

ASSA Chairman Message  
on the Occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASSA  
13 February 2018

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Dear ASSA colleagues,

Twenty years ago, on 13 February 1998, ASSA was founded on the aspiration of our institutions to build a platform for regional cooperation with the aim of promoting better social security in ASEAN.

Nowadays, globalisation has posed huge impact and changes on socio-economic situations to be more complicated and more challenging: from internal to international labour mobility, from young to ageing society, from traditional to digital economy, and etc. Amidst this changing world, social security development of ASSA members never stops. Various initiatives have been introduced to improve our systems. Through ASSA, shared experiences from each of us become lessons learnt for all of us. We, "ASSA", are stronger and the relationship between us is closer than ever.

From now on, challenges will continue but so will our mission on social security. Proactive measures and technology innovation will help us reach our goals. Harder work with greater cooperation will ensure sustainable future.

On the occasion of 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ASSA (13 February 2018), I would like to send my best wishes to all ASSA members. I hope that our spirit on regional cooperation and collaboration could encourage us all to take vital part to achieve ASEAN vision in creating Peaceful, Prosperous and Caring Community.



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