

Strengthening ASEANSai Collaboration: Key Events Hosted by SAI Singapore



In November 2025, SAI Singapore hosted three major ASEANSai events that brought together regional and international stakeholders to advance public sector auditing and governance across the ASEAN region.

The flagship event, the 8th ASEANSai Summit, was held on 13 November 2025 and was attended by 81 delegates from 15 countries, representing all 10 ASEANSai members as well as partner SAIs and organisations from outside the region. The Summit also marked the first participation of SAI Timor-Leste following its admission into ASEAN.

The Summit was officially opened by Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National Development, as Guest of Honour. A key highlight was the leadership transition within ASEANSai, with SAI Singapore assuming the Chairmanship for the 2025-2027 term and SAI Thailand taking on the role of Vice Chair. Delegates approved several strategic decisions, including the ASEANSai Annual Results Report 2025, the ASEANSai Strategic Plan 2026-2029, and the appointment of Committee Chairpersons, reinforcing ASEANSai's forward-looking agenda.



Complementing the Summit, the ASEANSai Secretariat convened the Development Partners Coordination Meeting on 12 November 2025 to strengthen alignment and cooperation with key development partners. At the same time, the inaugural Young Leaders' Programme was held, providing a dedicated platform for young SAI auditors across ASEANSai country members to exchange ideas, share innovations in public sector auditing, and build networks for the future, contributing to long term capacity development within the ASEANSai community.

(Auditor-General's Office of Singapore)



Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to share the fourth volume of the ASEANSai Newsletter 2025, featuring key activities and achievements from October to December. As the Secretariat, we remain committed to developing this platform to share progress, strengthen collaboration, and reflect our collective commitment across the ASEANSai community.

This edition highlights major regional events hosted by SAI Singapore, Viet Nam's State Audit's plan to implement 132 audit tasks in 2026, the designation of Hin Nam No National Park as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and ongoing cooperative research to advance SAIs toward digital organizations.

We thank all member SAIs for their continued support and contributions. Submissions for future editions are welcome at aseansai@bpk.go.id.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration in advancing ASEANSai's shared vision.

Warm Regards,

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Driving Accountability at Scale: Viet Nam’s State Audit Sets 132 Audit Tasks in 2026

In 2026, the State Audit Office of Viet Nam (SAV) will implement an audit programme comprising 132 audit tasks, reflecting its commitment to fulfilling its legal mandate. The plan aligns with the National Assembly’s supervision priorities, supports effective State budget management, and emphasises institutional independence, strict legal compliance, avoidance of overlap with inspection activities, and minimal disruption to audited entities.

State budget oversight remains a core focus. SAV will audit the 2025 State budget final accounts and public debt report, along with the budget final accounts of selected ministries, central agencies, provinces, and centrally governed cities. At the local level, audits will cover local budgets and final accounts, and SAV will provide professional opinions on the 2027 State budget estimates and the central budget allocation plan.

In addition, SAV will conduct performance, environmental, and IT audits addressing key governance priorities, including climate change, banking supervision, digital public services, digital transformation, and healthcare for senior citizens. The plan also includes large-scale thematic audits on public healthcare procurement and tax administration, including those mandated by the National Assembly.

The programme further covers major public investment projects, state-owned and partially State-owned entities, financial institutions, and the defense, security, and Party-affiliated sectors, aiming to strengthen transparency, accountability, and sound management of public finances and public assets.

(State Audit Office of Viet Nam)

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Hin Nam No National Park: A New UNESCO World Heritage Jewel in Southeast Asia

Hin Nam No National Park is a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site – recognized as a transboundary extension of Vietnam’s Phong Nha – Ke Bang National Park. This historic decision was made at the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris on July 13, 2025.

Hin Nam No National Park is a natural marvel that spans an area of 94,121 hectares in southeastern Laos. This biodiverse and stunningly beautiful protected zone shelters some of the planet’s most spectacular, mysterious, and highly threatened biodiversity and harbors an array of ecosystems, including pristine forests, majestic waterfalls, and intricate cave systems such as the Xe Bang Fai Cave, the largest documented active cave river in the world. Hin Nam No sits in the middle of the rugged Central Annamite Mountains that form the border between Vietnam and Laos. It shares its eastern border with the Natural World Heritage site “Phong Nha-Ke Bang” of Vietnam, and together, they form the world’s largest contiguous limestone karst landscapes.

The name “Hin Nam No” translates as “mountain crest, spiky as bamboo shoots” and is a testament to this rugged limestone forest landscape’s signature sharp spires, formed by 300 million years of geology.



Hin Nam No’s to-date recorded 173 caves, and its spectacular steep cliffs that reach up to 300 meters form secluded, isolated habitats deep inside caves or in secluded valleys where animal species could evolve largely isolated from other populations. Hence, one of the defining features of Hin Nam No National Park is its high level of biodiversity. The park is home to an incredible range of species, including many that are found nowhere else on earth. These include rare and exotic birds, mammals, reptiles, and plants, making the area a true natural treasure.

But the park is not only a place of natural wonders. It is also a site of cultural and historical significance. The park is home to several ethnic minority groups, each with their own unique traditions, customs, and ways of life. Come witness the rich cultural heritage of these communities and the deep connection between people and nature.

(State Audit Organization of Lao PDR)

Cooperative Research Spotlight: SAIs in ASEAN Moving Forward to a Digital Organization



As governments increasingly rely on digital services and data-driven platforms, SAIs must adapt their audit approaches to remain relevant and effective.

The ASEANSAI cooperative research, SAIs in ASEAN: Moving Forward to a Digital Organisation, offers practical guidance grounded in shared regional experience. It underscores that digital transformation extends beyond technology adoption and requires institution-wide change, including strategic alignment, process redesign, strengthened governance, and sustained investment in people. Technology delivers value only when aligned with clear objectives such as enhancing audit quality, responsiveness, integrity, and public trust.

The research also notes a shift from auditing individual entities to auditing interconnected systems and digital ecosystems. This evolution demands new audit methodologies, enhanced competencies, and reliable data access, particularly as digital risks grow and require more timely and insightful assurance.



Key outcomes include:

- A transition from entity-based audits to audits of connected systems and ecosystems.
- Recognition of data access, data governance, and cybersecurity as core prerequisites for auditability.
- Practical outputs to support both leaders and practitioners.
- Stronger knowledge sharing across ASEANSAI, reducing trial and error and accelerating collective progress.

Overall, the research offers a structured regional pathway to support SAIs in implementing digital transformation in line with their mandates and institutional capacities.

(State Audit Office of the Kingdom of Thailand)