**Introduction**

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Member States are Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

**Establishment**

- **1967**: ASEAN was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- **1969**: Singapore joined, making up today's ten Member States of ASEAN.
- **1976**: The ASEAN Secretariat was established in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- **1977**: The ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) was formally established.
- **1999**: The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) was formally established on 31 December 2003.

**Gender Equality**

- **1990 to 2016**: The female share of adults able to read and write more than doubled, from 18.2% in 1990 to 39.1% in 2016, with females at 39.1% - higher than males at 33.0%.

**Sanitation and Access**

- **1990 to 2016**: Access to improved sanitation in ASEAN-6 and CLMV (% of population) increased from 52.0% in 1990 to 76.5% in 2016.
- **1990 to 2016**: Access to safe drinking water in ASEAN (% of population) increased from 76.9% in 1990 to 91.1% in 2016.

**Education**

- **1990 to 2016**: Tertiary enrolment in ASEAN (% of population aged 18-23 years) increased from 18.2% in 1990 to 36.1% in 2016.

**Health**

- **1990 to 2016**: Under-5 mortality rate in ASEAN (per 1,000 live births) decreased from 89.5 to 26 deaths per 1,000 live births.
- **1990 to 2016**: Life expectancy in ASEAN (years) improved, reaching 81.6 years in 2016, compared to 52.0 years in 1980.

**GDP per capita**

- **1967 to 2016**: GDP per capita (in US$) increased from 55.6 in 1967 to 36.1 in 2016.

**Admissions to Higher Education**

- **1990 to 2016**: Enrolment in higher education (% of tertiary enrolment) increased from 21.3% in 1990 to 36.1% in 2016.

**Additional Information**

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