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The following information has been gleaned from press reports in the region:

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19 JANUARY	Singapore	<b>Economic Ministers Meeting on Energy</b> adopted a number of energy co-operation recommendations and agreed to form an ASEAN Committee on Energy Co-operation.
25 FEBRUARY	Singapore	<b>Eighth Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology (COST)</b> decided to hold biennial ASEAN Science and Technology Week.
28 FEBRUARY-2 MARCH	Kuala Lumpur	<b>ASEAN-EEC Industrial Conference</b> , organized by the respective chambers of commerce of the two groups.
14 MARCH	Singapore	<b>ASEAN Trade and Investment Corporation (ATIC)</b> , a private sector project involving businesses in the five member countries, to be set up in Singapore. It is expected to act as a catalyst for ASEAN Industrial Joint Venture (AIJV) projects.
18 MARCH	Jakarta	<b>Sixth Working Group on Customs Matters of the Committee on Finance and Banking (COFAB)</b>

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		signed an ASEAN Customs Code of Conduct, paving the way for the simplification and harmonization of procedures in order to boost intra-ASEAN trade.
24-25 MARCH	Bangkok	<b>Fourth ASEAN-EEC Ministerial Talks.</b>
APRIL	Chiengmai	<b>Seventh Meeting of the Committee on Food, Agriculture, and Forestry (COFAF)</b> proposed to establish an ASEAN centre to train officials in ASEAN's timber and related industries to be supported by the UNDP.
4-6 APRIL	Manila	<b>ASEAN Task Force Meeting:</b> Carlos Romulo deplored the proliferation of ASEAN Meetings and proposes setting up a permanent planning agency. The meeting discussed recommendations to establish a nuclear free zone in Southeast Asia to promote peace, freedom, and neutrality.
26-27 APRIL	Ottawa	<b>First Meeting of the ASEAN-Canada Joint Co-operation Committee:</b> Canada extended the General Scheme of Preferences (GSP) for another decade.
7 MAY	Manila	<b>Joint venture agreement to set up a US\$300 million copper products factory: ASEAN Copper Products Inc.</b>
18-20 MAY	Singapore	<b>Fifth Meeting of ASEAN Task Force</b> considered replacing the ASEAN Secretariat with an ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives, and installing an ASEAN Council of Ministers.
26-27 MAY	Tokyo	<b>Sixth Japan-ASEAN Forum</b> agreed to promote co-operation in science and technology.
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3-4 JUNE	Thailand	<b>Thirteenth ASEAN Banking Council Meeting</b> decided to establish joint lead managers for loan syndication in ASEAN countries.
6-7 JUNE	Jakarta	<b>Federation of ASEAN Ship Owners Associations (FASA)</b> discussed energy-saving measures on ships.
24-25 JUNE	Bangkok	<b>Sixteenth ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting</b> discussed ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Task Force.
AUGUST	Kuala Lumpur	<b>ASEAN-CCI (Chambers of Commerce and Industry) Council Meeting</b> approved a proposal for Malaysia to co-ordinate a symposium on facilitating intra-ASEAN trade.
17-19 OCTOBER	Bangkok	<b>Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers</b> achieved a compromise on amendments relating to market access and tariff preferences for ASEAN private sector joint ventures.
20-22 OCTOBER	Singapore	<b>Fifth Meeting of ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry</b> agreed on the ASEAN Ministerial understanding on fisheries co-operation.
21 OCTOBER	Singapore	<b>Ninth Council Meeting of ASEAN Council of Petroleum Co-operation (ASCOPE)</b> discussed joint ASEAN plan to tackle the oil glut.
29 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER	Bangkok	<b>ASEAN Federation of Textile Industries (AFTEX) Meeting</b> decided to establish a databank for the compilation, processing, and exchange of information among its members.
2-3 DECEMBER	Jakarta	<b>ASEAN-EEC Business Council (AEBC)</b> was launched. The AEBC was created on the private initia-

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		tive of chambers of commerce in ASEAN and EEC countries. Its goal is to bring about the exchange of information between businesses, and mainly small- and medium-sized enterprises.
5-6 DECEMBER	Manila	<b>Fifth ASEAN-US Dialogue</b> ended with agreement for a US\$2.75 million aid project to improve small- and medium-scale industries in ASEAN.