

ASEAN's 50th anniversary: tracing the journey with statistics

JAKARTA, 9 August 2017 - With the commemoration of the Association of South East Asian Nations' (ASEAN) golden jubilee underway, the ASEAN Statistics Division (ASEANstats) of the ASEAN Secretariat joined in the celebration by launching three landmark publications. These are *Celebrating ASEAN: 50 Years of Evolution and Progress*, the *ASEAN Statistical Report on Millennium Development Goals 2017*, and the *ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS) 2017*.

Celebrating ASEAN: 50 Years of Evolution and Progress presents an overview of ASEAN evolution and progress since its founding through a selection of key socio-economic indicators. The publication is organised into four key themes, namely economic progress, social progress, economic connectivity, and narrowing development gap. This publication is supported by the European Union Delegation through the EU-ASEAN COMPASS Project.

The ASEAN Statistical Report on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) 2017 examines the progress and achievements of the ASEAN Member States with regards to the MDGs. The report provides estimates for the 25 MDG indicators every five years from 1990 to 2015, and compares the final change from 1990 to 2015 with the MDG targets. This publication is also supported by the European Union Delegation through the EU-ASEAN COMPASS Project.

Finally, *the ASEAN Community Progress Monitoring System (ACPMS) 2017 Report* is the third of the ACPMS report series which provides statistics on key integration outcomes in ASEAN. In this third report, the selection of indicators is aligned with the envisaged characteristics of the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025. The report contributes to and complements ASEAN's broader integration monitoring framework. The ACPMS Report 2017 is supported by the Australian Government through the ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II.

These publications are available at <http://www.aseanstats.org/asean50/>.

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