



ASEAN Cooperation Plan Activity Summary

Economic Growth and Integration

Activity: Automotive Standards
Funding: \$50,000
Status

- Workshop held supporting regional integration of ASEAN auto safety and environmental standards, involving industry and government participants, Manila, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok, June 2004.

Activity: Competition Policy
Funding: \$1,068,000
Status

- A US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) adviser on competition policy worked at the ASEAN Secretariat from November 2004 until June 2005.
- Regional Seminar on Building Effective Competition Institutions, Bangkok, June 2004 in Bangkok.
- High-level workshop on the ASEAN Consultative Forum for Competition at the ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, October 2004; at this conference, ASEAN Member Countries created the ASEAN Consultative Forum for Competition (ACFC).
- Regional Workshop-Seminar on Cartels and Horizontal Constraints, Hanoi, May 2005.
- First Annual ACFC Conference, Bangkok, August 2005.
- Seven national-level workshops to help harmonize the understanding and application of competition law and policy.
- Workshop competition law and institution building, Laos, 2006.

- Study tour for the Vietnam Competition Administration Department, January 2006, visiting the U.S. FTC and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).
 - Advisory tour of duty by a US In March 2006 an attorney from the US DOJ in Bangkok to provide consultations and training lectures for investigators at the Thai Department of Internal Trade.
 - Ongoing regional activities:
 - Website on competition, uploaded to the ASEAN Secretariat website - ASEAN Member Countries will be encouraged to list their competition laws and competition-related activities;
 - A US FTC economist will visit the Thai Department of Internal Trade in the spring of 2006 to provide economic training for investigators in the Thai Department of Internal Trade;
 - The US FTC and DOJ will assign an economist and a lawyer to Viet Nam in the summer of 2006 to provide consultations and training for investigators in the Vietnamese Competition Administration Department;
 - Starting in April or May of 2006, USAID will fund an advisor on competition policy based at the Indonesian Business Competition Monitoring Commission (KPPU);
 - The Second Annual Meeting of the ACFC will be held in June 2006 in Jakarta.
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Activity: Intellectual Property Rights
Funding Level: \$800,000
Status

The ASEAN Working Group on Intellectual Property Cooperation (AWGIPC) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) developed a cooperation program in the field of intellectual property rights (IPR) covering a wide range of capacity building and awareness enhancement activities. Target beneficiaries include judges, prosecutors, regulators, IP and trade officials, enforcement agencies, custom officials, private sectors, and academics in the region.

- USPTO and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Asia Pacific Program for the Judiciary on IPR Enforcement, Geneva and Washington, DC, July 2003, attended by delegations from Indonesia, the Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand and the ASEAN Secretariat.

Seminars:

- IPR enforcement at the USPTO/WIPO academy, Washington D.C., October 2003, attended by ASEAN judicial prosecutorial and investigative officials from Indonesia, Laos, and Vietnam;
- Cutting Edge IPR Legislation, Singapore, November-December 2005.
- Workshops:
 - Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights for public prosecutors and judiciary, Bangkok, May 2004;
 - Regulation of Optical Media Production and Implementation of Anti-Piracy Efforts, Bangkok, October 2004;
 - Combating Trade in Counterfeit Hard Goods, Bangkok, April 2005;
 - IPR Capacity-Building for ASEAN Small and Medium-size Enterprises, Bangkok, June 2005;
 - IPR Office Administration and Administrative Enforcement, Bangkok, October 2005;
 - IPR Enforcement for judiciary, Bangkok, March 2006;
 - IPR Enforcement for public prosecutors, planned for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 2006;
 - Optical Media, planned for the Philippines, April 2006;
 - IPR Border Enforcement planned for Bangkok, August 2006;
 - Broadcasting and Satellite Issues planned for Bangkok, November 2006.



Activity: Standards and Conformity
Funding: \$200,000
Status

- Action Plan developed between the ASEAN Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality (ACCSQ) and the US Department of Commerce.
- Workshop on Electrical Safety Systems for the Asia Pacific Region, US, March 2002.
- Workshop on Building Construction, Brunei Darussalam in April, 2002.
- Standards Workshop on WTO enquiry point organized by the US National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), US, July 2004.
- An in-region seminar is planned with private sector trade associations, technical experts and ASEAN standards officials, focusing on electro-magnetic compatibility and related topics.
- A NIST study tour is planned for ASEAN officials.
- Provision is planned of information on standards to ASEAN Member Countries.



Activity: Training and Technical Assistance Facility
Funding: \$4,467,738
Status

The ASEAN-US Training and Technical Assistance Facility (TTAF) advances the goals of the ASEAN Cooperation Plan and supports ASEAN's efforts to become a stronger regional institution by conducting demand-driven policy studies, assessments, trainings, and other ad-hoc activities. The U.S. TTAF Resident Consultant, based in the ASEAN Secretariat, provides on-the-ground technical assistance and training at the Secretariat on a daily basis, while facilitating the engagement of short-term consultants for specialized tasks.

Through March 2006, the TTAF completed 22 activities, with an additional 16 under way, in the following areas:

Sector Integration
Investment
Customs and Trade Facilitation
Trade in Services
Trade Negotiations
Trade-related Coordination and Dialog
Strengthened Secretariat Resources



Activity: Women's Self-employment and New Enterprise Development
Funding: \$70,000
Status

- Funding for three workshops organized by the Thai Ministry of Labor.
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