

NEWSLETTER

BUILDING A DATA-DRIVEN ASEAN:

Highlights from the 14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Committee 2024

MALAYSIA SETS THE STAGE FOR ACSS CHAIRMANSHIP 2025



26-28 November 2024 — The Fourteenth Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS14) Committee was successfully held at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR, hosted by the Lao Statistics Bureau. The session was presided over by Ms. Phonesaly Souksavath, Head of the Lao Statistics Bureau, with Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, Chief Statistician Malaysia, serving as the Co-chairperson. The session was officiated by H.E. Phet Phomphiphak, Minister of Planning and Investment of Lao PDR.

The session officially announced that Malaysia will reassume the Chairmanship of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) for 2025, marking its return to this leadership role after a decade, following its previous tenure in 2015. This milestone underscores Malaysia's continued commitment to advancing regional statistical cooperation and integration.

ACSS14 provided a crucial platform for ASEAN Member States (AMS), ASEANstats, and international partners to review progress, share best practices, and strategize for future statistical initiatives, paving the way for a stronger and more connected ASEAN.

MALAYSIA TAKES THE HELM:

LEADING ASEAN INTO A FUTURE OF INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN 2025

"Malaysia will take centre stage on the global platform as it assumes the ASEAN Chairmanship next year. This esteemed role will enable the nation to spearhead efforts in strengthening regional and international collaboration across key areas such as the economy, finance, trade, defence, security, social development, health, education, tourism, statistics, environmental sustainability and beyond."



















14th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS)

Aligned with the Lao PDR's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2024, "Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience", ACSS14 adopted the theme for its 2024 work programme: "Strengthening Data Integration to Advance Regional Connectivity and Resilience."





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Closed Session Agenda

Outcomes of ACSS13 and CoW 16 Meeting

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AGENDA 3 ACSS M&E KPI

AGENDA 4 Handbook of Mirror Analysis on Merchandise
Trade Statistics for ASEAN

Implementation of Application Programming
Interface (API) utilisation for AMS data
submission

Revised Policies and Guidelines on Data Sharing, Confidentiality and Dissemination

AGENDA 7 - Preliminary result of ACSS Annual Work Plan
(AWP) 2024 Monitoring and ACSS M&E KPIS

Development of Concept Note for the ACSS Virtual Academy

Development of Data Governance
Framework for ASEANstats

Update on ASEAN Statistical Indicators – Consolidated Template (ASI-CT) and other key statistics

Result of Code of Practice (CoP) Section B and C from all ACSS Working Groups

Enhancement of User Satisfaction Survey on ASEANstats website

ACSS Working Group ToRs

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ACSS14 Joint Media Statement

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ACSS14 KEY OUTCOMES AND DECISIONS

O1 Themes and Deliverables of the ACSS14

ACSS committee worked on key initiatives like drafting the ACSS Action Plan 2026–2030, reviewing the Monitoring and Evaluation of Key Performance Indicators (M&E KPI), developing a Handbook of Mirror Analysis for International Merchandise Trade Statistics and piloting the use of API for data submission.

Q2 Relevant updates from ASEAN Summits and Ministerial Meetings

Discussions included trade agreements, supply chain connectivity, sustainable agriculture, digital transformation, and enhancing the ASEAN Single Window for trade facilitation.

O3 Development of ACSS Action Plan 2026-2030

The draft plan, co-led by Malaysia, the Philippines and ASEANstats, was reviewed. The plan includes strategic measures and activities for enhancing regional statistical systems, with further refinements expected before formal endorsement in 2025.

O4 ACSS Annual Work Plan (AWP) 2025 and Indicative AWP 2026

Updates to the 2025 AWP include removing peer reviews and adding a new initiative to develop the ACSS Virtual Academy platform. The Indicative AWP 2026 was also reviewed, with adjustments to align with the finalised ACSS Action Plan 2026–2030.

O5 Enhancements in Data Availability and Dissemination

- Initiatives included enhancing data submissions via API, disseminating GDP statistics by expenditure with nine main category breakdowns, and implementing a pilot study on small-area estimation techniques.
- ASEANstats introduced an improved website and a new mobile application, enhancing accessibility to ASEAN statistics. These platforms are scheduled for launch in December 2024.

















ACSS14 KEY OUTCOMES AND DECISIONS

O6 Progress on Data Harmonisation in Key Fields of Statistics

The ACSS WGs reported progress in aligning ASEAN statistics, including:

- Updates to key manuals, such as the System of National Accounts (SNA), Balance of Payments Manual (BPM), and trade statistics guides, which are scheduled for release in the coming years.
- Challenges, including disparities in national and regional capacities, that require further action.
- The necessity of support from international organisations to implement the new recommendations effectively.

O7 ACSS Capacity Building Activities

- 27 capacity-building activities under AHAF in 2024, with an additional 29 activities scheduled for implementation from the end of 2024 to 2025.
- Active engagement from all AMS and participation by Timor-Leste.
- Endorsement of the concept for the ASEAN Statistics Virtual Academy, with a proof of concept (POC) planned for 2025, and it was agreed to be one of the ACSS Annual Priorities for the coming year.
- AMS was encouraged to continue supporting future capacity-building activities through expertise or active participation.

08 Data Governance Framework

- A framework for ASEANstats was adopted to ensure data quality, security, and consistency.
- Member states encouraged developing national-level frameworks.

O9 ACSS Annual Priorities 2025 by Malaysia

Adopted the ACSS Annual Priorities in 2025, as follows:

- Developing an ASEAN SDG Indicators Progress Report 2025.
- Creating a proof of concept for the ASEAN Statistics Virtual Academy.
- Conduct awareness initiatives focusing on the importance of statistics for national and regional development.
- Development of Concept Note on Data Governance for AMS.

















ACSS14 KEY OUTCOMES AND DECISIONS

10 International Cooperations

Presentations from international organizations highlighted key contributions to ASEANstats:

- ADB: Support in price statistics, digital economy, tourism data, and new data sources like mobile data.
- E-READI: Development of the ASEAN Digital Index (ADIX) to measure digital development across five domains i.e. Connectivity, Digital Public Services, Human Capital, Integration of Digital Technology, and Use of Internet Services.
- UN ESCAP: Strengthening statistical systems and SDG monitoring, including capacitybuilding efforts.
- UN Women: Release of the second ASEAN Gender Outlook and efforts to improve gender statistics.
- ILO: Updates on the International Labour Migration Statistics (ILMS) Database, which supports labor migration data collection.
- IMF: Updates on macroeconomic standards (SNA 2025 and BPM7) with a focus on capacity development.
- Statistics Norway: Support for Indonesia in ocean accounts and implementation of national accounts database systems.

11 Other Key Updates

- Code of Practice: Self-assessments revealed resource gaps, revision schedules, and ICT needs.
- User Satisfaction Survey: Improvements suggested to increase feedback for better services.
- Focus Group on Big Data: Established to address the strategic use of big data across AMS.
- **Digital Transformation:** Updates on ASEAN Digital Integration Index (ADII) and ASEAN Digital Index (ADIX) to monitor digitalization progress.

12 Malaysia's Leadership in 2025

Malaysia will chair ACSS in 2025, focusing on statistical capacity-building, SDG indicator development and promoting the role of statistics in regional integration.

















Strengthening Regional Cooperation: Malaysia's Active Participation in the ACSS14 Committee









DOSM's commitment to regional statistical collaboration

- Co-led initiatives with ASEANstats, the Philippines and Indonesia.
- Key initiatives include:
 - ACSS Action Plan 2026–2030 & its Key Performance Indicators.
 - Handbook for Mirror Analysis on Merchandise Trade Statistics.
 - ASEAN Annual Priority List for 2025.
- Primary objectives of these initiatives:
 - Strengthen the strategic direction of ASEAN statistics.
 - Promote regional integration through enhanced data systems.
 - o Provide tools to improve data accuracy and consistency across ASEAN.



ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework for ACSS Capacity Building

- AHAF is a program that aims to improve the skills and daily work of ASEAN statistics participants through training, workshops, and technical assistance.
- DOSM contributed expertise in 6 training programs.
- Participated in 17 training programs organised with ASEANstats.
- Shared the knowledge gained with other ASEAN Member States (AMS), fostering regional cooperation.



Leadership role:

- Served as chair of the Working Group on System of National Accounts (WGSNA) for two consecutive terms (2021–2024) and focused on data harmonisation initiatives.
- Shared experiences in National Data Governance, Data Stewardship and Data Integration as well as reinforced commitment to developing a robust data ecosystem in ASEAN.
- Updated on hosting key meetings throughout 2025, including ACSS15, SCPC29, WGDSA23, WGSDGI8, and WGSITS12, as Malaysia, through the DOSM, assumed the chairmanship for the ACSS Chair 2025.

















Snapshots of ACSS14











Source: 14th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS14)

















Snapshots of ACSS14































































Media Statement



MEDIA STATEMENT

AFTER A DECADE, MALAYSIA REASSUMES LEADERSHIP OF THE ASEAN COMMUNITY STATISTICAL SYSTEM (ACSS) FOR 2025

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Under the ASEAN-Help-ASEAN Framework for ACSS Dapacity Building, DOSM has played an active mile by contributing reportine in six training programs. In addition, DOSM has further strengthered its horredge part delife through participation, To training programs organized in collaboration with ASEANstate. As a result of this participation, the benefits and knowledge glained have been shared with other ASEAN Member States (AMS), in line with the spirit of regional cooperation.



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At the global level, the UN Statistical Commission, which meets annually, plays as important role in guiding and framing the official statistical system to ensure that the methodologies, concepts, definition, marrials, and other materials used in-statistics in each country meet international disnidaris. The existence of notion statistics or evices can provide comprehensive statistics to help make the right decisions of the relational and global levels.

During ACSS14, the Chief Statistician of Malaysia was accompanied by Ms. Ezabal Nisha Abdul Rahman, the Director of the Change Management Office (CMO) and a member of the ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (ACSS-SCPC).

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The Government of Malaysia has declared National Statistics Day (MyStats Day) on October 20th, MyStats Day theme is 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. DOSM commemorates its 75th Dismond Jubilee in 2024.



SELEPAS SEDEKAD, MALAYSIA KEMBALI MENERAJUI SISTEM STATISTIK KOMUNITI ASEAN (ACSS) TAHUN 2025

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Malaysia Sandang Semula Kepengerusian Sistem Statistik Komuniti ASEAN Untuk 2025

Ketus Perangkawan Malaysia, Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Udir Mahidiri, hadir Sesi ke-14 Javatankuasa Sistem Statistik Komunisi ASEAN (ASSS14), yang berkangsung dari 26 hingga 28 November 2034 di Vientiane, Lao PDR, anjuran Biro Sistesik Lao PDR, Kredit : Jahatan Perangkana Malaysia

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KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Nov (Bernama) -- Malaysia secara rasmi kembali menggalas kepengerusian Sistem Statistik Komuniti ASEAN (ACSS) bagi tahun 2025 selepas sedekad, setelah kejayaan mengetuai ACSS pada tahun 2015.

Pencapaian ini menandakan langkah penting dalam merancakkan kerjasama sistem statistik serantau.

Pengumuman tersebut dibuat semasa Sesi Ke-14 Jawatan kuasa ACSS (ACSS14) yang berlangsung di Vientiane, Laos, dari 26 hingga 28 Nov, 2024 anjuran Biro Statistik Laos.

Sesi tersebut dipengerusikan oleh Ketua Perangkawan Laos, Phonesaly Souksavath dan dipengerusikan bersama Ketua Perangkawan Malaysia Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin.

Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia (DOSM) berkata dalam sa ACSS 2025, Malaysia akan memberi tumpuan usa ACSS khususnya dalam memperkukuh kapasiti statistik berasaskan data serta memacu inisiatif ke arah inter

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Malaysia sandang semula kepengerusian Sistem Statistik Komuniti ASEAN 2025









Mohd Uzir hadir pada esi ke-14 Jawatankuasa ACSS (ACSS14), yang berlangsung Vientiane, Laos. - Foto Jabatan Perangkaan Mala

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia secara rasmi kembali menggalas kepengerusi ASEAN (ACSS) bagi tahun 2025 selepas sedekad, setelah kejayaan meng

























Unity in Uniqueness of the ASEAN Member States (AMS)



The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Brunei Darussalam joined ASEAN on 7 January 1984, followed by Vietnam on 28 July 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999, making up the ten Member States of ASEAN today.

During the 40th and 41st ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, the ASEAN leaders agreed in principle to accept Timor-Leste as the 11th member of ASEAN, grant it observer status and draft an action plan based on objective criteria to support the country in achieving full membership.

ASEAN Motto

"One Vision, One Identity, One Community"

ASEAN Day

8 August is observed as **ASEAN** Day



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- The ASEAN Emblem shall be the official emblem of ASEAN.
- The ASEAN Emblem represents a stable, peaceful, united and dynamic ASEAN. The colours of the Emblem - blue, red, white and yellow - represent the main colours of the state crests of all the ASEAN Member States.
- The blue represents peace and stability. Red depicts courage and dynamism, white shows purity and yellow symbolises prosperity.
- The stalks of padi in the centre of the Emblem represent the dream of ASEAN's Founding Fathers for an ASEAN comprising all the countries in Southeast Asia, bound together in friendship and solidarity
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THREE COMMUNITY PILLARS OF ASEAN

The rodmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) was declared by the leaders in 2009. The ASEAN Community, anchored on three community pillars was launched in 2015:



ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC)

The APSC shall aim to ensure that countries in the region live at peace with one another and with the world in a just, democratic and harmonious environment.



ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

The AEC is the realization of the region's end goal of economic integration. It envisions ASEAN as a single market and product base, a highly competitive region, with equitable economic development, and fully integrated into the global economy.



ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC)

The ASEAN Socio Cultural Community is all about realising the full potential of ASEAN citizens. The ASCC Blueprint 2025 was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 27th ASEAN Summit on 22 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The ASEAN 2025: Forging Ahead Together was introduced in 2015 as a Post-2015 Vision. It comprises the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025.

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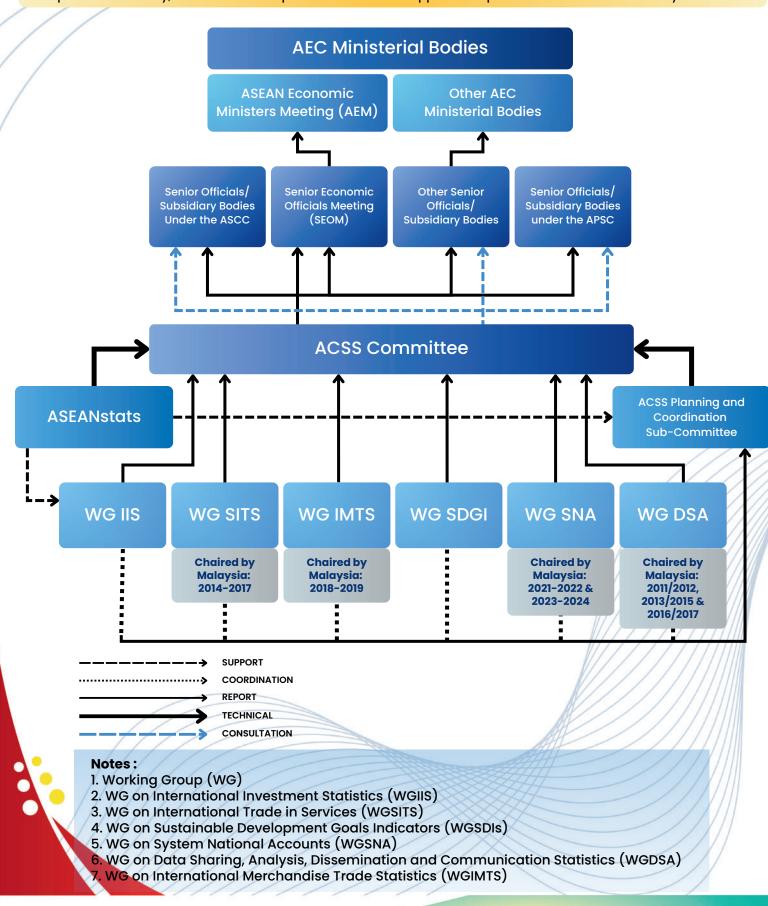






Reporting Structure of the ACSS Committee

In line with the establishment of the ACSS Committee, the Ministers endorsed the Terms of Reference of the ACSS Committee and the inclusion of the ACSS Committee in the Updated Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter under the AEM. The Ministers underscored the importance of having clearer mandate of the ACSS Committee to expedite the development and provision of timely, relevant and comparable statistics in support of all pillars of the ASEAN Community.



















ASEAN Cooperation in Statistics ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS)

What is the ACSS?

- The ACSS is a partnership between and among the national statistical systems of the ASEAN Member States (AMSs), the ASEAN Community Councils, and the ASEAN Secretariat
- The ACSS Committee is the highest policy-making and coordinating body on statistical matters in the ASEAN region. It was formally established in 2011 as a reconstitution of the ASEAN Heads of Statistical Offices Meeting (AHSOM).
- The ACSS Committee shall be responsible for strengthening regional statistical cooperation in support of the ASEAN Community, and provide professional guidance on the production, dissemination, and communication of ASEAN statistics
- The ACSS Committee meets once a year or more, as necessary while Chairmanship is on a rotating basis, following the ASEAN chairmanship.

Who are the Major Partners?

- The ACSS Committee is the highest regional policymaking and coordinating body on ASEAN statistics.
- The national statistical systems of all ASEAN Member States, with the national statistical office (NSO) as the country focal point on ASEAN statistics.
- The ASEAN Secretariat, through the ASEANstats, is the regional focal point of ASEAN statistics and the technical arm and secretariat of the ACSS Committee.
- The ASEAN Community Councils, through its ASEAN bodies, as the primary stakeholders.

To Whom Shall the Committee Report?

- To the ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) Meeting through the Senior Economic Official Meeting (SEOM);
- For the pillar-specific inputs and consultations, the Committee shall consult the ASEAN bodies under the respective pillars (ASEAN political-Security Community, ASEAN Economic Community, and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community), and report its outcome to the AEM through SEOM.

Currently, there are <u>seven (7) Working Groups (WGs)</u> <u>under ACSS Committee</u>, namely:

- ACSS Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (SCPC)
- WG on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (WGIMTS)
- WG on International Investment Statistics (WGIIS);
- WG on International Trade in Services (WGSITS);
- WG on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (WGSDGIs);
- WG on System National Accounts (WGSNA); and
- WG on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication Statistics (WGDSA).

ACSS-SCPC

The ACSS-SCPC was installed along with the ACSS Committee in November 2011, to address the strong need for coordination of statistical activities at the regional level in meeting the expanded coverage of statistics under the purview of the ACSS Committee. It assumes the role of the focal point and provides leadership support to the Committee Chair.

WGIMTS

The main objective of the ASEAN WGIMTS is to facilitate the development and harmonization of IMTS, enhance the timeliness and effectiveness of IMTS data sharing and dissemination, and to better respond to the information requirements in support of economic integration and development as envisaged in the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint. The ToR of the WG was adopted at the Third Session of the ACSS Committee in October 2013.

WGIIS

The objective of the WGIIS is to promote the development, compilation, dissemination, and reporting of international investment statistics by ASEAN Member States for the design, development, implementation, and monitoring of ASEAN investment policies and programs. The ToR of the WG was adopted at the Second Session of the ACSS Committee in September 2012.

WGSITS

WGSITS is responsible for: 1) reflecting its permanent status within the decision-making framework of the ACSS Committee; 2) taking account the initiative on the harmonization of SITS; and 3) addressing the emerging needs for more detailed, more comparable, and more comprehensive SITS in various forms. The ToR of the WG was adopted at the Third Session of the ACSS Committee in October 2013.

WGDSA

The WGDSA aims to improve the national and regional capacities in information development and analysis, dissemination and communication of statistics in support of regional policy and program implementation, monitoring/evaluation, and improved governance and accountability in ASEAN. The ToR of the WG was adopted at the Second Session of the ACSS Committee in September 2012.

WGSDGI

Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (WGSDGI) aims to address the statistical requirements in monitoring and reviewing the implementation of the SDGs in the ASEAN Member States (AMS), in the ASEAN, as well as the region's position at the global level. The ToR of the WG was adopted at the Sixth Session of the ACSS Committee in November 2016.

WGSNA

The WGSNA aims to promote the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts (SNA) in the ASEAN Member States, including setting the targets of milestones, minimum required data sets and conceptual compliance with the 2008 SNA, as well as harmonization and development of relevant macroeconomic statistics in supports of the 2008 SNA implementation. The ToR of the WG was adopted at the Sixth Session of the ACSS Committee in November 2016.



















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Cultural Representation

The logo is inspired by Hibiscus rosa-sinensis (Bunga Raya), which is the national flower of Malaysia and also commonly found in all ASEAN Member States. The flower symbolises **richness**, **unity and identity** of the region.

Symbolism of Inclusivity

The inward curve of the five (5) petals embracing the ASEAN logo reflects inclusivity, reinforcing Malaysia's vision for a peaceful, stable and prosperous ASEAN.

Symbolism of Sustainability

Bunga Raya signifies the rich biodiversity of the region, representing ASEAN's drive towards sustainability. The circular motion of the petals around the ASEAN logo symbolises ASEAN's collective resolve towards attaining the long-term sustainability of the region and its people.

Narrative of Malaysia MADANI

The tip pointing to the right signifies **Malaysia** as the Chair driving ASEAN forward. The six (6) core values of Malaysia MADANI, namely Sustainability, Care and Compassion, Respect, Innovation, Prosperity and Trust are depicted by the six (6) points of the stigma of the flower. These values serve as the foundation of Malaysia's vision as the Chair of ASEAN.

Symbolism of ASEAN Centrality

The ASEAN logo in the middle represents ASEAN Centrality.

The Colours of the Logo

The colours in the Logo (blue, red, yellow and white) represents the main colours of the flags all ASEAN Member States.

Watch the exciting video showcasing Malaysia's leadership, innovation, and commitment as the ASEAN Chair for 2025!



The logo is inspired by the national flower of Malaysia



The ASEAN-Malaysia Chairmanship 2025 logo symbolises Malaysia's leadership and commitment to ASEAN Centrality. Inspired by the Hibiscus (Bunga Raya), it reflects unity and shared progress in the region. Our efforts will focus on inclusivity and sustainability in community building.



Starting 1 January 2025, Malaysia will assume the ASEAN Chairmanship, focusing on strengthening cooperation, fostering unity, and promoting inclusivity and sustainability for a brighter future.

#MyASEAN2025 #MYASEANChair2025 #ASEANMalaysia2025 #KepengerusianASEANMalaysia2025 #keterangkumandankemampanan #inclusivityandsustainability



















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As part of Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN 2025, DOSM is thrilled to host meetings that will bring together nations from across ASEAN and beyond! Here's a sneak peek at what's coming:

- 29th Meeting of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS) Sub-Committee on Planning and Coordination (ACSS-SCPC29) in February 2025
- 23rd Working Group on Data Sharing, Analysis, Dissemination and Communication of ASEAN Statistics (WGDSA23) in June 2025
- 8th Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals Indicators (WGSDGI8) in July 2025
- 12th Working Group on Statistics of International Trade in Services (WGSITS12) in August 2025
- 15th Session of the ASEAN Community Statistical System (ACSS15) Committee and ASEAN High-Level Statistical Forum in October/November 2025



As the ACSS Chair for 2025, Malaysia will prioritise advancing the strategic goals of the ASEAN Community Statistical System. Key efforts will include enhancing statistical capacity across the region, promoting datadriven policymaking, and driving initiatives that support sustainable and inclusive regional integration.



Starting in November and December, efforts must be intensified to ensure that our reports and presentations for ASEAN, particularly those from DOSM, rank among the best in the region. This is my hope and expectation for DOSM.

Speech by YAB Prime Minister Malaysia
National Statistics Day 2024 & Diamond Jubilee Celebration of DOSM







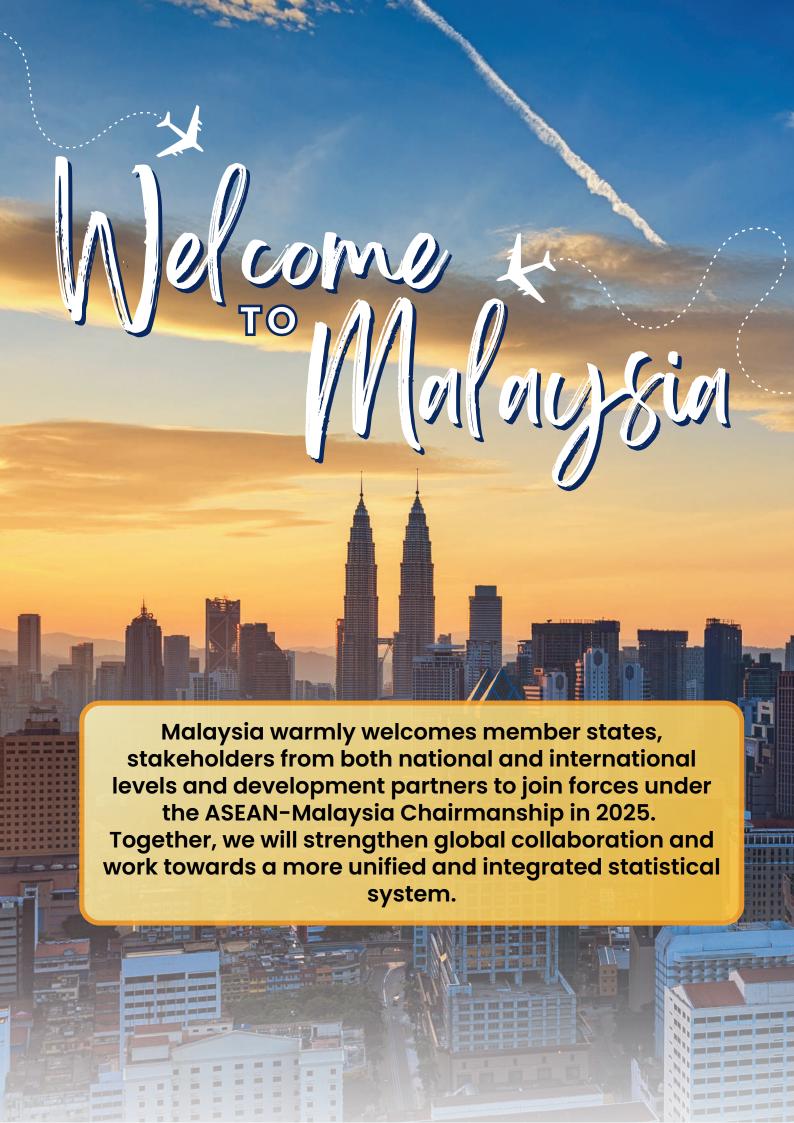












Gemilang

Di arus zaman berubah moden dan penuh rintangan tetap melangkah dan berevolusi dan menuju matlamat jaya

> Seiring dan seirama bersama tekad di hati misi dan visi berinovasi Gah di mata dunia

Chorus

Gemilang, perangkaan jitu data terpelihara pelbagai anugerah membuktikan kita juga berdaya Gemilang, harumkan negara di antarabangsa berpadu tenaga, berganding ba dan kejayaan di rasa

> Langkah strategi di yakini kejayaan di kecapi sejarah yang terukir menjadi inspirasi



Statistics Bloom in Harmony

Doesn't matter far or near Strength in numbers we don't live in fear

Birds of feather flock together Statistics our form of adour We, will always live it up

Prechorus

So let us live in solidarity And in the world arena we'll succeed
It is statistics that will come to be
The reason we will bloom in harmony

Chorus

Everybody undivided Data's where
our hearts reside in
There will always be a bind
Just like fire that ignites
That's how brightly lit our dreams
are
We'll reach higher than the stars

Sending love to one another Leaving no one in a slumber We will stand with unity

Mustering our courage while Embracing our disparities We'll achieve our victory One dream with unity One love with harmony



















Thank You























