

Tenth Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub Committee on Information

12-13 January 2009, Pampanga, Philippines



ASEAN Delegates at the 10th SCI Meeting

The 10th Meeting of the ASEAN-COCI Sub-Committee on Information was held in Pampanga, Philippines from 12 – 13 January 2009. Thirty two delegates of ASEAN Member States and two representatives of ASEAN Secretariat attended the Meeting at Hotel Vida, Clark Freeport Zone.

The Meeting discussed the project proposals of the information sector to be put forward for the endorsement of the 44th ASEAN-COCI Meeting, which is scheduled to be held in June 2009 in Cebu, Philippines. The Meeting also reviewed ASEAN's information projects with ASEAN's Dialogue Partners, such as China, Republic of Korea and India.

Ms Nina Cainglet, Director, Institutional Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines delivered the Welcome Remarks on behalf of Ms Maria Theresa L. Taguiang, Deputy Director-General, Office of the ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines. In the Welcome Remarks, she underlined that information and media cooperation have always been a critical link that helps cement strong regional ties among all ASEAN Member States. She hoped the 10th SCI Meeting may endeavor to find ways to further strengthen and enhance these ties.

In his Keynote Speech, Mr Conrado A. Limcaoco, Jr., Secretary, Philippine Information Agency, highlighted the need for information officers not only to inform but also to help spread development, promote peace, generate cooperation and develop ASEAN Member States. He underscored the need for SCI to do its share in building the ASEAN Community.

The meeting was chaired by Mr Jose s. Isabelo, Network Manager, National Broadcasting Network of the Philippines. Ms Suryahti Abdul Latiff, Senior Manager, Community and International Relations, Media Development Authority of Singapore, was the Vice Chair.

The delegates were treated to dinner and a cultural performance at Ninoy Filipina, where they sang and dance in the spirit of ASEAN togetherness.

For the full speech of Ms Maria Theresa L. Taguiang, please click :
<http://www.aseancultureandinformation.org/coci/info1.php?id=7>

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