranquil beaches, adventure amidst unique landscapes, or a deep dive into cultural heritage, this province has it all.

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ASEANSAI Workshop on Environmental Management and Protection in Industrial Clusters and Craft Villages



State Audit of Vietnam hosted a Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Environmental Management and Protection in Industrial Clusters and Craft Villages on November 5-6, 2024. The event brought together 37 participants from seven SAIs, alongside representatives from Nam Dinh and Ha Tinh provinces, aiming to strengthen knowledge exchange in environmental auditing. Participants explored audit methodologies through presentations, panel discussions, group activities, and field observations, including topic selection, planning, reporting, and monitoring recommendations. The workshop offered valuable insights into auditing the craft industry, promoting sustainable practices, and enhancing collaboration among ASEANSAI members.

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Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to present the fourth volume of the ASEANSAI Newsletter for 2024. This edition showcases updates and highlights of ASEANSAI's activities from October to December 2024.


Among the features, you'll find insights into the ASEANSAI KSC Workshop on Environmental Management and Protection in Industrial Clusters and Craft Villages and the productive visit of the Swedish National Audit Office to the ASEANSAI Secretariat, fostering strengthened collaboration.

Our Uniqueness Column highlights Binh Thuan, a captivating hidden gem for travel enthusiasts in Vietnam. It offers a glimpse into its charm and allure.

As always, we welcome submissions from ASEANSAI members in articles, special reports, news updates, or other materials relevant to ASEANSAI's work. Please feel free to share your contributions with us at aseansai@bpk.go.id.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. Happy reading!

Warm Regards,
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SAI Thailand's Role in Climate Adaptation: Addressing Challenges Through Performance Audits (2022-2024)

From 2022 to 2024, the State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand (SAI Thailand) conducted groundbreaking environmental performance audits to address the nation's pressing climate adaptation challenges. Thailand faces severe risks from climate change, including floods, droughts, coastal erosion, and air pollution, which threaten ecosystems, livelihoods, and economic stability. Through these audits, SAI Thailand enhanced accountability, transparency, and alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By leveraging advanced technologies like Geographic Information Systems (GIS), drones, and big data analytics, the audits provided precise evaluations while incorporating community participation to address local needs effectively.

SAI Thailand's audits covered critical projects such as wastewater management, mangrove restoration, and air pollution mitigation. The audit of the Wastewater Management Project in Khon Kaen Municipality exposed inefficiencies in treatment infrastructure and environmental compliance, resulting in improved water quality and alignment with SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).

Mangrove restoration efforts tackled issues like unsuitable planting sites and overlapping land claims, prompting GIS-based monitoring and enhanced collaboration among stakeholders. These reforms strengthened biodiversity protection and carbon sequestration, advancing SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 14 (Life Below Water). Addressing air pollution caused by burnt sugarcane farming, SAI Thailand recommended stricter penalties, mechanized harvesting incentives, and expanded biomass utilization, leading to reduced pollution and improved public health.

Urban sustainability audits revealed gaps in waste management and green city initiatives. In Nakhon Ratchasima, reforms in recycling and community engagement improved waste segregation, contributing to SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities) and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption). By addressing systemic challenges and fostering innovation, SAI Thailand has set a global benchmark for climate adaptation auditing, paving the way for a sustainable and resilient future.

SAI Myanmar hosted ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Workshop on the Audit of the SDGs Implementation: Cooperative Audit Projects

As part of the ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Work Plan 2024–2025, aligned with Strategic Goal No. 2 of the ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2022–2025, the Office of the Auditor General of the Union of Myanmar (SAI Myanmar) hosted the virtual “ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Workshop on the Audit of SDGs Implementation: Cooperative Audit Projects” on September 25–26, 2024. The workshop welcomed 26 participants from ASEANSAI member organizations.

The event opened with remarks from H.E. Dr. Khin Naing Oo, Union Auditor General of SAI Myanmar, and H.E. Datuk Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi, Chairman of the ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Committee and Auditor General of SAI Malaysia, both delivered via pre-recorded messages. Their speeches emphasized the importance of collective efforts in auditing SDGs implementation to enhance public sector accountability.

The two-day workshop featured presentations by SAI Myanmar on SDGs Implementation

audits, using IDI's SDGs Audit Model (ISAM) to explain audit processes, tools, and key findings from their Cooperative Audit Projects.

SAI Indonesia, SAI Malaysia, and SAI Thailand shared insights on topics like SDGs governance, forestry management, and an advanced 8Es framework for SDGs audits. Interactive discussions, Q&A sessions, and group exercises fostered collaboration and knowledge exchange among participants.

This workshop strengthened ASEANSAI members' capacity in SDGs auditing, advancing regional cooperation, enhancing accountability, and promoting sustainable development across the ASEAN region.

