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**The 3rd Meeting of the AIPA
(ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly)
Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD 3)
29 June 2020, Hanoi, Viet Nam**



The 3rd Meeting of AIPA (ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly) Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs (AIPACODD 3) was held online for the first time in virtual format due to the pandemic of COVID-19 on 29 June 2020 with the theme of “Turning Words into Actions towards a Drug Free ASEAN Community”. The meeting was hosted by the National Assembly of Viet Nam and chaired by H.E. Madame Nguyen Thuy Anh, Member of Parliament of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. The meeting was attended by the AIPA Secretary-General and representatives from AIPA member parliaments, international organizations and ASEAN Member States



H.E. Madame Tong Thi Phong

The meeting was opened by H.E. Madame Tong Thi Phong, Vice National Assembly Chairwoman of Viet Nam. In her opening remarks, H.E. Madame Tong Thi Phong said non-traditional security threats like environmental pollution, cybercrime, food and water resources insecurity, epidemics, and especially drugs are not only urgent but also long-term issues facing region and the world as a whole.



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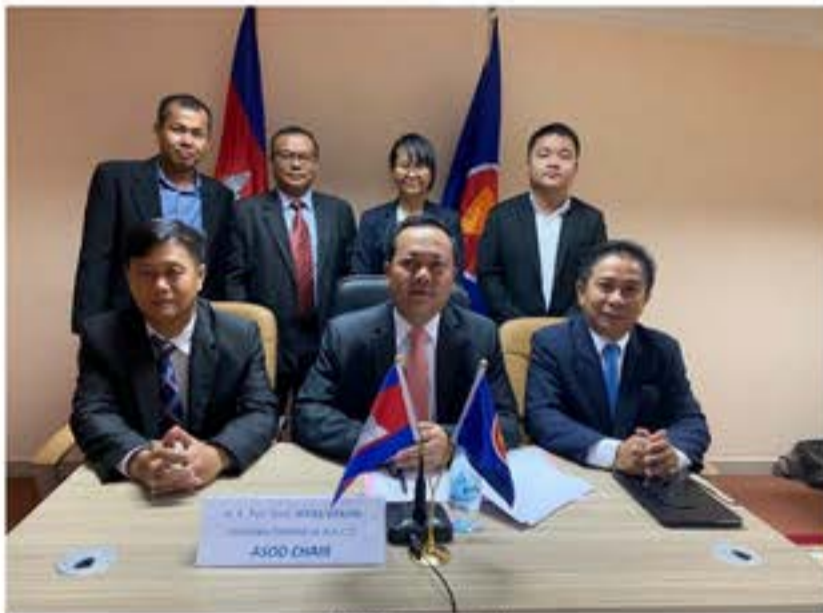
The meeting shared and updated information on drug situation and control efforts in ASEAN region, particular the situation during the pandemic of COVID-19. In addition, Cambodia as the Chair of the 40th ASOD was invited to present the drug situation and control efforts in the region while UNODC was invited to share the information on the world and regional drug situation.



ASEAN Member States



In the Meeting



ASOD Cambodia



Representative from UNODC



Delegation from Thailand (incl. ONCB)

The meeting adopted the resolution entitled “Turning Words into Actions Towards a Drug-Free ASEAN Community” which reaffirmed the disapproval of legalization of drug use for non-medical and scientific use and focused on the enhancement of drug control management in terms of supply, demand and harm reduction, the promotion of bilateral, regional and international cooperation through information sharing, cross-border cooperation, providing technical assistance and improving capacity to cope with drug issues in the region, especially in the post-COVID-19-pandemic, the development of legislation and strengthening the connection between AIPACODD with existing regional mechanisms on drug control.

Brunei Daussalam National Assembly will host the next meeting of AIPACODD.

