

# Highlights of the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2017

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# The Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN

- The PH Chairmanship in 2017 coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN.
- In 2017, ASEAN also commemorated the following milestones in its relations with Dialogue Partners:
  - 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASEAN's dialogue relations with the United States of America, Canada, and the European Union; the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with India, and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN Plus Three.
- The ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) also marked its 40<sup>th</sup> year.



# The PH's Chairmanship Theme and Priorities



*“The PH champions positive change in the lives of ASEAN citizens and promotes cooperation with and among neighbors and ASEAN’s dialogue partners.”*

- The PH's Chairmanship Theme  
*“Partnering for Change, Engaging the World”*

- Six Thematic Priorities:



A people-oriented, people-centered ASEAN



Peace and stability in the region



Maritime security and cooperation



Inclusive, innovation-led growth



ASEAN's resiliency



ASEAN: A model of regionalism, a global player





# Achievements per Thematic Priority

# A people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN

- **ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers**



- ASEAN High-Level Conference on Social Protection, 15-17 August
- First ASEAN Youth Development Index
- ASEAN Declaration on the Gender-Responsive Implementation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and Sustainable Development Goals
- Cross-Regional Meeting for Advancing the Protection of Children from Violence, 6-8 June

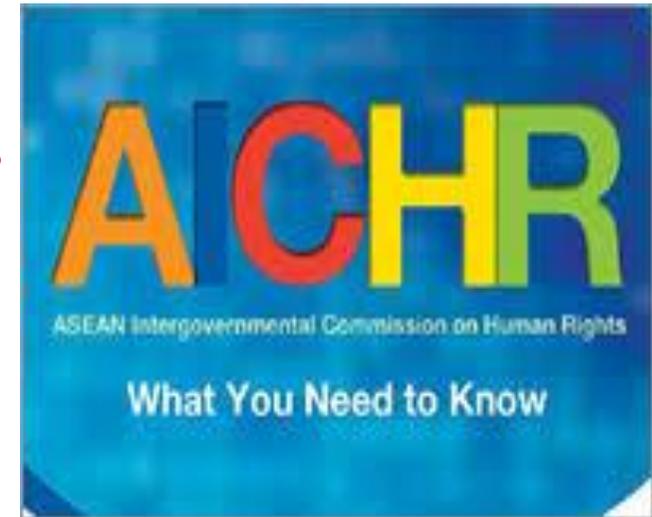




# A people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN

## ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

- Regional Plan of Action on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Thematic study on women affected by natural disasters
- Workshop on the Development of Human Rights Legal Instrument



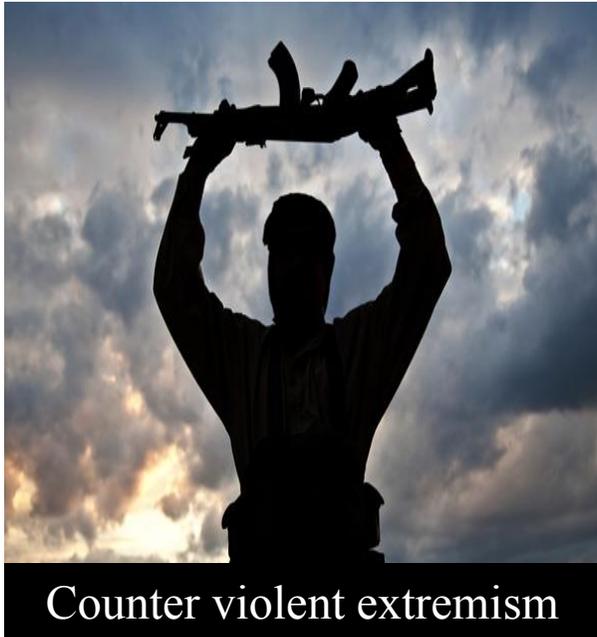
# *Peace and stability in the region*



Counter violent extremism

- Manila Declaration to Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism
- EAS Leaders' Declaration on Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism
- EAS Leaders' Statement on Countering Ideological Challenges of Terrorism and Terrorist Narratives and Propaganda

# *Peace and stability in the region*



- ARF Workshop on Mainstreaming the Prevention of Violent Extremism in the ARF Region – A Challenge for Security and Social Agendas, 15-16 February, Brussels (PH co-hosted with EU and Australia)
- ARF Workshop on the Medium-To Long-Term Support for Victims of Terrorism, 7-8 February (PH co-hosted with the US)

# *Peace and stability in the region*

- Entry into force of the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) in March 2017
- Bohol Trafficking in Person Work Plan 2017-2020.



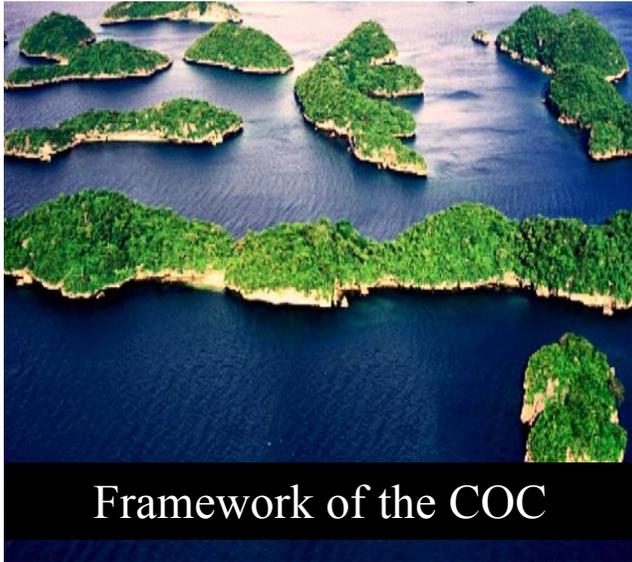
# *Peace and stability in the region*

## Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Treaty

- Extension of the Plan of Action to implement the SEANWFZ Treaty (2018-2022)
- Commitment to preserve the Southeast Asian region as a Nuclear Weapon Free Zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction



# Maritime security and cooperation



- Announced the start of the negotiations for the Code of Conduct on the South China Sea
- Maritime Cooperation as a new area of cooperation in the East Asia Summit
- ASEAN-China Leaders' Declaration for a Decade of Coastal and Marine Environmental Protection in the South China Sea (2017-2027)

- 9<sup>th</sup> ARF ISM on Maritime Security (PH co-chaired with Japan and US), 7-9 February (Tokyo)
- 4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-EU High Level Dialogue on Maritime Security, 5-6 October



# *Inclusive, innovation-led growth*



- Launched the Davao-GenSan-Bitung ASEAN RoRo Sea Linkage Route in Davao, 30 April
  - ASEAN Focused and Strategic (FAST) Action Agenda on Investment
  - ASEAN Seamless Trade Facilitation Indicators
  - ASEAN Work Program on Electronic Commerce (AWPEC) 2017-2025
  - ASEAN Inclusive Business Framework
  - Substantial conclusion of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement (ATISA)
  - ASEAN-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)
  - ASEAN-Hong Kong Investment Agreement
  - RCEP Joint Statement on the Negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership



# Inclusive, innovation-led growth

- Go Lokal! Pop Up Store (throughout the year)
- ASEAN MSMEs Mentors & Enablers Conference, 28-29 April
- 2017 ASEAN Prosperity for All Summit, 28 April
- ASEAN MSME Development Summit: “The 7Ms of Inclusiveness and Innovation,” 13-14 July
- 2nd ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs' Carnival, 5 September



MSMEs & Digital Economy



Innovation-driven economy

- ASEAN Declaration on Innovation
- Action Agenda on Mainstreaming Women's Empowerment in ASEAN
- Slingshot at ASEAN (for start-up businesses), 20 October
- Linking ASEAN MSMEs with ASEAN and Global MNEs, 19 October



# ASEAN's resiliency



DRR & Climate change adaptability

- ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Disaster Health Management
- ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP-23)
- AHA Centre to operationalize the One ASEAN One Response Declaration

- Inauguration of the New ACB Building Headquarters
- ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes



# ASEAN: A model of regionalism, a global player

Highlighting  
ASEAN's 50<sup>th</sup> year



- ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN
- Manila Declaration on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN Plus Three
- UNGA Resolution on ASEAN's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- High Level Forum on ASEAN@50, 19 October
- ERIA-DFA joint publication of 5-volume books on ASEAN@50
- ASEAN at 50: Achievements and Challenges in Regional Integration (by UNCTAD)
- Discussed and acted on regional and international issues (e.g. DPRK, Rakhine State)
- Historic 31<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summit, 10-14 November
- Turkey as newest ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Partner

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASEAN, 8 August

- Grand Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN
- Tribute to the Five Founding Fathers of ASEAN
- Recognition of Special Awardees: (a) ASEAN Biodiversity Heroes Awards; (b) ASEAN Youth Social Entrepreneurship Awards; and (c) ASEAN Rice Science and Technology Ambassadors Awards
- ASEAN Grand Parade
- Landmark Lighting Activity
- ASEAN Pop Music Concert



# The Way Forward

- Continue to pursue and promote initiatives in line with the PH's six thematic priorities as they align with and support Singapore's theme of a Resilient and Innovative ASEAN, towards the realization of ASEAN Community Vision 2025
- Work with ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners in addressing regional and global issues of common concern – non-traditional security issues, economic, the situation in the Korean Peninsula
- The PH will assume the three-year country coordinatorship of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations in August 2018
  - ASEAN-China Cooperation
  - Negotiations on the COC
- Continue raising awareness about ASEAN

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