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# ASEAN STUDIES PROGRAMME (Undergraduate Level)



## BASIC INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION TO ASEAN



# Learning Objectives

- **To introduce students to the organisational aspects of ASEAN;**
- **To explain to the students the basic instruments that guide ASEAN and the main mechanism through which ASEAN intra- and extra-regional cooperation activities are effected towards realising the pillars of the ASEAN Community; and**
- **To explain to the students about the ASEAN Way approach.**



# Key Contents

- **To provide students with a basic understanding of ASEAN as an institution, in particular, in terms of establishment, aims and purposes, fundamental principles, and basic features/organisational aspects of the Association.**
- **To emphasise on the basic documents that shape ASEAN, structure and the fundamental cooperation mechanism or machinery by which ASEAN plans, implements and coordinates its regional cooperation programmes and activities .**
- **To explain the concept of the ‘ASEAN Way approach adopted and adhered to by ASEAN in its dealing with inter-Member States matters and in external relations.**



# Learning Outcomes

**On completion of the course, students are able to:**

- **explain about ASEAN as an institution;**
- **describe the instruments which have shaped ASEAN and the mechanism by which decisions are made in the implementation of regional cooperation in political-security, economic and socio-cultural sectors; and**
- **discuss the ‘ASEAN Way’ approach and its relationship to the ASEAN Fundamental Principles.**



# ASEAN Institutional Framework

- **Establishment of ASEAN:**
  - Background
  - Aims & Purposes
  - Fundamental Principles of ASEAN
- **Organisational Aspects:**
  - Membership
  - Basic features (ASEAN Name, Emblem, Flag, Anthem, etc.)



# ASEAN INSTRUMENTS & MECHANISM

## 1. BASIC DOCUMENTS:

- **Agreements and declarations that chart the way forward and future directions for ASEAN, and also serving as important milestones, in its regional cooperation activities in the various political-security, economic and socio-cultural sectors.**

- 1. ASEAN Declaration – Bangkok, 8 Aug. 1967.**
- 2. Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (ZOPFAN) Declaration – Kuala Lumpur, 27 Nov. 1971.**
- 3. Declaration of ASEAN Concord – Bali, 24 Feb. 1976 (Bali Concord I).**
- 4. Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia, Bali, 24 February 1976.**
  - Protocol Amending the TAC – Manila, 18 Dec. 1987.**
  - Second Protocol Amending the TAC - ..... 1998.**

- 5. Framework Agreement on Enhancing ASEAN Economic Cooperation, Singapore, 28 January 1992.**
  - Protocol Amending the Agreement – Bangkok, 15 Dec. 1995**
- 6. Agreement on the CEPT Scheme for AFTA – Singapore 22 Jan. 1992.**
- 7. Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ) – Bangkok, 15 Dec. 1995.**
- 8. ASEAN Vision 2020 – Kuala Lumpur, 15 Dec. 1997.**

- 9. Hanoi Plan of Action (HPA) – Ha Noi, Dec. 1998.**
- 10. Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea - 2002.**
- 11. Declaration on the ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II – Bali, 7 Oct. 2003.**
- 12. Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN Charter) – Singapore, 20 Nov 2007.**
  - Fully ratified by all ASEAN Member States on 15 Dec. 2008 in Jakarta.**

## **2. ASEAN STRUCTURE & MECHANISM:**

- By which ASEAN plans, implements and coordinates its regional cooperation programmes and activities {as stipulated in the articles of Chapter IV (Organs) of the ASEAN Charter}.**

- 1. ASEAN Summit.**
- 2. ASEAN Coordinating Council.**
- 3. ASEAN Community Councils.**
- 4. ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial Bodies:**
  - 4.1 Sectoral Senior Officials Meeting (SOM).**
  - 4.2 Sectoral Committees/Sub-Committees, Working Groups, Experts Groups, Task Forces, Project Steering Committees, Project Coordinating Bodies, etc.**

- **Coordination Functions:**
  1. **Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to ASEAN.**
  2. **ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC).**
  3. **ASEAN National Secretariats.**
  
- **ASEAN Centres.**
- **ASEAN Foundation.**
- **Entities Associated with ASEAN.**

### **3. Funds for ASEAN**

- i. Operational Budget and Finances of the ASEAN Secretariat.**
- ii. ASEAN Development Fund (ADF).**
- iii. Trust Funds for Dialogue and Development Cooperation.**
- iv. Sectoral Cooperation Funds.**



# ASEAN WAY

- **What is it?**
  - **A loose term to depict ASEAN's approach in dealing with its business.**
  
- **Norms & Principles:**
  - **ASEAN Fundamental Principles:**

# ➤ ASEAN Fundamental Principles

- 1. Mutual respect for the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity and national identity of all nations;**
- 2. The right of every State to lead its national existence free from external interference, subversion or coercion;**
- 3. Non-interference in the internal affairs of one another;**
- 4. Settlement of differences or disputes by peaceful means;**
- 5. Renunciation of the threat or use of force; and**
- 6. Effective cooperation among themselves.**



# **SUGGESTED TEACHING & ASSESSMENT METHODS**

## **TEACHING METHODS:**

- **LECTURES & TUTORIALS**

## **ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

- **TESTS & EXAMINATION**

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