

OVERVIEW

ASEAN-DENMARK SECTORAL DIALOGUE RELATIONS

1. Denmark, officially known as the Kingdom of Denmark, was conferred the status of Sectoral Dialogue Partner of ASEAN during the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat (AMM Retreat) on 29 January 2026, in Cebu, the Philippines.

A. Political-Security Cooperation

2. Denmark has accredited an Ambassador to ASEAN since 2009, with H.E. Børge Petersen as the first. The current Ambassador, H.E. Sten Frimodt Nielsen, presented his Letter of Credence on 12 January 2024.

3. Denmark acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) on 3 August 2022, through a signing ceremony in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

4. Denmark has established Embassies in seven (7) ASEAN Member States (AMS), namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Danish Embassy in Bangkok, Jakarta, Ha Noi, and Singapore concurrently cover Cambodia, Timor-Leste, Lao PDR, and Brunei Darussalam, respectively.

5. In addition to its Embassies, Denmark also has Honorary Consulates in Cambodia (Phnom Penh), Indonesia (Bali, Medan, and Surabaya), Malaysia (Perak, Penang, Sabah, and Sarawak), and the Philippines (Cebu, Davao, and Palawan). On ASEAN's part, four AMS (Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam) have established their Embassies in Copenhagen. Five AMS (Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, and Singapore) have appointed their respective non-resident Ambassadors to Denmark.

B. Economic Cooperation

6. The preliminary figures of total two-way merchandise trade between ASEAN and Denmark have declined slightly from USD 4.43 billion in 2024 to USD 4.34 billion in 2025.¹ Meanwhile, the flow of foreign direct investment (FDI) from Denmark to ASEAN peaked in 2018 at USD 2.81 billion, the highest in the past decade, and stood at USD 2.01 billion in 2025.² The number of visitor arrivals in 2025 from Denmark to ASEAN countries totalled 319,128 persons.³

C. Socio-Cultural Cooperation

7. As a member of the European Union (EU), Denmark's engagement with ASEAN is mostly through the ASEAN-EU Dialogue Partnership framework. Under the EU-ASEAN Green Initiative, Denmark is spearheading a project titled "Transition to a

¹ ASEAN Statistics, IMTS data as of 13 March 2026

² ASEAN Statistics, FDI Preliminary Data as of 29 April 2026

³ ASEAN Statistics, preliminary Tourism Data as of 28 April 2026. Brunei Darussalam's data by country-of-origin cover air arrivals only, whereas Malaysia's 2025 data refer to total visitor arrivals, including both tourists and excursionists. Timor-Leste up to Q2 2025.

Regional Circular Economy”, which is expected to minimise waste production, optimise resource utilisation, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at both regional and national levels.⁴

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⁴ The project proposal has received formal endorsement from the relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies, as members of the Focal Groups on Circular Economy (FG-CE), and was approved by the CPR on 27 April 2026.