

## **Compliance, Connectivity, Climate Change and Centrality: 16th ASEAN Summit Conclusions**

ASEAN Studies Centre head Mr Rodolfo Severino (and former ASEAN Secretary-General) participated in the post-ASEAN Summit briefing via video-conference organised by the ASEAN Secretariat in partnership with the World Bank and its Global Distance Learning Network (GDLN) for Asia Pacific. ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan shared highlights of the 16th ASEAN Summit discussions and recommendations, mentioning in particular the master plan on ASEAN connectivity, ASEAN's response to climate change, ASEAN's centrality, and important steps made in building the ASEAN Community, especially ASEAN economic integration. The Chairman's statement on the 16th ASEAN Summit can be downloaded from the ASEAN Secretariat website: <http://www.asean.org/24509.htm>.

The video-conference briefing – broadcast "live" from the 16th ASEAN Summit site Hanoi, Vietnam, connected some 300 government officials, the media, representatives of the business community, the academia and civil society organisations, in seven ASEAN capitals (Hanoi, Phnom Penh, Jakarta, Vientiane, Manila, Singapore and Bangkok) in a dialogue session with Dr Surin on the outcomes of the 16th ASEAN Summit. The Singapore site had two immediate past ASEAN Secretaries-General participating in the dialogue: Mr Severino and Mr Ong Keng Yong.

Mr Ong and Mr Severino both asked Dr Surin to provide more information on how ASEAN would ensure compliance with economic agreements, and on ASEAN's external relations with partners. Dr Surin shared information on the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) scorecard, which has been made public, to monitor the progress towards achieving regional economic integration by 2015. The scorecard, which is available at <http://www.asean.org/publications/AEC%20Scorecard.pdf>, will also help the people of ASEAN keep track of the progress. To date, about 76 percent of economic agreements has been ratified.

Mr Severino had listed compliance as a key task in his article "4 Key Tasks for ASEAN Leaders at Summit" preceding the Summit on 1 April 2010. Asked on his reaction to the Summit outcome on the matter, Mr Severino agreed with Dr Surin's observation on how the AEC scorecard would help deepen consciousness among the people of ASEAN that "the centrality of ASEAN will depend on this success of economic integration, of consolidation, of connectivity, of making the market one." For more details of Mr Severino's interview and the post-Summit briefing, please visit the Channel News Asia website: <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/southeastasia/view/1049114/1.html>.

For the full text of Mr Severino's article, please visit <http://www.iseas.edu.sg/aseanstudiescentre/asco11-10.pdf>.



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