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Outcomes of the 46th ASEAN Summit

On 26 May 2025, at the invitation of His Excellency Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia, Samdech Moha Borvor Thipadei HUN Manet, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, attended the 46th ASEAN Summit held under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

1. 46th ASEAN Summit

During the Plenary Session, the ASEAN Leaders reviewed the progress of ASEAN Community building efforts with the successful conclusion of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025. The Leaders also commended the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community Vision 2045 (HLTF-ACV), the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (HLTF-EI), the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Post-2025 Strategic Plan, and the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) for developing the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and its Strategic Plans, and adopted these milestone documents as a guiding framework for advancing the ASEAN Community for the next two decades.

In the context of an increasingly complex and unpredictable geopolitical landscape, the Leaders reaffirmed the importance of upholding and strengthening ASEAN Centrality and unity in ASEAN's engagements with existing and new external partners. The Leaders also underscored the importance of deepening economic integration and further enhancing intra-ASEAN trade and investment flows, with a focus on inclusive, resilient, and sustainable growth that leaves no one and no place



behind. To address growing geoeconomic uncertainties, the Leaders reaffirmed their support for a free, open, fair, inclusive, and rules-based multilateral trading system.

Samdech Thipadei Prime Minister expressed Cambodia's full support for Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025, especially as inclusiveness and sustainability are essential pillars for ensuring the region's long-term peace, stability and prosperity. He emphasized that, in the face of intensifying geopolitical rivalries, prolonged armed conflicts, erosion of multilateral cooperation, and growing threats from non-traditional security challenges, ASEAN must be united in purpose, strategic in vision, and steadfast in collective action.

Samdech Thipadei highlighted the necessity of deepening regional integration and strengthening cooperation with interested partners to ensure that ASEAN remains a beacon of stability and predictability in an increasingly uncertain world. To enhance intra-ASEAN trade, he emphasised the importance of streamlining processes, removing barriers, aligning regulatory frameworks, and embracing digital and green transitions to create a seamless and resilient regional market. He further stressed that ASEAN needs to strengthen connectivity across physical, institutional, and people-to-people dimensions. This includes advancing key strategic initiatives such as the ASEAN Power Grid to realize the shared goal for decarbonization and inclusive development and enhancing regional tourism to position ASEAN as a vibrant, diverse and competitive tourism hub.

Samdech Thipadei reiterated Cambodia's strong and consistent support for Timor-Leste's full membership in ASEAN this year, and underscored that Timor-Leste's accession will not only reinforce our unity and inclusiveness, but also bolster ASEAN's collective capacity to address both ongoing and emerging challenges. Equally important, it will enable Timor-Leste to participate in and benefit from regional integration. As we find ourselves at a critical juncture to chart a bold and forward-looking path for the next two decades, he highlighted that the ASEAN Vision 2045, along with its Strategic Plans, will serve as a collective compass to guide ASEAN toward a resilient, innovative, dynamic, and people-centered future.

During the Retreat Session, the Leaders discussed the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus (5PC) and exchanged views on regional and international



developments of mutual interest and concern, including issues affecting the global economy and the rules-based multilateral trading system.

2. ASEAN Leaders' Interfaces

At the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), Samdech Thipadei outlined four key areas where AIPA can make a meaningful impact by: first, upholding peace and promoting inclusive, rule-based multilateralism; second, enacting legislation and overseeing the implementation of commitments that benefit all segments of society; third, advancing ASEAN's collaboration for green agenda through legislation; and fourth, enhancing collaboration with Dialogue Partners, development institutions, and civil society to promote equity, sustainability, and resilience.

At the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Youth, Samdech Thipadei recommended that youth should focus on strengthening necessary skills and competencies to stay relevant and competitive in the fast-changing world, and recognized the vital role of youth in shaping ASEAN's future and strongly committed to continue investing in their capacity to ensure they are future-ready.

At the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with Representatives of ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC), Samdech Thipadei emphasized the important role of the private sector in the economic community building process in the context of global economic uncertainty. Samdech Thipadei suggested that the ASEAN-BAC should conduct further consultations with relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and develop a multi-year plan of action that aligns with the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Strategic Plan 2026-2030 and the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, and expressed confidence that ASEAN can build a shared prosperous future that is sustainable, inclusive, innovative, and resilient.



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