



AMBASSADOR  
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REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi  
Secretary-General  
ASEAN Secretariat

Your Excellency,

**REPORT OF THE SINGAPORE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ASEAN  
MOSCOW COMMITTEE, 2 JULY 2018 TO 17 JANUARY 2019**

The Singapore Embassy in Moscow chaired the ASEAN Moscow Committee (AMC) from 12 July 2018 to 17 January 2019. During Singapore's Chairmanship, the AMC hosted: (a) the ASEAN Day Reception on 23 August 2018; (b) a Lunch with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr Igor Morgulov on 22 October 2018; (c) the ASEAN Family Day on 2 December 2018; and (d) a dinner with Ambassador of the United States of America to the Russian Federation The Honorable Jon Huntsman, Jr. on 12 December 2018. In addition, the AMC participated in the Indonesian Festival in Moscow from 3 to 5 August 2018 and the ASEAN Film Day: Focus on Thailand event in Moscow from 5 to 7 September 2018. The Chairmanship was handed over to the Royal Thai Embassy in Moscow on 17 January 2019.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of a report, detailing the AMC's activities during Singapore's Chairmanship, for the ASEAN Secretariat's records.

Sincerely,



**Lim Kheng Hua (Ms)**  
Ambassador to the Russian Federation

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## **REPORT OF THE SINGAPORE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ASEAN MOSCOW COMMITTEE 12 JULY 2018 TO 17 JANUARY 2019**

1. The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore took over the Chairmanship of the ASEAN Moscow Committee (AMC) from the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 12 July 2018.
2. During Singapore's Chairmanship, the AMC hosted: (a) the ASEAN Day Reception on 23 August 2018; (b) a Lunch with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr Igor Morgulov on 22 October 2018; (c) the ASEAN Family Day on 2 December 2018; and (d) a dinner with Ambassador of the United States of America to the Russian Federation The Honorable Jon Huntsman, Jr. on 12 December 2018. In addition, the AMC participated in the Indonesian Festival in Moscow from 3 to 5 August 2018.

### **Indonesian Festival**



3. At the invitation of the Indonesian Embassy as the current Country Coordinator for ASEAN-Russia Relations, respective ASEAN Embassies in

Moscow participated in the Indonesian Festival held in Krasnaya Presnya Park, Moscow from 3 to 5 August 2018. During the 3-day Festival, ASEAN Embassies presented their traditional performing arts and showcased their tourism and export products potentials to the Russian people. Such joint activities are aimed at increasing awareness of the Russian community towards ASEAN and the progress of ASEAN-Russia cooperation.

### **ASEAN Film Day: Focus on Thailand**

4. To promote the ASEAN Community in all dimensions as well as to boost trade, tourism and cultural engagement between ASEAN and Russia, the Royal Thai Embassy hosted a film event, "ASEAN Film Days: Focus on Thailand" during 5-7 September 2018 at the Rolan Cinema, Moscow. The event was attended by representatives of ASEAN member countries as well as the Russian aficionados of ASEAN films. It has brought the Russian and ASEAN film communities closer and offered a colourful experience of arts and cultural diversity.

### **ASEAN Day Reception**



Cake Cutting Ceremony at the ASEAN Day Reception

5. To celebrate ASEAN Day (which falls on 8 August), the AMC hosted an ASEAN Day Reception at the Singapore Embassy on 23 August 2018. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Igor Morgulov was the Guest of Honour. Over 70

guests, comprising a cross section of government, business, diplomatic, and media representatives, attended the reception.

6. In her speech on behalf of the AMC, Singapore Ambassador to Russia Lim Kheng Hua highlighted how ASEAN is enhancing its security and economic cooperation to cope with uncertainties. She also highlighted how ASEAN is embracing technology and innovation, including the ASEAN Smart Cities Network initiative, to improve the lives of its people, especially the youth. She welcomed Russia's engagement of ASEAN. Russia is an important dialogue partner and as a major power, has an important role in helping to maintain regional peace and stability.

7. Mr Morgulov highlighted how ASEAN is an example of the growing trend towards a more sustainable and fair polycentric world order. Deepening its ties with ASEAN remains one of the key priorities of Russia's foreign policy. Russia sees ASEAN as a partner in ensuring peace and security in the Asia Pacific region, promoting the integration processes in the Eurasian space, as well as aligning the potentials of the multilateral regional platforms that are open to interaction, including the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and the Eurasian Economic Union. He was also pleased to note that Russia's relations with ASEAN included an intensive political dialogue and steadily expanding cooperation in economic, financial, energy, education, healthcare, science, and high technology spheres.

8. Chairman of the ASEAN-Russia Business Council Ivan Polyakov delivered a speech on behalf of the business community in Russia. Highlighting the formation of the ASEAN Economic Community in 2015 and the more than 20 years of ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Partnership, Mr Polyakov looked forward to further development of the meaningful cooperation between ASEAN and Russia. He also took the opportunity to invite ASEAN countries to participate in the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok in 2018 and informed the guests of the ASEAN-Russia Business Council's intention to organise business missions to ASEAN countries and to participate in the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit on the sidelines of the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in Singapore in November 2018.

## Lunch with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Igor Morgulov



Lunch hosted by the AMC for Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Igor Morgulov

9. On 22 October 2018, the AMC hosted Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Igor Morgulov to lunch at the Singapore Embassy. The AMC and Mr Morgulov discussed various matters of common interest including elevating ASEAN-Russia dialogue relations to a strategic partnership, other deliverables for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN-Russia Summit, Russia's Asia policy, and the various Indo-Pacific concepts.

**ASEAN Family Day**



AMC Group Photo on ASEAN Family Day



Tug of War



Musical Chairs



Sack Race



AMC Group Photo with Prize Winners

10. On 2 December 2018, the AMC organised the ASEAN Family Day at the Hanoi-Moscow Multifunctional Complex in Moscow. The participants enjoyed themselves with the activities organised by the respective ASEAN embassies in Moscow comprising Musical Chairs (organised by Brunei), Snooker (organised by Cambodia), Gemu Famire group dance (organised by Indonesia), Darts (organised by Malaysia), Potato Picking (organised by Myanmar), Sack Race (organised by the Philippines), Tug of War (organised by Singapore and Thailand), and Table Tennis (organised by Vietnam).

#### **Dinner with Ambassador Jon Huntsman, Jr.**

11. On 12 December 2018, the AMC hosted Ambassador Huntsman and wife to a buffet dinner at the Singapore Embassy to exchange views on issues of common interest. The AMC dinner was to reciprocate a dinner that the Huntsmans had hosted for the AMC earlier in the year.

12. The Embassy of the Republic of Singapore handed over the Chairmanship of the AMC to the Royal Thai Embassy on 17 January 2019.

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