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Lao PDR hosted the 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters in Vientiane on 11 August 2023



The 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (8th AMMD) was held on 11 August 2023 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. His Excellency Police General Vilay Lakhamphong, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Security, Lao PDR chaired the opening and the meeting of the 8th AMMD. The Meeting was attended by Ministers responsible for drug matters of ASEAN Member States and the Secretary-General of ASEAN. The Meeting also welcomed the participation of the representatives of Timor-Leste for the first time at the AMMD meeting as observer.



During the Opening Ceremony, The ASEAN Drug Monitoring (ADM) Report 2022 was officially launched by heads of delegations of ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat.



The Meeting discussed the progress of the implementation of the ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities Against Illicit Drugs 2016-2025 and emphasized the importance of addressing and mitigating the impact of emerging challenges arising from the current illicit drugs situation in the region. The Ministers also reaffirmed its strong commitment to strengthen the role of the AMMD in coordinating a coherent, comprehensive, and effective ASEAN strategy in the realization of a Drug-Free ASEAN.



The Ministers adopted the Joint ASEAN Statement that would be delivered by Lao PDR at the High-Level Segment at the 67th session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs (the 67th CND).

The Ministers welcomed the offer by the Philippines to host the 9th AMMD in 2025. The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality, in keeping with ASEAN's journey towards a region of "One Vision, One Identity, One Community".