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**FIRST ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
24 AUGUST 2009, BANGKOK, THAILAND**

Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports (CYS), Dr Vivian Balakrishnan will be attending the inaugural ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Meeting on 24 Aug in Bangkok, Thailand.

2 The ASCC Council is one of three ASEAN Community Councils – the other two being the ASEAN Political-Security Community Council and ASEAN Economic Community Council. It discusses ASEAN's social agenda, which is focused on poverty eradication and social and human development. There are 17 sectoral bodies under the ASCC Council¹[1]. The scope of ASCC Council's work includes the environment, education, culture, health, youth, women, children, workers, social welfare, and civil service training matters.

3 This first meeting will discuss:

- (a) Developments in the various sectoral bodies under the ASCC Council
- (b) Implementation of the ASCC Blueprint
- (c) Rules of Procedures for the ASCC Council
- (d) ASCC Council's Communications Plan

4 Accompanying Min (CYS) are officials from MCYS and MFA who are attending an ASCC Council Preparatory Meeting from 22-23 Aug.

[1] List of sectoral bodies under ASCC Council is in Annex A.

ASEAN Sectoral Ministerial and Senior Officials Bodies
under ASCC Council

- 1 ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information
 - Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Information

- 2 ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts
 - Senior Officials Meeting Responsible for Culture and Arts

- 3 ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting
 - Senior Officials Meeting on Education

- 4 ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management
 - ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management

- 5 ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment
 - ASEAN Senior Officials on the Environment

- 6 Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP)
 - Committee under the COP to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

- 7 ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting
 - Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development

- 8 ASEAN Labour Ministers Meeting
 - Senior Labour Officials Meeting
 - ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers

- 9 ASEAN Ministers on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication

- Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication

10 ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development

- Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development

11 ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth

- Senior Officials Meeting on Youth

12 ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters

13 ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

14 ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management

15 ASEAN Earthquakes Information Centre

16 ASEAN Specialised Meteorological Centre

17 ASEAN University Network