

## Lao PDR hosted online the 42<sup>nd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters.

Lao PDR by Lao National Commission for Drug Control and Supervision (LCDC) hosted online the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters via video conference on 14 September 2021 in Vientiane. The opening of meeting was presided over by H.E. Police Major General Khamking Phuillamanyvong, Director-General of General Police Department, Ministry of Public Security.



The meeting was attended by heads of ASOD leaders, representatives of ASEAN Member States as well as representatives from ASEAN Secretariat. Inspector General Police Puji Sarwono, Deputy for Legal Affairs and Cooperation, Head of Indonesia Delegation, previous Chair of ASOD delivered the address to transfer the Chairmanship to Police Major General Inpong Chantavongsa, Secretary-General of LCDC to chair the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters.



Police Major General Inpong Chantavongsa, Chair of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASOD Meeting



Inspector General Police Puji Sarwono, Head of Indonesia Delegation

The meeting followed up the progress made by ASEAN Member States on drug control and exchanged view on international, regional and National efforts in combating illicit drugs amidst COVID-19 in each ASEAN Member States. The meeting discussed on the result of the Mid-Term Review of ASEAN Work Plan on Securing ASEAN Communities Against Illicit Drugs 2016-2025 undertaken by Indonesia and the result of the Mid-Term Review

of ASEAN Cooperation Plan to Tackle Illicit Drug Production and Trafficking in the Golden Triangle 2020-2022 undertaken by Thailand. The meeting took note of the silent outcomes of the 41<sup>th</sup> ASOD Meeting hosted by Indonesia, the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Airport Interdiction Task Force (AAITF) hosted by Malaysia, the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Seaport Interdiction Task Force (ASITF) hosted by Brunei Darussalam. The meeting also was informed of the implementation of Activities done by ASEAN-Narcotics Cooperation Centre, particularly, the presentation of ASEAN Drug Monitoring Report 2020 as well as the updates on matters related to the 64<sup>th</sup> session of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) by Thailand

Cambodia informed the meeting on the preparation to host the 7<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters on 13-14 October 2021 in Phnom Penh.



Police General Meas Vyrith, Secretary-General, NACD, Cambodia, Head of Cambodia Delegation.

Malaysia offered to host the 43<sup>rd</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters in 2022



Mr. Sutekno Ahmad Belon, Director General, NADA, Malaysia, Head of Malaysia Delegation.

The meeting concluded with ASEAN spirit of cooperation and aspiration for drug-free ASEAN.

