## Commission on Audit Welcomes ASEANSAI Delegates to the 8th Senior Officials' Meeting

The Commission on Audit, as Chairperson of ASEANSAI, hosted the 8th ASEANSAI Senior Officials' Meeting on 9 to 10 July 2025, preceded by a Preparatory Meeting on 8 July at the Savoy Hotel Manila. Attended by 27 senior representatives from ten member SAIs, the meeting—led by Mr. Yudi Ramdan of the Audit Board of Indonesia, Acting Head of the ASEANSAI Secretariat—discussed strategic issues related to the preparation for the upcoming ASEANSAI Summit.

Opening remarks from COA Commissioner Mario G. Lipana, who underscored the essential role of SAIs in advancing integrity and public trust. He reaffirmed ASEANSAI's vision to be a trusted, dynamic, and professional organization that upholds good governance in ASEAN. He noted that the SOM serves as a platform to review progress and strengthen cooperation for future initiatives.

Delegates finalized the draft ASEANSAI Strategic Plan 2026–2029, Rules and Procedures, and the Competency-based Learning and Development Framework. They also reviewed the Committees' Work Plans 2026–2027 and confirmed the 8th ASEANSAI Summit, to be hosted by SAI Singapore with SAI Thailand as Vice Chair. Other discussions covered financial reports, budget planning, and continued collaboration with development partners.

The SOM concluded with remarks from Assistant Commissioner Lito Q. Martin (SAI Philippines), who emphasized ASEANSAI's enduring spirit of collaboration.

A pre-handover chairmanship meeting followed, during which the ASEANSAI Commemoration Book 2023–2025, transition arrangements, and symbolic handovers of the ASEANSAI Constituents were discussed.

*(Commission on Audit of the Republic of the Philippines)*

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to present the third volume of the ASEANSAI Newsletter for 2025, highlighting key activities and achievements from July to September 2025. As the new Head of Secretariat, I am honored to continue this platform that showcases our shared commitment and collaboration.

This edition features the 8th Senior Officials' Meeting, the Workshop on Strengthening Budget Credibility through External Audits, and SAI Vietnam's initiatives to combat corruption and waste. It also highlights the Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Public Debt Audit and introduces Maratua Island, one of Indonesia's hidden gems.

We sincerely thank all member SAIs for their continued cooperation and contributions. We welcome submissions for future issues, such as articles, updates, or special features highlighting your institution's experiences and innovations at aseansai@bpk.go.id.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to working together to advance our shared vision for ASEANSAI.

**Warm Regards,**
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## ASEANSAI Workshop: Strengthening the Role of External Audits in Ensuring Budget Credibility

The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK) hosted the ASEANSAI Workshop on Strengthening Budget Credibility through External Audits from September 16 to 19, 2025, at BPK's Training and Education Center in Jakarta. The workshop enhanced participants' understanding of the vital role of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) in assessing and auditing their governments' budget credibility.

Auditors from seven member SAIs, along with representatives from partner organizations, including IFES, the International Budget Partnership (IBP), AHA Center, ASEAN-PAC, and the ASEAN Center for Energy, actively participated and contributed to the discussions during the event. Resource persons from SAI Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia facilitate interactive sessions on audit methodologies, planning, and reporting.

A panel discussion featuring speakers from Indonesia's Ministry of Finance, IBP, and BPK explored practical strategies to strengthen budget credibility through effective planning, implementation, monitoring, and audit. Through this workshop, ASEANSAI reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing the impact of external audits across member SAIs.

*( The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia)*

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## SAI Vietnam Reinforces Efforts to Combat Corruption and Waste

The State Audit Office of Vietnam (SAV) views the prevention and fight against corruption and waste as both its core mission and fundamental mandate. This role is clearly defined in the 2013 Constitution, the Law on State Audit, and related legal documents. Between 2020 and 2025, the SAV transferred 17 cases with signs of criminal violations to the Police Investigation Agency and provided 1,851 audit files, reports, and documents to support investigation, inspection, and supervision by competent authorities.

Through its audit work, the SAV has uncovered various instances of inefficiency and waste in public finance management. These include delayed or excessive budget allocations, spending without clear purposes or sufficient conditions, and investment in projects outside approved plans or beyond actual needs. Such findings have led to financial adjustments worth billions of USD, holding organizations and individuals accountable, and enabling corrective actions that prevent further violations.

Beyond detecting and addressing irregularities, the SAV has also recommended the amendment or repeal of outdated laws and regulations to close policy gaps and strengthen financial discipline. These actions have reinforced fiscal integrity, improved the efficiency of public resource management, and affirmed the SAV's vital role in promoting transparency, accountability, and sustainability within Vietnam's financial system.

*(State Audit Office of Vietnam)*

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## Discovering Maratua Island

Maratua Island, part of the Derawan Islands in East Kalimantan, Indonesia, is a crescent-shaped tropical paradise celebrated for its turquoise waters, white sandy beaches, and rich marine biodiversity. Surrounded by vibrant coral reefs teeming with turtles, manta rays, and colorful fish, it offers exceptional diving and snorkeling experiences. Beyond its natural allure, the island's fishing villages showcase the warmth of local life and culture, while its tranquil setting makes it a perfect destination for relaxation and eco-tourism.

*( The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia)*

## ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Public Debt Audit

The ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Committee (KSC) successfully held the ASEANSAI Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Public Debt Audit on 26 to 28 August 2025 in Manila, hosted by the Commission on Audit of the Philippines.

The workshop gathered participants from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, and experts from the Swedish National Audit Office (Swedish NAO). This event served as a platform to exchange knowledge, strengthen auditing skills, and promote fiscal transparency and accountability across the region.

H.E. Dato' Seri Wan Suraya Wan Mohd Radzi, Auditor General of Malaysia and Chair of ASEANSAI KSC, officiated the event whilst emphasizing the vital role of SAIs in promoting prudent borrowing, fiscal discipline, and responsible public debt management.

Guided by INTOSAI GUID 5250 and ISSAI 100, the sessions focused on integrating financial, compliance, and performance perspectives in public debt audits. Member SAIs shared their legal frameworks, debt portfolios, and audit experiences, while group exercises facilitated peer learning and alignment with international standards.

Key takeaways emphasized the need to integrate audit approaches, link debt audits with financial statements, enhance the use of IT and data analytics, and sustain knowledge exchange among ASEAN SAIs. The event concluded with a Wrap-Up attended by representatives from the Training Committee, the ASEANSAI Secretariat, and the Swedish NAO, to evaluate the workshop outcomes and discuss follow-up plans for future activities on public debt audit.

*(Jabatan Audit Negara Malaysia)*