

ASEAN EMBASSIES IN NAIROBI COMMEMORATE ASEAN'S 55TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY



From left to right: Ambassador Sasirit Tangulrat of Thailand, Chargé d'Affaires Fatin Zafirah Haris of Malaysia, Director-General for Bilateral and Political Affairs Moi Lemoshira of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kenya, Ambassador Mohamad Hery Sariipudin of Indonesia, and Ambassador Marie Charlotte G. Tang of the Philippines.

NAIROBI, 05 August 2022 – The 55th founding anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was commemorated by the ASEAN Nairobi Committee (ANC) through a special flag-raising ceremony held at the residence of the High Commissioner of Malaysia in Nairobi.

Philippine Ambassador to Kenya Marie Charlotte G. Tang joined her counterparts from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand in welcoming guests from the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), led by Ambassador Moi Lemoshira, Director-General for Bilateral and Political Affairs; the ASEAN diaspora in Kenya; and the media. The ANC is composed of four ASEAN Member States (out of ten) that have resident embassies in Nairobi.

Ambassador Sasirit Tangulrat of Thailand, speaking on behalf of the ANC, cited ASEAN solidarity and collective efforts as having contributed to the increased visibility and understanding of ASEAN in Kenya. She expressed hope that ASEAN and Kenya can further advance common interests in the post-pandemic world.

In her remarks read by Director-General Lemoshira, Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs Raychelle Omamo expressed appreciation for the excellent cooperation between Kenya and ASEAN Member States both bilaterally and multilaterally. She added that ASEAN and the East African Community (EAC)—which Kenya is a part of—share similar aspirations for peace, economic growth and social progress, a strong foundation for cooperation between the two groupings.

Guests in the ASEAN Day event partook of favorite ASEAN dishes and delicacies including chicken adobo, nasi lemak, nasi goreng, pad thai, teh tarik, and maja blanca, while enjoying folk music from ASEAN Member States. END



Director-General for Bilateral and Political Affairs Moi Lemoshira read the remarks of Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Foreign Affairs Raychelle Omamo on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of ASEAN.



Ambassador Tang (fifth from left) with Nairobi PE personnel and officers of the Filipino Community in Kenya.