

ASEAN CHRONOLOGY 1988

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event</i>
JANUARY 1988		
12-14	Bangkok	3rd Meeting of the 21st ASEAN Standing Committee
15-16	Bangkok	ASEAN Preparatory Meeting for 5th ASEAN-Canada JCC
26-29	B.S. Begawan	12th Meeting of ASEAN-COFAF Co-ordinating Group on Forestry
25 Jan.-11 March	Wellington	Second Course on Training of Narcotics Dogs and Handlers
FEBRUARY 1988		
2-5	Singapore	11th Meeting of ASEAN-COFAF Co-ordinating Group on Livestock
4-6	Bandung	19th Meeting of ASEAN Working Group on Food Wastes
9-11	Jakarta	9th Meeting of ASEAN-COFAF Co-ordinating Group on Fisheries
9-29	Manila	ASEAN Study on Conspiracy Investigation and Confiscation of Illegally Acquired Assets of Drug Traffickers
10-11	Washington, D.C.	8th ASEAN-U.S. Dialogue
8 Feb.-4 March	Malaysia	Training Courses on Fuel Injection System Service and Contact Circuit Maintenance and Repair at the Centre for Instructors and Advanced Skills Training (CIASST)
MARCH 1988		
1-2	Jakarta	8th Meeting of Advisory Group on ASEAN Cultural Fund

3	Kuala Lumpur	Preparatory Meeting of ASEAN Experts on AJDF
4-5	Kuala Lumpur	Third Meeting of ASEAN-Japan Experts on AJDF
6-17	Malaysia	ASEAN Seminar on Poultry Diseases and Their Control
13-14	Bangkok	ASEAN Preparatory Meeting for 11th ASEAN-Australia Forum
15-17	Bangkok	4th Meeting of the 21st ASEAN Standing Committee
18	Bangkok	Special Meeting of ASEAN Directors-General
21-23	Manila	Meeting of ASEAN Youth Forum
23-25	Manila	Meeting of ASEAN Women Programme
28-30	Manila	3rd Meeting of ASEAN COST Working Group on Microelectronics
28 March-1 April	Langkawi	17th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information
APRIL 1988		
4-5	B.S. Begawan	9th Senior Officials Meeting for the 7th ASEAN Economic Ministers on Energy Co-ordination
4-5	Hua Hin, Thailand	Second ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)
5-7	Manila	Sixth Meeting of the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Health and Nutrition
5-8	Singapore	11th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters
6	Ottawa	ASEAN Preparatory Meeting for 5th ASEAN-Canada JCC
6-10	Chiangmai, Thailand	18th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Science and Technology
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6–10	Chiangmai, Thailand	Meeting of Working Group on Material Science and Technology
6–10	Chiangmai, Thailand	Meeting of Working Group on Biotechnology
7–8	Ottawa	Fifth ASEAN—Canada JCC Meeting
7–8	B.S. Begawan	7th Meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers on Energy Co-operation
11–14	Jakarta	11th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Budget
11–14	Manila	11th Meeting of ASEAN Sub-Committee on Civil Aviation and Related Services
12–15	Bali, Indonesia	Project Steering Committee Meeting of the ASEAN—EEC Grains Post Harvest Project
12–15	B.S. Begawan	12th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Customs Matters
15–16	Penang, Malaysia	18th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Transporta- tion and Communication
19–22	Manila	13th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Social De- velopment
28	Düsseldorf, West Germany	ASEAN SOM for 7th ASEAN—EC Ministerial Meeting
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MAY 1988		
1	Düsseldorf, West Germany	Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers for 7th ASEAN—EC Ministerial Meeting
2–3	Düsseldorf, West Germany	Seventh ASEAN—EC Ministerial Meeting
25–27	Bangkok	5th Meeting of the 21st ASEAN Standing Committee
Late May	Bangkok	16th Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Finance and Banking

Department of Economics and Statistics, National University of Singapore was held from 25–26 March 1988. The Chairman of the seminar was Mr M.Q. Wong, Director (Asia), Trade Development Board, Singapore and the programme was as follows:

25 March 1988

Welcome Address by Dr Chng Meng Kng, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

Keynote Speech by Mr Tan Chin Nam, General Manager and Director, Economic Development Board

“High-Yen, Economic Restructuring and Overseas Investments” by Mr Tadahiro Yamamoto, Vice-President, Singapore Nomura Merchant Banking Ltd.

“Direct Foreign Investment in Singapore, with Particular Reference to Japanese Investment” by Dr Soon Teck Wong, Department of Economics and Statistics, NUS

“Issues Facing Japanese Investors in Singapore: Case Study I” by Mr N. Hizaki, Managing Director, Nichicon (S) Pte Ltd.

“Issues Facing Japanese Investors in Singapore: Case Study II” (2 papers) by Mr K. Mihara, Managing Director, Sony Precision Engineering Centre (S) Pte Ltd., and Mr I. Shimizu, Director, Sony International (S) Pte Ltd.

“Business Organization & Management: A Comparison between Japanese and Chinese Enterprises” by Dr Tan Hock, Department of Economics and Statistics, NUS

“Japanese and American Management Practices in Singapore” by Assoc Prof Khin Maung Kyi, School of Management, NUS

26 March 1988

“Japanese Direct Investments in Singapore: The View from Mass Media” by Mr Tetsuya Jiomaru, Yomiuri Shimbun

Forum with Seminar Speakers as Panelists.

III Seminar on Changing Dimensions in the Electronics Industry in Malaysia

The Malaysian Economic Association and Malaysian Institute of Economic Research jointly organized this seminar from 14–15 March 1988 in Penang, Malaysia. The objective of the seminar was to discuss the trend and the future potential of the semiconductor industry in Malaysia. The programme was organized in six sessions.

SESSION 1

“Economic Restructuring and the Future of the Semiconductor Industry in Malaysia”

Speakers: Datuk Dr Kamal Salih
Executive Director
Ms Mei Ling Young
Research Associate
Malaysian Institute of Economic Research

SESSION 2

“An Assessment of the Future of the Semiconductor Industry in Malaysia”

Speaker: Mr D. J. Hill
Managing Director
National Semiconductor Sdn. Bhd.

SESSION 3

“Trends and Prospects in the Electronic Industry

Speaker: MIDA”

SESSION 4

“Labour Needs and Skill Development of the Electronics Industry in Malaysia”

Speaker: Mr A Sivananthiran
Assistant Director
Research and Planning Division
Ministry of Labour

SESSION 5

“Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Technology for a Competitive Malaysian Electronics Industry”

Speaker: Dr Mohd Arif Nun
Director
Industrial Projects
Malayan Institute of Micro System

SESSION 6

“The Assembly Line in Transition: Implications and New Directions for the Electronics Industry in Penang”

Speaker: Mr Rajah Rasiah
Lecturer
Universiti Sains Malaysia

Panel Discussion on “Further Promotion of Small Scale and Ancillary Supporting Industries Related to the Electronics Industry”

Panel Speakers:

Professor Dr Mahinder Santokh Singh
Dean

School of Humanities
Universiti Sains Malaysia

Mr Hui Shing Leong
Managing Director
Sanda Plastic Sdn. Bhd.

Mr Alfred Teh
Managing Director
Eng Hardware Engineering Sdn. Bhd.

Mr Yeoh Poh Seng
Managing Director
East Point Leasing Sdn. Bhd.

IV Symposium on ASEAN Trade Policy Options

The symposium held in Singapore during 7–9 March 1988 was hosted by the ASEAN Economic Research Unit, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS). Opening remarks were presented by K. S. Sandhu, Director, ISEAS and Catherine Gwin, Rockefeller Foundation. A thematic paper on “ASEAN Trade Policy Options” was presented by Narongchai Akrasanee. A paper entitled

“Multilateral Trade Negotiations: ASEAN Perspective” was presented by Mohamed Ariff. Country papers were presented by the following persons:

Djisman Simandjuntak (Indonesia)
Kamal Salih (Malaysia)
Florian Albuero (Philippines)
Chng Meng Kng (Singapore)
Juanjai Ajanant (Thailand)

V ASEAN Investment Forum

The Forum sponsored and organized by the Japan Member Committee of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) on 2 March 1988 was held in Singapore. The aim of the forum was to encourage investments in the ASEAN region by providing opportunities for exchanging ideas and promoting mutual understanding between investing enterprises of the advanced nations in the Pacific region and investment/economic development agencies of the countries in the ASEAN region. Papers and panel discussions were focused on the following topics:

1. Asian Strategy in a New Global Stage.
2. Localization (including those of the human resources development and training).
3. Transfer of Technology/Quality Control.
4. Investment Network.

Business and/or government representatives from Japan, the United States, Europe, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and Singapore were among the speakers. Officers of PBEC including Sir Ronald R. Trotter, International President of PBEC, were also present in the forum.