

ASEAN STUDIES CENTRE WEBINAR

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON “ASEAN’S MISSION IN MYANMAR: WHAT NEXT?”

Date: 14 May 2021 (Friday)

Time: 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm (Singapore Time)

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About the Roundtable

ASEAN Leaders met on 24 April 2021 in Jakarta to discuss on the recent developments in Myanmar, which resulted in the "Five-Point Consensus" attached to the Chairman's Statement as ASEAN's response to the political and humanitarian crisis in Myanmar. While the Leaders' meeting is testament to the grouping's role and relevance to regional affairs, the road ahead is a long and difficult one for Myanmar and its people. This online roundtable will discuss how ASEAN can operationalise the “Five-Point Consensus”, especially in engaging with different stakeholders in Myanmar and rallying the support of the international community. The roundtable will also offer lessons learned from past experiences of engagement with Myanmar that could be instructive for ASEAN in its upcoming critical undertaking.

The Honourable Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Minister of Foreign Affairs II of Brunei Darussalam will deliver opening remarks on ASEAN’s response to the recent developments in Myanmar.

About the Speakers



Dato Seri Setia Haji Erywan Bin Pehin Datu Pekerma Jaya Haji Mohd Yusof is the Minister of Foreign Affairs II, Negara Brunei Darussalam, a position he has held since September 2018. Prior to that, Dato Erywan was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade II. He was appointed Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2015. Dato Erywan served as the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2008), and was the ASEAN SOM Leader for Brunei Darussalam (2008-2010).



Ambassador Ong Keng Yong is Executive Deputy Chairman of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore since November 2014. Concurrently, he is Ambassador-at-Large in the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Singapore’s non-resident High Commissioner to Pakistan and non-resident Ambassador to Iran. He was High Commissioner of Singapore to Malaysia from July 2011 to October 2014. Mr Ong was Secretary-General of ASEAN based in Jakarta, Indonesia from January 2003 to January 2008.



Ambassador Sihak Phuangketkeow was previously Permanent Secretary of Thailand’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was Ambassador of Thailand to Tokyo (2015) and Ambassador of Thailand to France (2016-2018). Prior to that, he was Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006) and Thailand’s Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva (2007). Between 2010 and 2011, he was President of the United Nations Human Rights Council. He was also Chair of the High-Level Panel on an ASEAN Human

Rights Body that drafted the Terms of Reference establishing the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights.



Ambassador Dr Rizal Sukma is Senior Research Fellow of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia. He is former Indonesian Ambassador to the United Kingdom and International Maritime Organization, former Executive Director of CSIS, and a member of the Board of Advisors of the Institute for Peace and Democracy (IPD). Ambassador Sukma has worked extensively on such issues as Southeast Asian security, ASEAN, Indonesia's defence and foreign policy, military reform, Islam and politics, and domestic political changes in Indonesia.



Ms Moe Thuzar is an ISEAS Fellow, and co-coordinator of the Myanmar Studies Programme. She was previously a lead researcher at the ASEAN Studies Centre at ISEAS. She joined ISEAS in 2008, after ten years at the ASEAN Secretariat, heading the Human Development Unit in her last three years there. Moe has contributed to several compendia/volumes on ASEAN, and on Myanmar. She was also part of the ASEAN Studies Centre team engaging with Myanmar for its 2014 ASEAN Chairmanship.