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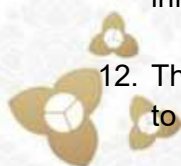
TWENTY-NINTH ASEAN DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS AND HEADS OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISIONS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MEETING AND ITS RELATED MEETINGS

24-25 June 2026, Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia

1. The 29th ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of Ministries of Foreign Affairs Meeting (DGICM) and Its Related Meetings were held from 24 to 25 June 2026 in Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency Lieutenant General SOK Veasna, Director General of the General Department of Immigration, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Cambodia, and attended by the Heads of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of all ASEAN Member States, as well as representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. The DGICM is an annual meeting of the Heads of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN Member States. It serves as a platform to discuss, coordinate and enhance regional cooperation on border management, immigration and consular matters. The DGICM chairmanship is rotated among the ASEAN Member States in alphabetical order.
3. The 29th DGICM was preceded by the 9th ASEAN Heads of Major Immigration Checkpoints Forum (AMICF), the 5th Meeting of the Heads of Specialist Unit (HSU) on People Smuggling and the 21st ASEAN Immigration Intelligence Forum (AIIF), which were convened consecutively on 23 June 2026.
4. The 9th AMICF reaffirmed the commitment of ASEAN Member States' to continue strengthening border security and encouraged closer regional and international cooperation on border management. The Forum welcomed the establishment of a coordination platform for AMICF and looked forward to its effective implementation. The Forum also discussed updates on the implementation of the Guidelines on Enhancing Information-Sharing of Evolving Border Measures due to Pandemic, Health Crisis or Emergency.
5. The 5th HSU on People Smuggling discussed ongoing initiatives to promote public awareness on the threat of people smuggling and to enhance coordination of regional awareness campaigns on this issue.



6. The 21st AIIF exchanged views on immigration intelligence matters and noted the outcomes of the 3rd Management Committee (MC) of the Intelligence Data Sharing Protocol (IDSP) Meeting. The Meeting also took note of a briefing on recent developments in ASEAN and exchanged views on national, regional and international efforts as well as new measures undertaken by ASEAN Member States on immigration, consular and border management matters.
7. The Meeting welcomed Timor-Leste's accession to the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Visa Exemption in 2026 and looked forward to its effective implementation.
8. The Meeting noted the commitment of ASEAN Member States to provide emergency assistance to ASEAN nationals, in accordance with the ASEAN Declaration on the Guidelines on Consular Assistance by ASEAN Member States' Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of Other ASEAN Member States and the Guidelines for the Provision of Emergency Assistance by ASEAN Missions in Third Countries to Nationals of ASEAN Member Countries in Crisis Situations. In this regard, the Meeting welcomed the successful convening of the Table-Top Exercise on Consular Assistance for ASEAN Nationals in Third Countries, held in Bali, Indonesia, on 4-5 December 2025, and commended Indonesia for its active efforts.
9. The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the Concept Notes for the following DGICM initiatives, including: (i) Compilation of Information and Research on the Feasibility in Providing Visa Exemption Facility to Holders of Specified Travel Document Who are Considered as Stateless adopted *ad referendum* on 20 April 2026, proposed by Brunei Darussalam; and (ii) the establishment of ASEAN Digital Immigration Stamp (e-STAMP) adopted *ad referendum* on 12 June 2026, proposed by Cambodia. The Meeting commended the proponents for their active leadership and looked forward to the effective implementation of these initiatives.
10. The Meeting welcomed the *ad referendum* endorsement of the draft Concept Note on the Establishment of the ASEAN Immigration Training Centre (AITC) on 18 June 2026, which would be submitted to the 20th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) for approval. The Meeting commended Cambodia for its effective leadership in advancing this initiative.
11. The Meeting took note of the draft Concept Note on the Establishment of the ASEAN Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs Forum as initiated by Indonesia and looked forward to further deliberations on this initiative with the aim to submit it to the AMMTC for adoption.
12. The Meeting discussed the progress of implementation of the DGICM Work Plan to Implement the ASEAN Plan of Action (POA) on Cooperation on Immigration





and Consular Assistance Matters (2024-2031). The Meeting encouraged the Voluntary Lead Shepherds and all ASEAN Member States to further advance practical activities under the Work Plan.

13. The Meeting welcomed the offer by Indonesia to host the 30th DGICM and Its Related Meetings in 2027.
14. The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to Cambodia for the excellent arrangement and warm hospitality extended to all delegations.

