



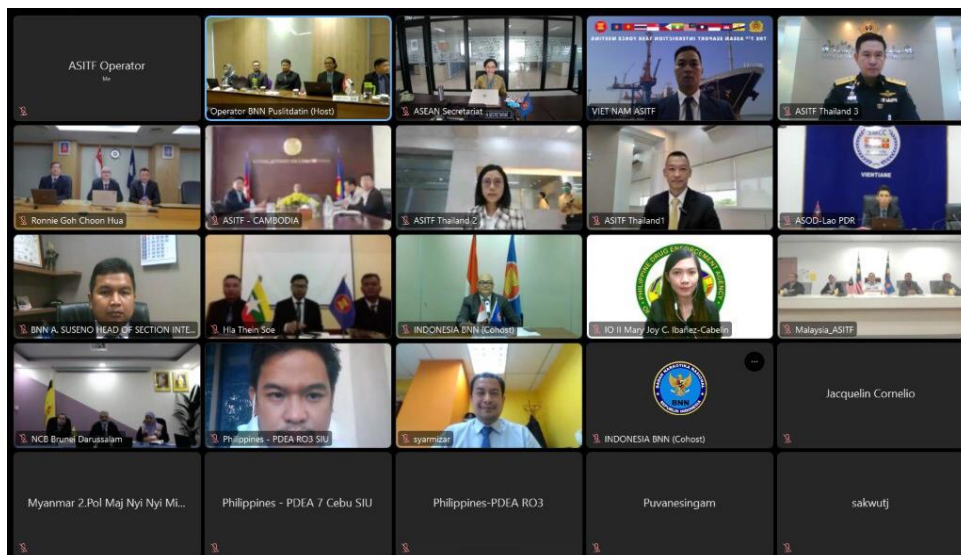
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The 7th ASEAN Seaport Interdiction Task Force (ASITF) Meeting on 14th November 2022

The National Narcotics Board (BNN) of Indonesia hosted the 7th ASEAN Seaport Interdiction Task Force (ASITF) Meeting by video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic on 14th November 2022 at 9.00 a.m. (Indonesia local time).



The meeting was opened and chaired by Police Inspector General Drs. Agus Irianto, S.H., M.Si., M.H., Ph.D., Deputy for Legal Affairs and Cooperation, National Narcotics Board (BNN) Indonesia. The meeting was attended by ten ASEAN Member States and a representative of the ASEAN Secretariat.





Cambodia, the host and Chair of the 6th ASITF, reported the outcome of the previous meeting last year which he stated that ASEAN Member States should strongly strengthen cooperation with strategic partners and enhance inter-agency coordination to deal with the increase of illicit drug trafficking posed by COVID-19 pandemic and drug syndicates' advanced technology.

During this meeting, all ASEAN Member States shared and discussed drug situations, in particular, illicit drug trafficking cases and seizures, drug control methods, and the modus operandi of drug syndicates. All members also updated the ASITF focal points. Plus, Viet Nam has proposed that there should be training for ASITF officers to strengthen post-pandemic cooperation. Moreover, Thailand informed the meeting that Thailand would finish the AAITF sharing system and let all members utilize it first. Then, Thailand would consult with Indonesia, ASITF Secretariat, about ASITF sharing system development in the future. In 2023, the 8th ASITF Meeting will be hosted by Lao PDR.