National Anti-Drugs Agency (NADA) of Malaysia hosted the 10th ASEAN Airport Interdiction Task Force Meeting (AAITF) via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic on 15 December 2020 at 9:00 a.m. (Malaysia local time).

The meeting was opened and chaired by Datuk Seri Zulkifli Abdullah, Director General of NADA and was attended by members of the Airport Interdiction Task Force, law enforcement officials from all ASEAN Member States as well as a representative of ASEAN Secretariat. Also, a representative from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) attended the open session with Dialogue Partners and External Parties.

ASEAN Member States exchanged and discussed their national drug situations, drug-related seizures at airports, drug control approaches, and recommendations for future cooperation among ASEAN Member States. The pandemic caused the decrease of drug trafficking at airports, but drug trafficking via postal service was significantly increased during the lockdown. Moreover, ASEAN Member States would be using WhatsApp application for the purpose of information/intelligence sharing and gave the priority to the training programmes for law enforcement officers at international airports of ASEAN Member States in order to improve their skills and capabilities. Affected by COVID-19 lockdown, Thailand would launch the AAITF website manual to all ASEAN Member States instead of arranging the AAITF website training in Thailand. Republic of the Union of Myanmar will host the next AAITF meeting in 2021: The 11th AAITF Meeting.

The meeting was concluded with spirit of ASEAN cooperation and commitment to fight against illicit drugs to keep ASEAN safe from drug threat.

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