

PRESS RELEASE

1. The Eighth ASEAN Drug Experts Meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 2 - 4 April 1984.

The adopted theme for this Meeting was "Through a regional policy and strategies ASEAN increases its efforts in the fight against drug abuse".

2. The Meeting was attended by drug experts and senior officials from ASEAN member countries, specified as follows :

Delegations

a. Brunei Darussalam	-	1
b. Malaysia	-	8
c. Philippines	-	8
d. Singapore	-	4
e. Thailand	-	6
f. Indonesia	-	26

Observers

a. Hong Kong	-	2
b. Indonesia	-	15

3. The Meeting was officially opened by the President of the Republic of Indonesia at Istana Negara, the Presidential Palace. The Opening Address is as attached.
4. The Meeting was conducted in plenary and workshop sessions. The participants made a fieldtrip to the Police Animal Brigade at Kelapa Dua, to study and observe the developments achieved by the Police in the training of native dogs for narcotic detection.
5. The Meeting reached the following decisions :
 - a. Regional policy and strategies in the combat against drug abuse in the Asean region ;
 - b. Legislation and law enforcement :
 - 1) Withdrawal of passports of convicted drug traffickers ;
 - 2) Preventive detention for major drug traffickers ;
 - 3) Confiscation of illegally acquired assets of drug traffickers ;
 - 4) Conspiracy ;
 - 5) Reward System.

- c. Drug prevention campaigns at national and Asean Level and intensification of community involvement.
- d. Treatment and rehabilitation includes compulsory and current treatment & rehabilitation system.
- e. ASEAN Training Centres Programmes in Thailand, Philippines and Malaysia.
- f. Position of Asean Narcotics Desk.

The Meeting also submitted project proposals on :

- (1) ASEAN Study on the use of Preventive Detention Law in Malaysia and Singapore.
- (2) ASEAN Study on Confiscation on Illegally Acquired Assets of Drug Traffickers and Conspiracy.
- (3) The ASEAN Drug Prevention Campaign Week, November, 1985.
- (4) ASEAN Regional Seminar Workshop for Policy Makers in Preventive Drug Education.
- (5) Follow-up Evaluation of Action Programmes Implemented by the Policy Makers who attend the ASEAN Regional Seminar for Policy Makers.
- (6) ASEAN Study-Observation for Preventive Drug Education and Community Information Personnel.
- (7) ASEAN Workshop for Drug Abuse Prevention.
- (8) ASEAN Drug Prevention Film (30 minutes, 16-mm film).
- (9) ASEAN Workshop on Treatment and Rehabilitation.
- (10) ASEAN Feasibility Study in the Use of Compulsory Treatment and Rehabilitation Systems in Singapore and Malaysia.
- (11) ASEAN Narcotics Law Enforcement Training Project 1985 - 1989.
- (12) ASEAN Training Project for Drug Abuse Workers in the Field of Treatment and Rehabilitation (1985 - 1989).

6. The results of the 8th ASEAN Drug Experts Meeting will be submitted to the coming ASEAN Standing Committee for its agreement, to become binding for the respective ASEAN countries to implement the afresaid recommendations and project proposals.
7. The 8th ASEAN Drug Experts Meeting was held in the usual Asean Spirit and cordiality. The delegates took active part in the deliberations and unity was experienced among the delegates in facing then mutual enemy drug abuse.
8. Through concerted efforts ASEAN countries are confident to overcome and keep the drug problem under control and that the ASEAN countries will not be hampered in their national development in creating a better future, materially and spiritually.

