

## Call for nominations for ASEAN Prize 2025 opens

**JAKARTA, 3 March 2025** – ASEAN officially announces the call for nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2025, today. Recognised as the region's premier award, the ASEAN Prize honours outstanding individuals and organisations across ASEAN for their exemplary contributions and significant accomplishments, towards fostering the building of an inclusive and outward looking ASEAN Community.

Currently in its eighth edition, the recipient of ASEAN Prize 2025 will be presented with a prestigious trophy at the 47<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit under Malaysia's Chairmanship, along with a monetary award of US\$20,000, in partnership with the Temasek Foundation of Singapore.

Eligible ASEAN individuals and organisation are invited to file the application for the ASEAN Prize 2025. Submissions must be made through the National Focal Points of the respective ASEAN Member State from 3 March to 16 May 2025. Applicants are required to submit a completed ASEAN Prize 2025 nomination form, providing comprehensive details and highlighting the nominee's future initiatives.

Applicants are encouraged to elaborate and detail their achievements that fall under the following actions:

- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN Member States (AMSs);
- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN and the world;
- Outstanding people-to-people engagement among AMSs;
- Outstanding economic integration and promotion of standards between AMSs;
- Other outstanding contributions to ASEAN Community Building;

Applications must be accompanied by supporting documents that substantiate the nominee's concrete contributions and achievements for the regional development. A character reference accompanying the supporting documents highlighting the nominee's eligibility would be valuable addition. On the important note, the ASEAN Prize will not consider self-nominations and posthumous submissions.

The Judging Committee Meeting for ASEAN Prize, chaired by Secretary-General of ASEAN Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, will convene round of intensive assessments to select this year's recipient. The panel of judges for ASEAN Prize 2025 comprises of both former and current Secretaries-General of ASEAN.

Since its inauguration in 2018, a total of four individuals and three organisations have been awarded with the ASEAN Prize. Last year, the ASEAN Youth Organization (AYO), a regional youth set-up based in Indonesia, was selected as the ASEAN Prize Recipient following their influential and impactful contributions to fostering cross-cultural collaborations and promoting ASEAN identity among the region's youth. Their determination and efforts have significantly contributed to further regional community engagement, especially among ASEAN youths, and

strengthened the building of the ASEAN Community.

Under Lao PDR Chairmanship, Prime Minister of the Lao PDR Sonexay Siphandone conferred the ASEAN Prize trophy to ASEAN Youth Organization during the opening ceremony of the 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit last October in Vientiane.

The ASEAN Prize serves as a testament to the region's resolute commitment to celebrate and honor the significant efforts of the individuals and organisations who have made steadfast contributions to the development of a resilient ASEAN Community, demonstrating concrete efforts in fostering regional integration, all the while forging an inclusive and stronger ASEAN identity.

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### Details on the nomination and eligibility for ASEAN Prize 2025

- Nomination calls start on 3 March 2025
- The nominee <u>must be</u> an ASEAN citizen or an ASEAN-based organisation.
- The nominee shall submit valid/verifiable documents and highlight his/her achievement and influence on ASEAN since the launch of the ASEAN Community on 31 December 2015.
- The nominee should also share future initiatives detailing how the cited work will continue after winning the Prize.

All nominations must be submitted to the ASEAN National Focal Point <u>by 16 May 2025 at 5 PM.</u> GMT+7 (Jakarta time).

Please submit nominations to your respective National Focal Point listed below. The ASEAN Prize 2025 nomination form can be downloaded from <a href="https://asean.org/nomination-form/">https://asean.org/nomination-form/</a>.

ASEAN Member States	National Focal Points for the ASEAN Prize
Brunei Darussalam	ASEAN-Brunei Darussalam National Secretariat Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam. Email: dept.ofasean@mfa.gov.bn
Cambodia	General Department of ASEAN Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Email: mfaic.asean@mfaic.gov.kh
Indonesia	Directorate of ASEAN Social and Cultural Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs Email: dit.ksba@kemlu.go.id; direktoratkfa@gmail.com
Lao PDR	ASEAN Political-Security Community Division Lao National ASEAN Secretariat Email: aseanlaos@gmail.com

Malaysia	ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat Email: myasean@kln.gov.my
Myanmar	Socio-cultural Division, ASEAN-Myanmar National Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Email: <a href="mailto:dgasean@gmail.com">dgasean@gmail.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:amns.mofa@gmail.com">amns.mofa@gmail.com</a>
Philippines	ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Division ASEAN-Philippines National Secretariat Tel.: 8344431, 8344470; Fax: 8321667 Email: asean@dfa.gov.ph
Singapore	ASEAN-Singapore National Secretariat Email: Mfa_asean_singapore@mfa.gov.sg
Thailand	Department of ASEAN Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs ASEAN-Thailand National Secretariat Email: <a href="mailto:mfa1202@mfa.go.th">mfa1202@mfa.go.th</a>
Viet Nam	ASEAN-Viet Nam National Secretariat Email: <a href="mailto:asean.mfa@mofa.gov.vn">asean.mfa.vn@gmail.com</a>

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The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967 and constitutes ten Member States: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. On 31 December 2015, the ASEAN Community was formally established. The ASEAN Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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