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## Chairman's Pen



In this issue of the Territorial Newsletter we brief on India's participation at the 13<sup>th</sup> India-ASEAN Summit and the 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit. ASEAN is India's fourth largest trading partner while India is the sixth largest trade partner for ASEAN. Our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended both the summits held at Kuala Lumpur and laid special emphasis in upgrading our strategic and economic partnership with the ASEAN countries.

The ASEAN-India economic integration process has got an impetus with the formation of the ASEAN-India Free Trade Area in July this year, after the ASEAN-India Trade in Services and Investment Agreements came into force. This year also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore, which is an important milestone to review our achievements so far.

The outcome of these summits towards trade and investment facilitation will be of great help and benefit Indian exporters in ASEAN. I hope that this newsletter will be informative for our readers and I hope they enjoy reading it.

**T S Bhasin**

## Message from Chairman, Committee on Trade with ASEAN countries



In this third edition of the 'Newsletter on ASEAN', we focus 13<sup>th</sup> India-ASEAN Summit and 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit. India and ASEAN have 30 dialogue mechanisms which includes a Summit and 7 Ministerial meetings in external affairs, commerce, tourism, agriculture, environment, renewable energy and telecommunications. The ASEAN-India strategic partnership had acquired rapid momentum after the enunciation of the 'Act-East Policy' by the Prime Minister at the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit in Myanmar in last November 2014. So it is obvious that these two summits would give more footing to our engagement with both ASEAN and East Asian countries.

We are hopeful that the newsletter will give productive information to our readers.

**PK Shah**

## Basic Facts

**Population:** 625 million (2013 estimate)

**GDP:** USD 2.6 trillion

**Climate:** Hot, humid, rainy (mostly May to November); dry season (mostly December to April);

**Natural resources:** Tin, petroleum, copper, natural gas, arable land, gold, hydropower, offshore oil and gas deposits.

## India's participation at the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015. Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato Sri Mohd. Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, chaired the Summit, attended by Heads of State/Government of other ASEAN countries respectively.

Our Prime Minister highlighted the fact that India and ASEAN are the two bright spots of optimism. He confirmed India to be the fastest growing major economy in the world, with a growth rate touching 7.5% and beyond. In contrast inflation has dropped down and so are our fiscal and external deficits.

The scale of transformation in India being vast implies the size of economic opportunities in India to be huge. India's ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business has increased sharply indicating that the business and international confidence has increased significantly.

ASEAN's economy continues to forge ahead with dynamism and energy which will in turn ensure prosperity for the 1.9 billion Indians. India's trade with the ASEAN countries have increased to about 76.5 billion U.S. dollars in 2014-15 and so has investment. ASEAN continues to be India's largest investment partner – both for inward and outward flows.

## Highlights

- The entry into force of Trade-in- Services and Investment Agreements in July 2015 is a major step forward in augmenting the trade and investment between the economies.
- We also look forward to progress in negotiations for a balanced and ambitious Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP) that covers goods and services as well as investments.
- Lack of connectivity is one of the main barriers to trade. The Trilateral Highway project is making good progress and should be completed by 2018.
- Prime Minister announced concessional credit of US \$1.0 billion to promote projects that support physical and digital connectivity between India and ASEAN.
- Like in the past, India places special emphasis on its partnership with Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. India's partnership with these countries in capacity building projects will expand. In addition, India intends to create a Project Development Fund to develop manufacturing hubs in CLMV countries.
- Enlargement of the ASEAN-India Science and Technology Development Fund from the current one million U.S. dollars to five million U.S. dollars.
- To set up an ASEAN-India Innovation Platform to facilitate commercialization of low cost technologies, technology transfer and collaborative R&D projects.
- Early completion of our cooperative project in Space, to be located in Vietnam.

- India also offers ASEAN its indigenously developed GPS Aided Geo Augmented Navigation or GAGAN services, which provides advanced navigation and location assistance and information facilities.
- Prime Minister proposed to cooperate in sustainable development of Ocean or Blue Economy. This will be an increasingly important driver of our future economy, and a source of food security, medicines and clean energy. India has already entered into collaboration with a number of ocean states.
- An issue of global concern is climate change. India has ambitious clean energy plans: 175 GW of additional capacity of renewable energy by 2022; and, 40% of energy through non-fossil fuel by 2030. India would be happy to offer ASEAN countries over 100 training slots in renewable energy in its institutions.
- India looks forward to ASEAN's participation in the launch of an international solar alliance of 122 solar-rich countries in Paris on November 30.
- India proposed to open an ASEAN Studies Centre in Northeastern Hill University in Shillong, which is its gateway to the East.
- India will soon extend electronic-visa facility to all 10 ASEAN countries.
- The first ASEAN-India Cyber Security Conference hosted in January 2015 by India should be the springboard for greater cooperation in this area.
- India shares with ASEAN a commitment to freedom of navigation, over flight and unimpeded commerce, in accordance with accepted principles of international law, including the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- Territorial disputes must be settled through peaceful means.
- India hopes that all parties to the disputes in the South China Sea will abide by the guidelines on the implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea, and redouble efforts for early adoption of a Code of Conduct on the basis of consensus.
- We should evolve specific plans of cooperation in maritime security, counter-piracy and humanitarian and disaster relief.
- We should see how we can enhance our cooperation at the regional and international level, including through support for adoption of Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.

### India's participation at the 10<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit

The East Asia Summit is the premier leaders-led forum in the region and has a significant role in the strategic, geopolitical and economic evolution in East Asia. Apart from the 10 ASEAN Member states, East Asia Summit members include India, China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, United States and Russia. In the ten years since its inception in 2005, the EAS has become a key forum for addressing geo-strategic and geo-political issues in the Asia Pacific. India is a founding member of the East Asia Summit and our Prime Ministers have participated consistently in all Summits.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 10th East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 22 November 2015 chaired by Dato Sri Mohd. Najib Bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. The Summits is attended by Heads of State/Government of other ASEAN and East Asia Summit Participating Countries respectively. The East Asia Summit this year has a special significance as it marked the 10th anniversary of the East Asia Summit process. All EAS members including India remain committed to strengthening the East Asia Summit and making it more effective for dealing with current challenges.

At the 10th East Asia Summit, the Leaders took stock of the achievements of the EAS over the last decade and deliberated on its future course of action, with a view to strengthening it and making it more effective. The Leaders also discussed matters of regional and international concern including terrorism, irregular migration, etc.

## Trade Trend Analysis in ASEAN

India's total Exports to ASEAN for 2015-16 (April-August) was 9921.78 USD million constituting a share of 9% approx the total exports of India.

The top 5 ASEAN nations which had the highest demand for Indian engineering products during October 2015 in absolute values include:

**Table1: Top Five ASEAN destinations for Indian Engineering Exports**

Countries	Eng. Exports in October 2014 (USD Million)	Eng. Exports in October 2015 (USD Million)	Growth (%)
Singapore	183.35	218.68	19.27
Malaysia	61.99	69.30	11.79
Vietnam	39.81	65.56	64.68
Indonesia	94.04	63.01	-32.99
Thailand	71.76	54.32	-24.29

Source: DGCI&S, Government of India

India's engineering exports to ASEAN countries remained more or less same in October as compared to September. Singapore retained its first position, improving from negative growth in September 2015 viz-a-viz September 2014 to positive growth in October 2015. Malaysia also retained its second position but its growth rate dropped. Vietnam improved significantly rising from the fifth position in September 2015 to third position in October 2015.

On the basis of India's export data for Engineering Products of October 2015, the ASEAN countries which feature in the top 25 export destinations for India include Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

Top 10 engineering panels exported to ASEAN in October 2015 include

**Table2: Top Ten Engineering Panels exported to ASEAN**

Panels	India's Exports in October 2014 (USD Million)	India's Exports in October 2015 (USD Million)	Growth (%)
Ships Boats and Floating Structures	0.14	114.61	81173.8
Motor Vehicle/cars	30.56	47.89	56.7
Industrial Machinery	47.96	37.52	-21.8
Auto Components/Part	43.12	35.23	-18.3
Electric Machinery and Equipments	44.59	34.11	-23.5
Iron and Steel	59.60	28.81	-51.7
Tin and products	1.52	24.30	1493.8
Aluminium and products	2.83	20.74	632.8
Products of Iron & Steel	22.93	20.43	-10.9
Aircrafts Spacecrafts	57.47	19.94	-65.3

Source: DGCI&S, Government of India

➤ **Visit to Malaysia for Trade, Singapore for Investments: PM Modi**

Ahead of his two-nation tour, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said his visit to Malaysia is aimed at building on trade ties with East Asian nations while the trip to Singapore will focus on attracting investments to India.

**More Information >> Source:** <http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/visit-to-malaysia-for-trade-singapore-for-investments-pm-modi-1245342>

➤ **ASEAN-India Summit: PM Narendra Modi meets Japanese counterpart Abe Shinzo**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday met his Japanese counterpart who said Indo-Japan ties have the greatest potential of any bilateral relationship in the world.

**More Information >> Source:**

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/asean-india-summit-pm-narendra-modi-meets-japanese-counterpart-abe-shinzo/>

➤ **At ASEAN, Modi brings up South China Sea issue**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made a passing reference to the disputes in the South China Sea in his address at the Association of SouthEast Asia Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit held in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday.

**More Information >> Source:** <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/13th-aseanindia-summit-modi-in-malaysia-refers-to-south-china-sea/article7903998.ece>

➤ **ASEAN-India Summit: Terrorism, trade, sea dispute to be top agenda**

Terrorism, trade and South China Sea dispute are expected to dominate discussions at the 13th ASEAN-India Summit likely to begin later on Saturday with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other Southeast Asian leaders reviewing the ASEAN-India cooperation and charting out its future direction.

**More Information >> Source:** <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/asean-india-summit-terrorism-trade-sea-dispute-to-be-top-agenda>

➤ **PM Modi to address 10th East Asia Summit today**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the 10th East Asia Summit today here on the second day of his visit to Malaysia and will hold bilateral meetings with top leaders of various countries on the sidelines of the Summit.

**More Information >> Source:** [http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/pm-modi-to-address-10th-east-asia-summit-today-115112200041\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/pm-modi-to-address-10th-east-asia-summit-today-115112200041_1.html)

➤ **East Asia Summit: PM Narendra Modi says no country should use or support terrorism**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said no country should "use or support terrorism" and that nations should adhere to international law while referring to the South China Sea dispute in the backdrop of China's territorial claims in that region.

**More Information >> Source:** [http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-11-23/news/68510057\\_1\\_south-china-sea-pm-narendra-modi-territorial-claims](http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-11-23/news/68510057_1_south-china-sea-pm-narendra-modi-territorial-claims)

➤ **PM Modi at ASEAN Summit: India's GDP growth is up, inflation is down**

With slew of measures putting back the economy on track, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said reforms are "just a way station" to transforming India and vowed to provide a transparent and predictable tax regime as well as protection to Intellectual Property Rights.

**More Information >> Source:** <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/we-must-reform-to-transform-pm-narendra-modi-at-asean-summit/>

➤ **PM Modi at ASEAN Summit: Need global resolve, strategies to combat terrorism**

Voicing concern over a spate of recent terror attacks in several countries, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said terrorism is no longer a "peripheral problem" for the region as its long shadow stretches across the world and called for new strategies to combat the menace.

**More Information >> Source:** <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/pm-modi-at-asean-need-global-resolve-strategies-to-combat-terrorism/>

➤ **ASEAN Summit: PM Modi meets Chinese counterpart; discusses bilateral ties**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today met his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang who insisted that the world's two largest developing countries have more common interests than divergences, as the two leaders discussed bilateral ties and global issues of mutual concern.

**More Information >> Source:** <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/asean-summit-pm-modi-meets-chinese-counterpart-discusses-bilateral-ties/>

**Tender information in ASEAN**

**Prior information Notices**

Title	Deadline
Provision of Electrical Works at Generator Room for Meteorological Station, Jabatan Kaji Cuaca, Brunei international Airport.	07-Dec-2015
Construction materials and supplies	09-Dec-2015
Purchase of Filters Diesel "Cummins." for Electric Locomotives "Gea." Number Two Items.	14-Dec-2015
Purchase of Trammig Motor (2 Nos) and the Eqiptments and Materials for the Heavy Machine for the Factories under Number (2) Heavy Industrial,at Naypyitaw.	15-Dec-2015
Proposed change working to change the cable slab crack and break for state office manager (seal) asset maintenance department of transmission tnb.	16-Dec-2015
Supply & Delivery of Transformer Test Equipment.	16-Dec-2015
Provision of Valves for Overhaul of Marine Equipments, Tam Dao-02 for Block 09-1 under Vietsovpetro'S.	17-Dec-2015
Mechanical portable axle wheel loader	21-Dec-2015

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Title	Deadline
Procurement of motor vehicle	22-Dec-2015
Supply & Delivery of Lv 4-Core Aluminium Xlpe Cable.	23-Dec-2015

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