

Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony

TEN OUTSTANDING ASEAN YOUTHS AND ACCOMPLISHED YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AWARDED

With the theme of “Proliferating Youth Entrepreneurship in the ASEAN Community”, the week-long series of ministerial meetings on youth development held at the Sultan Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia were conclusively celebrated with a colourful Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Hosted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Indonesia, and with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat, the series of meetings were held in parallel to the ASEAN Youth Expo which included the participation of approximately 100 youth delegates.

Aside from cultural performances, the Gala Dinner was also the backdrop within which ten ASEAN youths and organisations were awarded with the ASEAN Youth Award and the Ten Accomplished Youth Organisations (TAYO) Award, respectively. The ASEAN Youth Award recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions toward regional cooperation and development. The provision of the award is meant to enhance ASEAN awareness and allow for the exchange of experiences, views and ideas among ASEAN youth, in a bid to strengthen regional solidarity, stability and prosperity. The TAYO Award aims to promote a culture of peace through youth participation and to give recognition to outstanding youth and youth-serving organisations. Each awardee and awarding organisation was nominated by the national government of the ten ASEAN member states and the awards were given away by both His Excellency Mr. Imam Nahrawi, Minister of Youth and Sports of Indonesia, and the corresponding ministerial member of the Member State.

Additionally, awards for the ASEAN Youth Video Contest 2016 were also given away on the occasion of the Gala Dinner. The ASEAN Youth Video Contest was jointly organised by ASEAN-US Progress, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and ASEAN Foundation. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN, the theme of this year’s award was “What does 50 Years of ASEAN Mean to Youth?” Each 60-second video reflected the aspirations and hopes of youths for the next fifty years of ASEAN. The first-prize winner, Vietnamese Phan Van Quyen’s video featured a personal narrative of a cultural exploration of his native country’s experiences, and was a rallying call for youths to take up volunteerism in order to foster the sense of community within their own countries, and within ASEAN.