



**The Status of Human Rights in the Time of Covid-19  
Pandemic in Southeast Asia Webinar Series 2**

# **ASEAN Community and Covid-19: An Assessment of an Infected Region's Present and Future Condition**












# Open Forum



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| <b>Raise Your Hand</b>    | <b>Questions that can be answered by all participants. Provide a chance to directly ask questions. they can "raise their hands" and speak .</b>                      |
| <b>Chatroom Questions</b> | <b>they can type their questions on the chat box, which the moderator will review, choose and raise during the open forum</b>  |
| <b>Q&amp;A Box</b>        | <b>if there are very urgent questions raised during presentations, there is a q&amp;a box where they can inquire, and speakers can directly type their responses</b> |
| <b>note</b>               | <b>Questions should be succinct and direct to the point.</b>   |

# CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES AND DEATHS IN ASEAN



|             |   | Total Cases | New Cases | Total Deaths | New Deaths | Total Recovered |
|-------------|---|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
| Malaysia    |    | 4,683       | +153      | 76           | +3         | 2,108           |
| Philippines |    | 4,648       | +220      | 297          | +50        | 197             |
| Indonesia   |    | 4,241       | +399      | 373          | +46        | 359             |
| Thailand    |    | 2,551       | +33       | 38           | +3         | 1,218           |
| Singapore   |    | 2,299       | +191      | 8            | +1         | 528             |
| Vietnam     |    | 258         | +1        | 0            | 0          | 144             |
| Brunei      |    | 136         | 0         | 1            | 0          | 106             |
| Cambodia    |   | 122         | +2        | 0            | 0          | 77              |
| Myanmar     |  | 38          | +10       | 3            | 0          | 2               |
| Lao PDR     |  | 19          | +1        | 0            | 0          | 0               |
| ASEAN       |  | 18,995      | +1,010    | 796          | +103       | 4,739           |

\*Source: WHO et. al. as at 7:00PM GMT +8 dated 12 April 2020.



Maintain Healthy Lifestyle

If overwhelmed, talk to a counsellor or healthcare worker



Choose your news!



Socialize from afar

## Coping from stress caused by Covid19



Elbow bumping



The Thai Wai



Footshake



Wave



Bow



Vulcan salute



Wakanda salute

## Alternative ways of greeting



## ASEAN Policy Brief

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### Key Points

- The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted economic activities and upended lives, tapering growth prospects around the world.
- Across the region, the AMS have rolled out various measures to counter the impact of the pandemic. Stimulus measures included, among others, tax breaks, subsidies including targeted support and cash assistance, and moratorium on loan payments and pension contributions. Central banks also lowered interest rates, reduced reserve requirements, and purchased government bonds.
- The pandemic may lead to long-term and considerable economic implications. To restore confidence and revive the economy, ASEAN should consider the following policy recommendations: i) mobilize all available macro, financial, and structural policy tools to preserve the economy's productive capacity; ii) keep the supply chains going; iii) leverage on technology and digital trade; iv) strengthen social safety nets; v) scale up regional pandemic response; and vi) reduce the relative to advance regional integration.

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### Economic Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on ASEAN

#### Introduction

Since the World Health Organization (WHO) finally declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic on 11 March 2020, lives have been upended and economic activities disrupted around the world.

As of 9 April 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak, which originated in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, has reached 203 countries, affecting 1,476,819 persons, with 87,816 deaths (84,477 of which are outside China). In ASEAN, the numbers too are rising, with more than 15,532 confirmed cases and more than 529 deaths reported by 9 April.

All ten AMS have confirmed cases and the number of expected infections is feared to increase manifold in the coming days (Figure 1). Without a doubt, the coronavirus will have a negative impact on ASEAN's economy and that of the rest of the world in 2020.

Key sectors have been affected, particularly travel and tourism, and retail and other services sectors; business operations hence supply chains disrupted; employment and livelihood put at risk; while consumer confidence has declined. The COVID-19 outbreak has diminished prospects of an economic recovery from a broad global slowdown last year. While initial pronouncements estimated a brief and limited impact on the global economy, the exponential spread of the outbreak to other regions including Europe, US, and also ASEAN, set off the tapering of growth prospects.

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## Risk Assessment for International Dissemination of COVID-19 to the ASEAN Region

ASEAN Biodiaspora Virtual Center (ABVC)

as of April 10, 2020 (2:00 PM GMT+8)



# Speakers



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- **Dr. Sriprapha Petchamesree**, Former Thai Representative to AICHR and SHAPE-SEA Programme Chair





# SOUTHEAST ASIA IN CRISIS

OPINIONS ON THE  
STATE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEACE  
IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

**Amplify Your Voice:** Share your insights on the impacts of this Covid-19 on human rights and peace issues most dear to you

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