

The 16th ASEAN Drug Monitoring Network Meeting

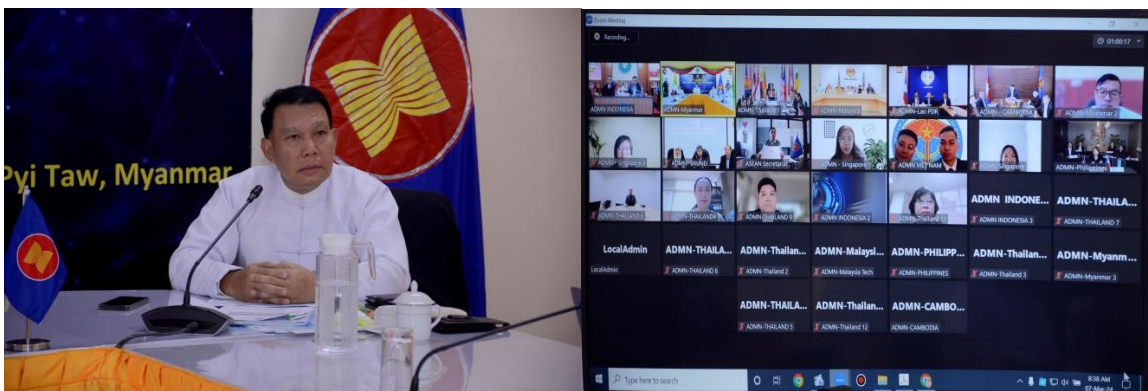


The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), Ministry of Home Affairs of Myanmar hosted the 16th ASEAN Drug Monitoring Network Meeting on 7 March 2024 online via video conference in cooperation with Thailand acting as a co-chair. The meeting was attended by ASEAN Drug Monitoring Network representatives from ASEAN Member States. The meeting focused on information sharing about illicit drug situation in the region pertinent to the development of ASEAN Drug Monitoring (ADM) Report 2023 and to discuss on data inputs to the ADM Report System.



In the opening session, Pol. Col. Kyaw Kyaw Han, Deputy Commander of Drug Enforcement Division addressed the opening of the meeting. He expressed the concern about the drug problem that has remained as a significant threat to all our countries. As technology advances, so do the techniques of drug manufacturing, and trafficking methods, presenting new challenges in recent times. Drug trafficking activities are somehow related to terrorism, arm smuggling, money laundering and the expansion of their network on transnational organized crimes are also becoming a great deal of challenge for socio-economic, government administration, state development and stability of every country.

Ms. Rachanikorn Sarasir, Director of ASEAN Narcotics Cooperation Center, ASEAN-NARCO presented the achievement of the ADMN in the previous years and the ADMN work plan for 2024-2025 to be adopted by the AMS including the progress of the ADM Report System development for more convenient and effective data entry.



The meeting was informed that the overall regional drug situation of all ASEAN members' states and also group discussion on data management to input into the ADM Report System. Moreover, the chairman also expressed appreciation to Thailand for accepting to host the next the 17th ADMN Meeting via online platform in August 2024.