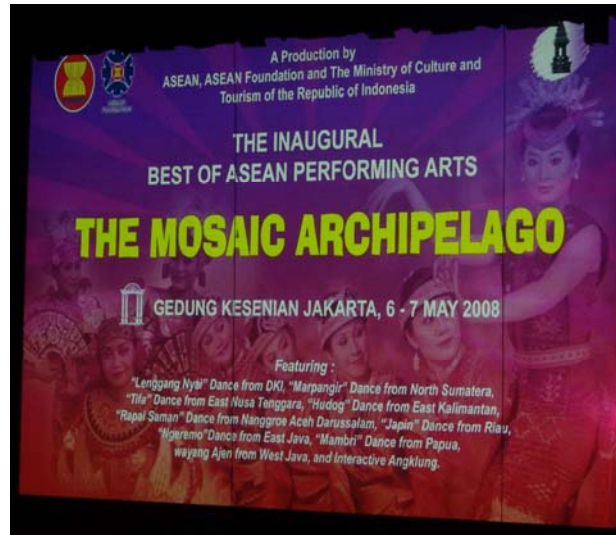


Best of ASEAN Arts and Cultural Performances Series

At the 3rd AMCA Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 January 2008, the Ministers endorsed SG Surin's idea to regularly showcase ASEAN's best arts and cultural performances at the ASEAN Secretariat or cultural centres of Jakarta.

Showcasing ASEAN's best arts and cultural performances will allow the public in Jakarta to get to know about the region's rich and diverse cultures and if it is held on a regular basis, the "best of" will represent the message of ASEAN rather than individual Member States. The "best of" also will reflect ASEAN's common shared values and history that will contribute towards building an ASEAN identity.

First Best of ASEAN Performing Arts



The first Best of ASEAN Performing Arts took place from 6-7 May 2008. Co-organised by the ASEAN Secretariat and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Indonesia, the inaugural event, The Mosaic Archipelago, was held at the Gedung Kesenian Jakarta (GKJ). The programme comprised nine traditional dances, wayang ajen and an interactive angklung session.

Second Best of ASEAN Performing Arts

The second Best of ASEAN Performing Arts will be held in 8 August 2008 in coincide with the celebration of ASEAN's 41st Anniversary. Presenting the richness of Thai culture, including dances and Thai puppetry, the event is jointly organised by the ASEAN Secretariat and the Ministry of Culture of Thailand. It will take place at the Gedung Kesenian Jakarta.