

ASEAN Information Ministers Meet in Lao PDR

Vientiane, 5 November 2009



A compilation of ASEAN pop songs is now available, while next month, students from the ASEAN Member States will gather in the Philippines to compete in the ASEAN Regional Quiz. These are two of the projects under the ASEAN Culture and Information Committee (ASEAN-COCI) reported to the 10th Conference of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) when they met in Vientiane on 5 November 2009.

At the conference, the Ministers also endorsed the progress report of the ASEAN Digital Broadcasting cooperation and agreed that ASEAN adopt a phased approach towards analogue switch-off over the period 2015-2020. The Ministers called for more collaboration among ASEAN Member States to co-produce digital content and promote exchanges of content.

Held back-to-back with the 10th AMRI was the Inaugural Conference of the ASEAN+3 Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI+3) on 6 November 2009 that marks the formal start of cooperation in the information sector at the ASEAN+3 level.

The Ministers called on the Prime Minister of Lao PDR, H.E. Bouasone Bouphavanh, and visited the Southeast Asian Games Stadium and the SEA Games Village ahead of the 25th SEA Games to be held from 9 to 18 December 2009 in Vientiane.

The 11th Conference of AMRI and the 2nd Conference of AMRI+3 are scheduled to be held in Malaysia in 2011.

Please click this link: <http://www.asean.org/23958.htm> the joint media statement of the 10th Conference of AMRI and this link: <http://www.asean.org/23961.htm> for the joint media statement of the 1st Conference of AMRI+3.
