



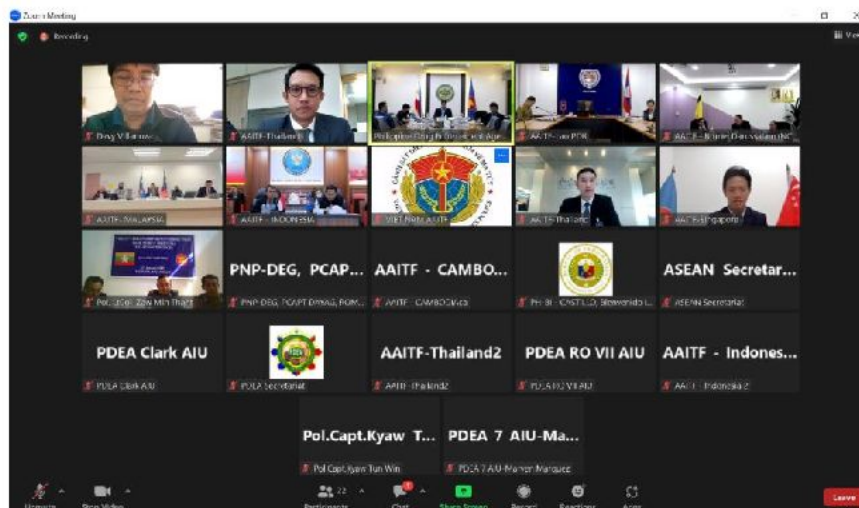
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The 12th ASEAN Airport Interdiction Task Force (AAITF) Meeting on 31st January 2023

The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) hosted the 12th ASEAN Airport Interdiction Task Force (AAITF) Meeting on 31st January 2023 via video conference.



The meeting was opened and chaired by Director III Emerson R. Rosales, Regional Director/Task Group Commander, Ninoy Aquino International Airport-Interagency Drug Interdiction Task Force (NAIA-IADTG). The meeting was attended by ten ASEAN Member States and representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat.





During the meeting, all participants exchanged the drug situation, especially the illicit drug trafficking via the international airports and drug seizures at international airports of each ASEAN Member States. Thailand informed the meeting that Thailand had produced the Concept Paper for the establishment of the AAITF System which was adopted ad referendum by ASEAN Member States on 16 September 2022. Plus, Thailand completed the development of AAITF system and would finalise it in February 2023 before generating usernames and passwords for ASEAN Member States to do a trial run in March 2023.

The meeting agreed to the rapid cooperation among the AAITF by utilising WhatsApp application in exchanging real-time information. In 2023, Singapore offered to host the 13th AAITF. As a result, the meeting was concluded with the warm and stable friendship of ASEAN Member States.