

The 7th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMD) on 13-14 October 2021 Hosted by Cambodia via Video Conference

Cambodia by the National Authority for Combating Drugs hosted the 7th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMD) on 14 October 2021 via video conference. The Meeting was opened by H.E. Gen. Ke Kim Yan, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the National Authority for Combating Drugs and was chaired by H.E. Gen. Chuon Sovann, Vice Chairman of the National Authority for Combating Drugs. The Meeting was attended by all ASEAN Member States and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Political-Security Community:APSC, ASEAN Secretariat.



H.E. Gen. Ke Kim Yan, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman



H.E. Gen. Chuon Sovann, Vice Chairman of NACD chaired the 7th AMMD.

Prior to the 7th AMMD, the Preparatory Meeting for the 7th AMMD was held on 13 October 2021 and chaired by Police General Meas Vyrith, Secretary-General of National Authority for Combating Drugs to prepare the substantive issues for the consideration and discussion at the 7th AMMD.

The 7th AMMD recognized significant achievements made over the past six AMMDs which had strengthened ASEAN's resolve against illicit drugs issues, and renewed the commitment towards the drug free ASEAN aspiration. The Meeting commended the ASOD and its working mechanisms, including the ASEAN Airport Interdiction Task Force (AAITF), ASEAN Seaport Interdiction Task Force (ASITF), ASEAN-NARCO, and Drug Monitoring Network (ADMN) for their efforts in promoting dialogue and facilitating information sharing on illicit drugs situation in the region.

The Meeting expressed concerns over the emerging trends of illicit drugs in the region during the COVID-19 pandemic. The launch of 2020 ASEAN Drug Monitoring Report was conducted via a video presentation focusing highlights of drug situation in ASEAN region. The Meeting noted with satisfaction of the Report on Mid-Term Review on ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities Against Illicit Drugs 2016-2025 conducted by ASOD-Indonesia as well as noted the result of the progress report on the Mid-Term Review of the implementation of the proposed activities provided in the ASEAN Cooperation Plan to Tackle Illicit Drug Production and Trafficking in the Golden Triangle 2020-2022 conducted by ASOD-Thailand.

The Meeting reaffirmed ASEAN's commitment to support regional cooperation in realizing a drug-free ASEAN through zero-tolerance approach towards illicit drug abuse. The Meeting reaffirmed ASEAN's resolute stand against the legalization and manufacturing of illicit drugs for non-medical and non-scientific use.

Lao PDR offered to be the host of the 8th AMMD in 2023.

The 7th AMMD was held in traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality, in keeping with ASEAN's journey towards a region of "One Vision, One Identity, One Community"

