

# Thailand hosted 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN EM Executive Meeting



Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Public Health Thailand together with Thai Association for Emergency Medicine (TAEM) organized 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Executive Meeting on "Emergency Medicine and Disaster Preparedness" in Bangkok, Thailand on 19 September 2015.

The meeting was attended by EM executives from 10 ASEAN countries; Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam along with a representative from the International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM).



The region will see a formation of **ASEAN Community (AC)** by the end of 2015. One single market, free flow of goods & services, skilled labours including medical practitioners and nursing services as well as free flow of investment and capitalization shall be integrated as AC code of practice, comprising altogether a **population over 600 million**.



In order to align with the upcoming regional transformation, the Thai host aims to establish a knowledge sharing and discussion platform for **EM executives in ASEAN region** to meet and brainstorm over the betterment of EM in the region as well as establish a long lasting collaboration towards a **harmonized policy and strategy for EM** in ASEAN countries.

The success of 1<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Executive Meeting in Bangkok was heralded by participants given immense support from government and private sectors including Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) and Bangkok International Trade & Exhibition Centre (BITEC). The Thai host intended to **continue organizing this ASEAN Executive Meeting** and the like while also determined to **bring other important events in EM and related field to be held in Thailand** in order to reinforce EM developmental scheme and boost up strong EM network among ASEAN countries and beyond.



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