



About ASEAN 2025

ASEAN-MALAYSIA CHAIRMANSHIP 2025

“INCLUSIVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY”

1. This year, ASEAN will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the formal establishment of the ASEAN Community. Guided by the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and all its Blueprints, ASEAN has achieved significant milestones over the last decade in fostering regional peace, stability and prosperity. In order to sustain the momentum and to chart the future direction of the region, ASEAN has taken a bold step by developing the ASEAN Community Vision 2045, which will be adopted at the 46th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur.
2. The theme of Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship 2025 is '**Inclusivity and Sustainability**'. It reflects our aspiration for truly shared progress, ensuring that no one is left behind. It underscores our conviction that ASEAN is committed towards strengthening regional peace, stability and prosperity within an inclusive, sustainable and future-oriented framework.
3. Malaysia's main priorities as the Chair of ASEAN in 2025 can be summarised as follows:
 - 3.1. to strengthen ASEAN Centrality by promoting strategic trust among nations through sustained dialogues, diplomacy and goodwill. Working together with Member States, Malaysia seeks to forge and expand our economic partnerships with those beyond our borders;
 - 3.2. to push for greater commitment towards enhancing ASEAN intra-trade and investment. Malaysia will ensure that ASEAN will be able to leverage on advances in sciences, technology and innovation, and harness the benefits of digital transformation and new technologies; and
 - 3.3. to ensure that the elements of inclusivity and sustainability, which is the theme of ASEAN-Malaysia Chairmanship 2025, take centre stage in our regional Community-building efforts. This will entail greater efforts at narrowing the development gap and inequalities, improving living standards, while mitigating the impacts of climate change.
4. 'Inclusivity' and 'Sustainability' are interdependent and mutually reinforcing values. The elements of inclusivity and sustainability will be embedded across all the three pillars of ASEAN cooperation.
