

## **Fifth Meeting of AICHR on the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD)**

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The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) has concluded a series of meetings from 6 to 10 May 2012 in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand. The Fifth Meeting of AICHR on the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD), the Ninth Meeting of AICHR and the first Regional Consultation on the AHRD. The meetings and consultation were chaired by H.E. Om Yentieng, Senior Minister and President of the Cambodian Human Rights Committee (CHRC), the Representative of Cambodia and Chair of AICHR.

The Fifth Meeting on the AHRD discussed the various sections of the AHRD, and they will resume their discussion at the Sixth Meeting in Yangon, Myanmar on 3 – 6 June 2012.

AICHR held their Ninth Meeting where they discussed the Annual Report of AICHR, covering AICHR activities from July 2011 – June 2012, which will be submitted to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM). AICHR had discussed the priority programmes/activities for 2013, as well as discussed the implementation of the priority programmes/activities in 2012. AICHR has approved the Concept Paper and budget on the thematic study on Migration and Human Rights in ASEAN.

In relation to AICHR's mandate to develop the AHRD, AICHR conducted the first Regional Consultation on the AHRD with various ASEAN Sectoral Bodies. The Sectoral Bodies were invited to share their views, expertise and concerns on their respective Sectoral that will contribute to enriching the draft AHRD.

The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Host, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, for the hospitality and excellent arrangements for the Meeting.