

Round Table Assesses Implications of AFTA on Intellectual Property

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The ASEAN Secretariat and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) are organising a Round Table on the Implications of AFTA on the Intellectual Property Systems of the ASEAN Member Countries from 9–10 May 1997 at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

The distinguished guests at the Opening Ceremony were Dato' Ajit Singh, the Secretary-General of ASEAN; Mr Soemaryoto Kayatmo, Director-General of Copyright, Patent and Trademark of the Republic of Indonesia; and Dr Arpad Bogesch, Director-General of WIPO.

The objective of the Round Table is to discuss the implications of the Framework Agreement on Enhancing ASEAN Economic Cooperation of 1992, which laid down the foundation of AFTA, and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Intellectual Property Cooperation of 1995. The Round Table will assess the impact on current and future intellectual property systems of the Member Countries.

The Round Table is attended by about 60 participants from the ASEAN Member Countries and the prospective member countries of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar as well as private sector representatives including the ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Industry and academic research institutions.