

UNITED STATES-ASEAN PARTNERSHIP



- In 2019, trade in goods and services between ASEAN and the United States was **over \$354 billion dollars**. U.S. exports to ASEAN support an estimated **500,000 American jobs**. With over **\$329 billion dollars in U.S. FDI**, ASEAN is the top investment destination for American companies in the Indo-Pacific.
- The Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) is the U.S. government's signature program to strengthen human capital development in Southeast Asia. YSEALI is open to young people from all ASEAN member countries and Timor-Leste. There are **more than 5,000 alumni of YSEALI programs**, and **nearly 150,000 young people belong to the YSEALI Network**.
- To date, the United States has provided **over \$87 million in support for emergency health and humanitarian assistance** to ASEAN countries to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. This assistance builds on **over \$3.5 billion in health support in ASEAN countries over the last twenty years**.



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SECURITY COOPERATION

- The U.S. co-chairs the **ADMM-Plus Expert Working Group on Maritime Security** and works through other fora such as the Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum and the ASEAN Regional Forum to strengthen the regional maritime security architecture. U.S. technical and advising support promotes transparency in the maritime domain via ASEAN information sharing mechanisms and protocols such as the National Maritime Single Points of Contact and the ASEAN Direct Communications Infrastructure.
- In September 2019, the United States co-hosted the inaugural **ASEAN-U.S. Maritime Exercise** with Thailand. The exercise featured eight navy and coast guard ships and over 1,000 sailors from all 11 countries.
- The U.S. government helps ASEAN members develop ASEAN regional action on the **Bali Workplan** to counter violent extremism (CVE). We develop best practices on CVE issues such as: rehabilitation and reintegration for FTF families and recently released convicted terrorists, the role of community leaders in countering terrorist radicalization and recruitment, and media literacy.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

- **Over 4,200 U.S. companies operate in ASEAN**, including 70% of U.S. companies listed on the Fortune 500.
- The **U.S. International Development Finance Corporation** has already invested over \$1 billion to support projects in ASEAN countries, and is poised to greatly expand its support, working with ASEAN governments and the private sector.
- The United States committed over \$13 million for programs under the **U.S.-ASEAN Smart Cities Partnership** that will improve the lives of people across ASEAN.
- The United States will co-host with Vietnam the third **Indo-Pacific Business Forum** in October, using a hybrid model of in-person and virtual events, which will foster millions of dollars in corporate deals and builds stronger connections across U.S. and ASEAN private sectors.
- U.S. support for the **ASEAN Single Window (ASW)** integrated customs platform over the last decade, along with the recently implemented ASEAN-wide Self Certification Scheme, continues to facilitate growing intra-ASEAN trade. Building on this, USAID is supporting US-ASEAN trade linkages by developing a clearance process for U.S. goods through the ASW.

HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Secretary Pompeo launched the **U.S.-ASEAN Health Futures** initiative in April 2020 to bring a regional approach to our support for public health in Southeast Asia.
- The new **Health Futures Alumni Network** brings together the more than 2,400 medical and public health alumni of U.S. exchange programs from ASEAN and Timor-Leste to share best practices in fighting COVID-19 and engage with U.S. experts.
- The U.S. government intends to support the ASEAN Secretariat in developing an **ASEAN Public Health Emergency Coordination System** project with \$1.5 million dollars in funding. The support will enable ASEAN to build a robust network that supports data transparency and legal measures for ASEAN countries to heighten their ability to respond as a region to emerging public health crises and help prevent the next pandemic.
- USAID is planning an initial \$5 million investment in **One Health Workforce-Next Generation** to transform the multisectoral health workforce and help ASEAN countries prepare for, prevent, detect, and respond to public health emergencies of greatest concern before they pose an overwhelming pandemic threat.

HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

- The U.S. government intends to provide \$5 million for the new **YSEALI Academy at Fulbright University Vietnam** in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The YSEALI Academy at FUV will offer executive-level capacity-building seminars for entry to mid-level professionals ages 25-40 from across Southeast Asia around the themes of technology and innovation, public policy, and entrepreneurship.
- The United States provides on-line training and support for ASEAN workers and SMEs affected by the COVID-19 crisis through programs like the **U.S.-ASEAN Internship Program, ASEAN Online SME Academy**, and the **ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network**.
- USAID is supporting the **Second ASEAN Women's CEO Summit** for Hanoi this year, which will bring together women entrepreneurs from across the region and the United States. USAID also partners with Underwriters Laboratories, a global security U.S. based firm, in recognizing achievements of female scientists through the annual **US-ASEAN Science Prize for Women**.



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