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Thailand hosted 47th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters and its related meetings



The Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) of Thailand hosted the 47th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD 47) on 4-5 August 2026 via video conference.

The meeting brought together Director-General and Secretary-General-level representatives from ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat, Dialogue Partners, and international organizations to shape regional cooperation against illicit drugs.



For Thailand, Pol. Maj. Gen. Suriya Singhakamol, Secretary-General of the NCB, designated Mr. Apikit Ch.Rojprasert, Deputy Secretary-General of the NCB, as Chair of the Meeting, while Ms. Areepak Ngernbamroong, Deputy Secretary-General of the NCB led the Thai Delegation joined by representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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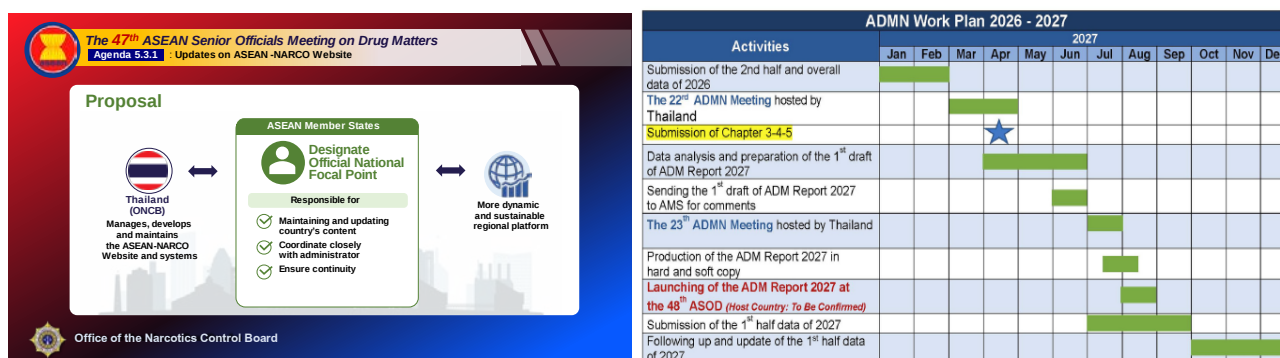
On 4 August 2026, Pol. Lt. Gen. Rutthaphon Naowarat, Minister of Justice of Thailand, delivered a Video Message to officially open the meeting. He called on ASEAN Member States to strengthen cooperation in addressing increasingly complex drug threats, particularly the proliferation of synthetic drugs originating from the Golden Triangle area and the use of technology by criminal networks. He underscored that enhanced regional cooperation is vital to building a safe and resilient ASEAN Community capable of responding effectively to future challenges.

On this occasion, Thailand also officially launched the ASEAN Drug Monitoring Report 2026, developed to support the monitoring and analysis of drug situation trends across the region.



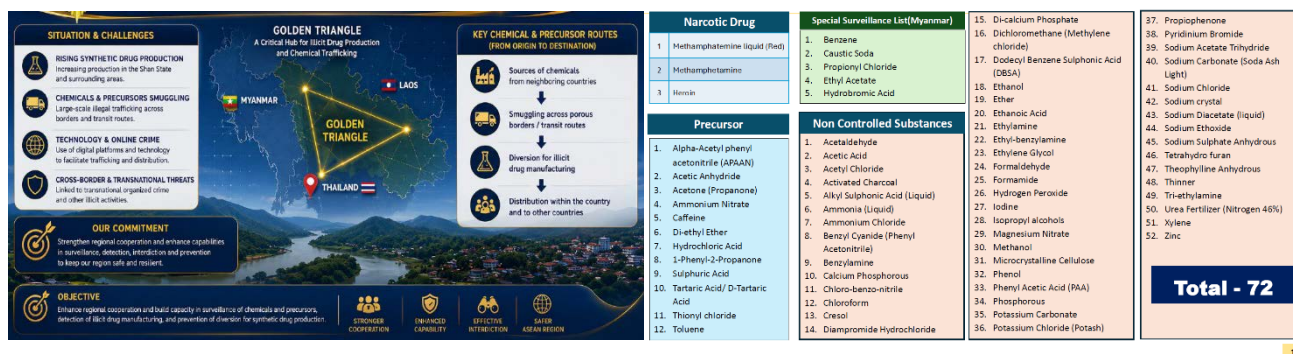


During the Plenary Session, ASEAN Member States exchanged views on the regional drug situation and approaches to addressing drug-related challenges at the national, regional, and international levels. The Meeting discussed key developments and priorities in ASEAN cooperation on drug control, with a focus on strengthening collective



responses to emerging and transnational drug threats.

The Meeting also discussed the development of the ASEAN Narcotics Cooperation Centre (ASEAN-NARCO) website and agreed that ASEAN Member States would officially designate their respective Focal Points to enhance coordination and information sharing. Updates were also exchanged on the ASEAN Drug Monitoring Network (ADMN) and the outcomes of the 69th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).

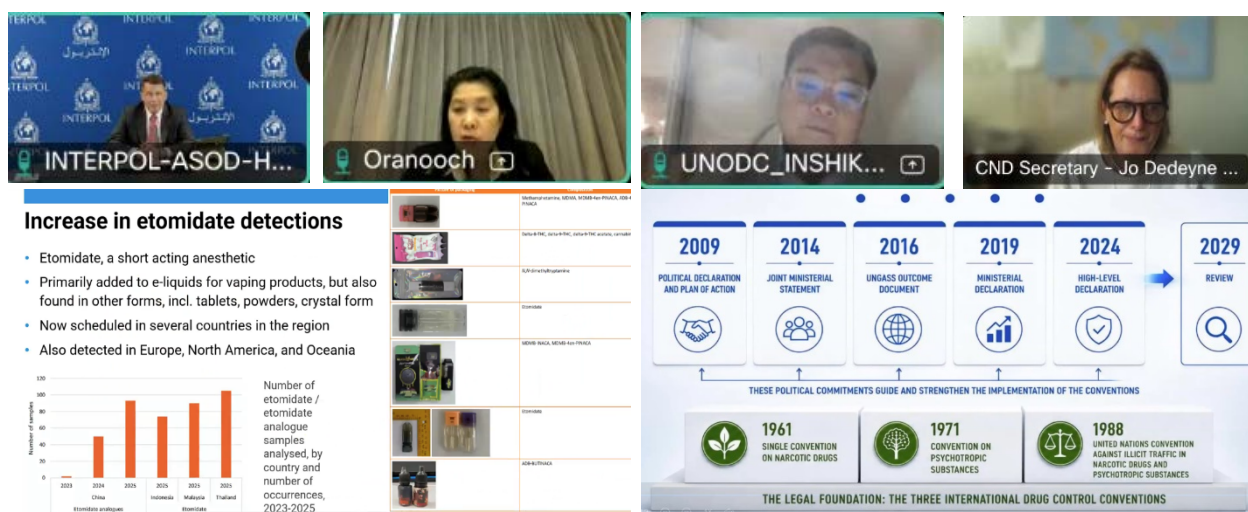


ASEAN Member States further exchanged views on cooperation under the ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs (ACCORD) framework, including initiatives to advance regional capacity in addressing the illicit trafficking of chemicals and precursor substances. The Meeting also agreed to consolidate coordination in the implementation of work plans and projects under the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMD) and its relevant subsidiary mechanisms.



The Meeting took note of the work undertaken by the five working groups, namely Law Enforcement, Preventive Education, Treatment and Rehabilitation, Research, and Alternative Development. Members also exchanged updates on the review of the ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities against Illicit Drugs 2016–2025 and the development of guidelines, practices, and protocols for the AMMD and its relevant subsidiary mechanisms. The revised ASEAN Work Plan is expected to be presented to the 9th AMMD for consideration and endorsement in October 2026.

The Meeting also reviewed the working mechanisms under the ACCORD framework and engaged in discussion on strengthening cooperation with China. These discussions reflected ASEAN's continued efforts to enhance regional coordination and develop practical cooperation in addressing drug issues.



During the Open Session, international organizations, including the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme (CPDAP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Secretariat of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), shared updates on the regional and global drug situation and key cooperation initiatives. The exchange reinforced ASEAN's engagement with international partners in tackling transnational drug challenges.



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On 5 August 2026, ASOD also held consultations with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, namely China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Australia, India, and Russia. The consultations provided a platform for participants to exchange information on the regional drug situation, discuss emerging transnational drug threats, and explore opportunities to strengthen cooperation in preventing and addressing drug problems. Thailand also served as Co-Chair of the 12th ASOD + Republic of Korea Consultation and the 19th ASOD+3 Consultation with China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea.

Timor-Leste will host the 48th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD 48) in 2027.