

ASEAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATED IN KENYA THROUGH FAMILY DAY



(Ambassadors, personnel, family members of ASEAN Embassies in Nairobi, nationals from Singapore and Viet Nam, and representatives from the Kenyan MFA at the ASEAN Family Day event. Photo credit: Indonesian Embassy)

KIAMBU, KENYA, 20 September 2022 – ASEAN camaraderie and community were celebrated in Kenya during the ASEAN Family Day on 17 September 2022 at the Paradise Lost Resort and Park in Kiambu town.

Organized by the ASEAN Nairobi Committee (ANC)—composed of the heads of mission of the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand—, the event was participated in by personnel of the four ASEAN Embassies in Kenya, their family members and nationals from Singapore and Viet Nam, with officials from the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs as guests.

In her remarks, Malaysian Chargé d'Affaires and current ANC Chair Fatin Zafirah Haris expressed her hope that the gathering would strengthen the bonds of friendship and foster unity among ASEAN nationals who are based in Kenya.

The event featured friendly games such as animal charades, numbers quiz game, and *bakiak* race in which all guests, including children, participated. The ANC also prepared a variety of ASEAN dishes and delicacies for everyone to enjoy.

The ASEAN Family Day, which was first held during the chairmanship of the Philippine Embassy in 2019, is an annual activity of the ANC organized in celebration of the founding anniversary of ASEAN. END



(From left: Ambassador Sasirit Tangulrat of Thailand, Chargé d'Affaires Fatin Zafirah Haris of Malaysia, Ambassador Marie Charlotte G. Tang of the Philippines, and Ambassador Mohamad Hery Saripudin of Indonesia)



(Players showed their competitive spirit during the Bakiak race, a traditional game in Indonesia which is typically played during its Independence Day celebrations. Photo credit: Indonesian Embassy)



(The team led by Ambassador Tang won first place, having scored the highest out of the five competing teams)