



**25TH ASEAN CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE
BALI, INDONESIA
MAY 16-20, 2005**

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ

1. The 25th Annual Conference of ASEAN Chiefs of Police Conference (ASEANAPOL XXV) was held at the Westin Hotel, Bali, Indonesia from May 16 to 20, 2005.
2. The objectives of the Conference were to further enhance police professionalism, forge stronger regional cooperation in police work, and promote lasting friendship amongst police officers of ASEAN countries.

The Conference was attended by delegates from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. The delegations were respectively led by:

- 3.1 PEHIN DATU KERMA SETIA Ag.CP ZAINUDDIN JALANI
Ag. Commissioner of Royal Brunei Police Force
Brunei Darussalam

- 3.2 POLICE GENERAL HOK LUNDY
Commissioner General
Cambodian National Police
Kingdom of Cambodia
- 3.3 POLICE GENERAL DA'I BACHTIAR
Chief of the Indonesian National Police
Republic of Indonesia
- 3.4 POLICE COLONEL KHAMPHA SENGDARA
Director General of Police General Department
Lao People's Democratic Republic
- 3.5 TAN SRI MOHD BAKRI BIN HAJI OMAR
Inspector General
Royal Malaysia Police
Malaysia
- 3.6 POLICE BRIGADIER GENERAL ZAW WIN
Deputy Director General
Myanmar Police Force
Union of Myanmar
- 3.7 POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL ARTURO C LOMIBAO
Chief of the Philippine National Police
Republic of the Philippines
- 3.8 MR. KHOO BOON HUI
Commissioner of Police
Singapore Police Force
Republic of Singapore
- 3.9 POLICE GENERAL AMNOUY PHETSIRI
Deputy Commissioner-General
Royal Thai Police
Kingdom of Thailand

3.10 POLICE MAJOR GENERAL TRAN VAN THAO

Director General

Police General Department

Socialist Republic of Vietnam

3. The Conference was also attended by observers from the ASEAN Secretariat and ICPO-INTERPOL as well as guests from the Australian Federal Police, National Police Agency of Japan, New Zealand Police, Ministry of Public Security of People's Republic of China, Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, National Police Agency of the Republic of Korea and Police National of Timor Leste.
4. The Conference also coincided with the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of ASEANAPOL, and was attended by three out of five founding fathers of ASEANAPOL: H.E. GOH YONG HONG from Singapore, H.E. TUN MOHAMED HANIF BIN HAJI OMAR from Malaysia and H.E. PROF.DR. AWALOEDIN DJAMIN from Indonesia.
5. Police General DA'I BACHTIAR, Chief of the Indonesian National Police delivered a welcome speech before the delegates of the Conference at 09.30 hrs, May 17, 2005.
6. The Conference was declared open on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 by His Excellency, SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO, President of the Republic of Indonesia.
7. The Conference deliberated on a wide range of topics of mutual interest, namely :
 - 8.1 Illicit Drugs Trafficking;
 - 8.2 Terrorism;
 - 8.3 Arms Smuggling;
 - 8.4 Human Trafficking;
 - 8.5 Maritime Fraud;
 - 8.6 Commercial Crimes, Bank Offences and Credit Card Frauds;
 - 8.7 Cyber Crime;
 - 8.8 Fraudulent Travel Document;
 - 8.9 Transnational Frauds;
 - 8.10 Progress of ASEANAPOL Database System;
 - 8.11 Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters; and,
 - 8.12 Exchange of Personnel and Training Programs amongst ASEAN Police Forces.

8. The Conference adopted the following resolutions:

9.1 Illicit Drug Trafficking:

- 9.1.1 To enhance the control of precursor chemicals and to timely exchange information on the movements of the aforesaid precursors and the sharing of investigation results.
- 9.1.2 To exchange information on the movements of chemists involved in the illicit production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and establish a watch list on these chemists that will lead to successful dismantling of clandestine laboratories.
- 9.1.3 To dismantle drug syndicates and their networks by means of special investigative techniques such as controlled delivery. Member countries not having legal provisions that support controlled deliveries may consider enacting such provisions.
- 9.1.4 To promote closer cooperation in identifying, tracing, freezing, forfeiting, or confiscating assets derived from the commission of drug crimes in combating drug syndicates.

9.2 Terrorism:

- 9.2.1 To enhance existing mechanisms of cooperation and coordination among ASEAN member countries in preventing and suppressing all aspects of terrorist activities in accordance with national laws and the United Nations Conventions.
- 9.2.2 To enhance the capabilities of the police forces of ASEAN member countries through training, seminar, consultation and sharing of experiences on counter-terrorism operations.
- 9.2.3 To exchange accurate and timely information on suspected terrorists, their organizations and their modus operandi.
- 9.2.4 To share information and to facilitate access to member countries to interview arrested terrorists subject to the agreement of member countries.
- 9.2.5 To provide assistance to member countries including tracing, freezing and confiscation of assets related to terrorism subject to the agreement of member countries.

9.3 Arms Smuggling:

- 9.3.1 To encourage member countries to enhance strict control over both legal and illegal firearms and explosives, and conduct back tracking investigations to identify the source of manufacture.
- 9.3.2 To call upon member countries to strictly control entry and exit points to prevent smuggling of firearms and explosives.

9.4 Human Trafficking:

- 9.4.1 To enhance information exchange among member countries on the identities, movements and activities of known transnational criminal organizations involved in human trafficking.
- 9.4.2 To appoint, update and disseminate the contact points from each member country for the purpose of liaison and exchange of information on human trafficking.
- 9.4.3 To encourage member countries to conclude bilateral or multilateral agreements on combating human trafficking and enhance cooperation in border control management.

9.5 Maritime Fraud

- 9.5.1 To enhance the exchange of intelligence and technical information on maritime fraud such as chartered party fraud, cargo deviations, marine insurance, phantom ships and identities of persons and companies involved in the above mentioned illegal activities.
- 9.5.2 To ensure continuing exchange of intelligence and/or information on ship agents/brokers, owners, and whenever practical, complements or crews of the vessels.
- 9.5.3 To assist in the investigation of maritime fraud subject to the national laws of the respective member countries.
- 9.5.4 To initiate, conduct and encourage joint coordinated operations with respective common border CQIS (Customs, Quarantine, Immigration and Security) agencies.

9.6 Commercial Crimes, Bank Offences and Card Frauds

- 9.6.1 To promote close cooperation between the law enforcement authorities and the Chambers of Commerce of member countries, financial institutions, banking and card industries, credit card associations and the general public in combating these crimes.
- 9.6.2 To exchange best practices, conduct joint training to enhance the capabilities of police officers and facilitate personal contacts in combating these crimes.
- 9.6.3 To provide member countries with relevant information pertaining to commercial crimes, including information about syndicates, their networks and movements, by utilizing Interpol notices and contact points of member countries.
- 9.6.4 To provide assistance in tracing, freezing and confiscation of assets derived from commercial crimes, bank offences and credit card frauds in accordance with the national laws of member countries.
- 9.6.5 To encourage the respective governments to review their legislations to enhance the penalties for commercial crime offences.

9.7 Cyber Crimes

- 9.7.1 To encourage member countries to enact laws relating to cyber crimes.
- 9.7.2 To share and exchange information on existing laws relating to cyber crimes.
- 9.7.3 To promptly inform other relevant member countries regarding transnational cyber crimes.
- 9.7.4 To encourage member countries possessing forensic computing expertise to provide assistance to other member countries.
- 9.7.5 To incorporate cyber crime data and information in the e-ADS.

9.8 Fraudulent Travel Documents

- 9.8.1 To work closely with the issuing authorities concerning the enhancement of security features of travel documents and the issuance procedures.

- 9.8.2 To encourage member countries to harmonize investigation and inter-operability procedures of concerned government agencies on travel regulations and security of travel documents.
- 9.8.3 To ensure strict implementation of immigration, penal, customs, and laws relating to travel control.
- 9.8.4 To establish a watch list on quarterly basis to inform member countries about the development of travel document frauds.

9.9 Transnational Frauds

- 9.9.1 To exchange information and share investigative techniques on transnational frauds, such as insurance fraud, intellectual property rights crime and labor frauds.
- 9.9.2 To provide necessary assistance in the investigation of transnational fraud cases.
- 9.9.3 To provide information on the names, identities, modus operandi and criminal organizations involved in these crimes.
- 9.9.4 To enhance the law within the respective countries to prevent and deter criminals in committing transnational frauds.

9.10 Progress of the electronic ASEANAPOL Database System (e-ADS)

- 9.10.1 To note and accept the progress report of the 14th ASEANAPOL Database System Technical Committee (ADSTC) Meeting on the development of the project held in Jakarta in April 2005.
- 9.10.2 To direct ADSTC to continue seeking future cooperation and sponsorship from industry to enhance the e-ADS.
- 9.10.3 To enhance the system interface between e-ADS and Interpol I-24/7 System to improve data and information exchange after implementation.
- 9.10.4 To officially accept the formal application of Cambodian National Police to participate in the e-ADS.
- 9.10.5 To note the keen interest of Lao PDR Police to participate in the e-ADS in the near future.

- 9.10.6 To reiterate that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Consortium Agreement signed by the ASEAN Police Chiefs relating to e-ADS shall not be legally binding.
- 9.10.7 To direct the ADSTC to continue working towards the official launch of e-ADS during the next ASEANAPOL Conference in Malaysia.
- 9.10.8 To note the 8th ADS Working Group Meeting will be hosted by the Royal Malaysia Police in June 2005 to finalize on the system design and requirements of e-ADS.

9.11 Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters

- 9.11.1 To encourage member countries to develop bilateral or multilateral legal arrangements in combating transnational crimes in order to reinforce the existing cooperation under ASEAN Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty.
- 9.11.2 To urge respective governments of member countries to speed up the realization of an Extradition Treaty amongst ASEAN countries.
- 9.11.3 To provide assistance to Police investigators conducting investigations in other ASEAN member countries, where possible under the domestic laws.
- 9.11.4 To encourage respective governments of member countries to ratify ASEAN Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters that was signed on 29 November 2004 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 9.11.5 To encourage assigning a police liaison officer, where practical, in all ASEAN countries in order to facilitate mutual legal assistance amongst law enforcement agencies in the ASEAN countries.
- 9.11.6 To provide a consolidated and updated names of contact points for all issues discussed in the ASEANAPOL Conference for the purpose of liaison and timely exchange of information.

9.12 Exchange of Personnel and Training Programs among ASEAN Police Forces.

- 9.12.1 To continue to circulate training calendars and exchange training programs for the benefit of member countries.

- 9.12.2 To enhance exchange of expertise in specific areas to share experience and expertise with others through training, visiting instructors and other officers' attachment programs.
 - 9.12.3 To continue organizing the Joint ASEAN Senior Police Officers' Course (JASPOC) and ensuring that relevant subject matters focus on the interests of all member countries. The next JASPOC will be held in Jakarta, November 2005.
 - 9.12.4 To continue developing training programs, conducting regular meetings to strengthen existing capabilities and exchanging best practices in combating all forms of transnational crimes.
 - 9.12.5 To note the offer from the Indonesian National Police for ASEANAPOL member countries to participate in the Senior Police Command Course and Training on Serious Crimes (by Jakarta Center for Law Enforcement Cooperation - JCLEC) in November 2005.
 - 9.12.6 To acknowledge the role of International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Bangkok, Thailand, in training ASEAN law enforcement officers in combating Transnational Crimes.
10. The Conference noted the need and importance of establishing a permanent ASEANAPOL Secretariat to strengthen the resolve to enhance the existing Police cooperation amongst member countries.
- 10.1 The Conference also directed the setting up of a working group to consider the viability of establishing a permanent ASEANAPOL Secretariat and to report its recommendation in the next ASEANAPOL Conference in Malaysia.
 - 10.2 The Conference also noted the Indonesian National Police interests to host the first ASEANAPOL Secretariat Working Group Meeting.
11. The Conference accepted and signed the Memorandum of Understanding and Consortium Agreement for the e-ASEANAPOL Database System.
12. The Conference agreed that the 26th ASEANAPOL Conference would be held in Malaysia in the year 2006. The host country will determine the date and venue of the Conference.
13. The Conference agreed that the Royal Malaysia Police, as the host for the next ASEANAPOL Conference, will review the items in the agenda and the topics of discussions.

Formulated in Bali, Indonesia, on the 19th of May, 2005, signed by:

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