

Partnership with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

At Microsoft we believe that contributing to partnerships for development is a core part of corporate citizenship and an integral part of conducting responsible business. Our approach is competence-based and rooted in the idea that by bringing the core resources, solutions, know-how and time of the company and its employees to the table, we can support our partners serving local needs and addressing global development challenges.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established in 1967 and is composed of 10 member nations including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. ASEAN's mission is twofold: it seeks to accelerate economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region; and it aims to promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries in the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter.

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Cooperation between ASEAN and Microsoft began in 2006. Microsoft supports ASEAN member countries in their drive to develop e-solutions and build a trustworthy computing environment.

Facilitating Trade through the Single Window Project

Microsoft is supporting ASEAN in the development of a Single Window portal aimed at improving the import/export and

customs operations in ASEAN member countries. It provides ASEAN with the tools to expedite and simplify information flow between government and trade through e-declarations of imports and exports with customs, allowing for simplified duty procedures. The Single Window is also geared towards allowing for the application of permits from other government agencies (OGA) for controlled items and the creation of an integrated environment for cargo clearance.

The new portal will provide a single hub available to intra-ASEAN members and external actors. Each of the member countries will have to implement their internal Single Window and ultimately connect each other for more efficient import and export processing. This is expected to be completed by 2012.

Microsoft is committed to provide ongoing technology and expertise in support of the Single Window Project.

Enhancing Network Security

Microsoft has also worked on examining how ASEAN can reinforce its regional network and data security, to build a trustworthy computing environment in the region.

To this effect, Microsoft and ASEAN jointly organized the Network Security Workshop for ASEAN Government Chief Information Officers, held in March 2006



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