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## The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Drug Monitoring Network Meeting (ADMN)

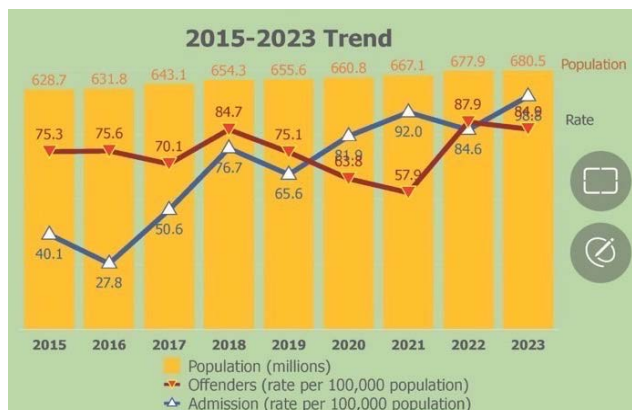
on Wednesday 17 July 2024.



The Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) of Thailand hosted the virtual 17th ASEAN Drug Monitoring Network Meeting (ADMN) on Wednesday 17 July 2024. The meeting aimed to exchange and analyze the illicit drug situation in the region for the first half of 2024 (January - June 2024) which is highly beneficial in shaping effective policies to address the future drug problem in the ASEAN region. The participants included delegates from ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat.



Mr. Thanakorn Kaiyanunta, Senior Narcotics Control Advisor of ONCB, presided over the Meeting. His Opening Remarks focus on the drug situation in ASEAN. He also expressed appreciation for the collaborative efforts of ASEAN Member States in addressing drug-related issues and underscored the ongoing partnership of all countries under the ADMN project. This collaboration significantly contributed to the successful preparation of ASEAN Drug Monitoring Reports.



The presentation of the drug situation in ASEAN Member States revealed that although the number of drug-related cases and offenders has decreased, the volume of seized drugs has increased, particularly Amphetamine-Type Stimulants (ATS). The forms of drugs have also evolved to make consumption easier and more addictive. Moreover, several countries have reported a rise in drug smuggling via maritime routes.

The Draft ASEAN Drug Monitoring Report 2023 (ADM Report 2023) was presented at the meeting by Associate Professor Dr. Manop Kanato and his team from Thailand Substance Abuse Academic Network. They also provided an update on the status of data inputs for Chapters 3-5 and the Annex of the report. ASEAN Member States were encouraged to submit the data by the end of July 2024 to finalize the ADM Report 2023 before its official launch at the 45th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD) in October 2024.

The Philippines will host the 18th ADMN in March 2025.