

ASEAN CHAIRMANSHIP

The highest decision-making body of ASEAN is the meeting of the Heads of Government/State of the ASEAN Member States, or popularly known as the ASEAN Summit.

According to Article 31 of the ASEAN Charter, the Chairmanship of ASEAN shall rotate annually, based on the alphabetical order of the English names of Member States. A Member State assuming the Chairmanship shall chair the ASEAN Summit and related summits, the ASEAN Coordinating Council, the three ASEAN Community Councils, relevant ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies and senior officials, and the Committee of Permanent Representatives.

On 9 April 2010, at the 16th ASEAN Summit in Ha Noi, however, the ten Member States of ASEAN unanimously agreed to Indonesia's request for a swap of ASEAN Chairmanship with Brunei Darussalam for the year 2011. This exchange, however, is one-off and will not affect Cambodia's assumption of ASEAN Chairmanship in 2012.

The Chairs of ASEAN and their respective themes:

Date	Summit	Venue	Theme
29-30 Nov 2004	10 th ASEAN Summit	Vientiane, Lao PDR	Towards the ASEAN Community: From Vision to Action
12-14 Dec 2005	11 th ASEAN Summit	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	One Vision, One Identity, One Community
11-14 Jan 2007	12 th ASEAN Summit	Cebu, the Philippines	One Caring and Sharing Community
18-22 Nov 2007	13 th ASEAN Summit	Singapore	One ASEAN at the Heart of Dynamic Asia
27 Feb-1 Mar 2009 10-11 Apr 2009	14 th ASEAN Summit	Cha Am, Hua Hin; and Pattaya, Thailand	ASEAN Acting Together to Cope with Global Challenges"
23 Oct 2009	15 th ASEAN Summit	Hua Hin, Thailand	ASEAN Acting Together to Cope with Global Challenges
8-9 Apr 2010	16 th ASEAN Summit	Ha Noi, Viet Nam	Towards the ASEAN Community: From Vision to Action
28-31 Oct 2010	17 th ASEAN Summit	Ha Noi, Viet Nam	Towards the ASEAN Community: From Vision to Action
7-8 May 2011	18 th ASEAN Summit	Jakarta, Indonesia	ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations
17-19 Nov 2011	19 th ASEAN Summit	Bali, Indonesia	ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations
3-4 April 2012	20 th ASEAN Summit	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	ASEAN One Community One Destiny
18-20 Nov 2012	21 st ASEAN Summit	Phnom Penh, Cambodia	ASEAN One Community One Destiny
24-25 April 2013	22 nd ASEAN Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam	Our People, Our Future Together

9-10 Oct 2013	23 rd ASEAN Summit	Bandar Seri Begawan	Our People, Our Future Together
2014	24 th ASEAN Summit	Nay Phi Taw, Myanmar	Moving forward in unity towards a peaceful and prosperous Community
2014	25 th ASEAN Summit	Nay Phi Taw, Myanmar	Moving forward in unity towards a peaceful and prosperous Community
2015	26 th ASEAN Summit	Malaysia	
2015	27 th ASEAN Summit	Malaysia	
2016	28 th ASEAN Summit	Lao PDR	
2016	29 th ASEAN Summit	Lao PDR	

The ASEAN Summit is now held twice annually. The first Summit which is meant to discuss regional integration issues involves only the ten ASEAN leaders, and is normally held in the months of April or May each year. The second Summit which involves leaders of ASEAN's dialogue partners and UN is normally held in October or November each year.

Malaysia will be the chair of ASEAN in 2015. The Year 2015 is a major milestone year in ASEAN as the realization of the ASEAN Community will be announced. Therefore Malaysia's Chairmanship is critical in ensuring that the priority measures and initiatives for the ASEAN Community are in place and the integration process will seamlessly continue beyond 2015.