

Co-Chairs' Press Release ASEAN-EU Senior Officials' Meeting

Ho Chi Minh City, 14-15 May 2013



The ASEAN-EU Senior Officials' Meeting was held in Ho Chi Minh City on 14-15 May 2013. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Pham Quang Vinh, Deputy Foreign Minister of Viet Nam and H.E. Viorel Isticioaia-Budura, Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific, European External Action Service (EEAS), EU.

The Meeting reviewed ASEAN-EU cooperation, including the implementation of the Bandar Seri Begawan Plan of Action to Strengthen the ASEAN-EU Enhanced Partnership for the period of 2013-2017 and discussed substantially the future direction and recommended numerous substantive and practical measures to further strengthen the ASEAN-EU Dialogue Relations. In this regard, the Meeting also highlighted the areas of priority for cooperation between ASEAN and the EU. The Meeting also exchanged views on a wide range of international and regional issues of mutual interest such as the East Asian regional architecture, global financial and economic situation, climate change and disaster management, counter-terrorism and transnational crimes, food and energy security, maritime security, human rights cooperation, trade and investment, connectivity, narrowing development gap, etc.

In this regard, the Meeting agreed to enhance the effective implementation of the Plan of Action through, inter alia, prioritising in annual Work Plans the areas of cooperation and in support of ASEAN's community building and connectivity.

The Meeting also discussed preparations for the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) Session with the EU to be held early July 2013 in Brunei Darussalam. They agreed to hold the next ASEAN-EU Senior Officials' Meeting and the 20th ASEAN-EU Ministerial Meeting in 2014 in Europe.