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Young Russia-Young ASEAN: Expanding Regional Connections

CONCEPT PAPER

The 3rd Russia-ASEAN Youth Summit

8-10 October 2015
Vladivostok, Russia

Far Eastern Federal University
ASEAN Centre, MGIMO University

1. INTRODUCTION

The 1st Russia-ASEAN Youth Summit was organized by the ASEAN Centre in MGIMO-University in partnership with RIA Novosti Media Holding and took place in Moscow in May 2013. The theme of this Summit was 'Young Russia – Young ASEAN: Dialogue for Connectivity'. About 200 young participants from Russia and ASEAN member states attended the Summit.

The first summit represented the actualisation of an idea that was first raised by Indonesia's Permanent Representative to ASEAN H.E. I Gede Ngurah Swajaya in December 2012. This idea to set up a forum for networking and exchange among the youth of Russia and ASEAN has been strongly supported by the Russian Foreign Ministry, the ASEAN Moscow Committee, the Russia-ASEAN Business Forum and the Russian International Affairs Council.

As a follow-up to the 1st Summit Global Movement of Moderates Foundation (Malaysia) and ASEAN Centre organized the 2nd Russia-ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur in October 2014.

2. THE ORGANIZERS

Far Eastern Federal University
Far Eastern Federal University dates back to 1899, when the Institute of Oriental Studies was established. Over the years, it has proudly become the largest, most innovative and internationally recognized higher education institution in the Russian Far East. Today, it is striving to foster integration of the Russian Far East into the Pacific Rim through education, research, and high-tech development. Situated in picturesque Ajax Bay on Russkiy Island near Vladivostok, the new campus of Far Eastern Federal University is a unique project that has no equivalent in Russia.

ASEAN Centre, Moscow State Institute of International Relations
ASEAN Centre in MGIMO was officially opened on June 15, 2010, at the new building of the University. The Centre was formed in accordance with the Memorandum signed in July 2009 by ASEAN Secretary General Dr. Surin Pitsuvan and Prof. Anatoly Torkunov, the Rector of MGIMO. The centre's mission is to spread information about the ASEAN-Russia dialogue partnership, to facilitate development of economic linkages, cultural, scientific and educational exchanges as well as people-to-people contacts between Russia and the ASEAN member countries, to carry out and support research on problems of ASEAN and its individual members.

In collaboration with

Model United Nations of the Russian Far East

Global Media Project 'Russia Beyond the Headlines'

International multimedia news agency 'Rossiya Segodnya'

ASEAN Moscow Committee

Russian International Affairs Council

3. THEME

The proposed theme of the 3rd Russia-ASEAN Youth Summit is 'Young Russia-Young ASEAN: Expanding Regional Connections'

The Summit aims are:

- to build a network of the next generation of leaders with a better knowledge of Russia and ASEAN mutual interests;
- to increase awareness of ASEAN community project among young Russians;
- to promote knowledge about the potential of Russian regions among ASEAN youth.

4. LOGO AND MOTTO

The proposed logo for the 3nd Russia-ASEAN Youth Summit is an adaptation of the logo of the 1st and 2nd Summits. It features a Russian *matryoshka* doll dressed in ASEAN blue, holding the Association's emblem, and with a wild rosemary – a symbol of Russian Primorskiy territory – tucked in her hair.

The proposed motto for the Summit shall be:

'Young Russia-Young ASEAN:
Expanding Regional Connections'

5. DATE AND VENUE

The Summit shall take place over a three-day period on 8-10 October 2015 at the Far Eastern Federal University in Vladivostok, Russia.

6. PROPOSED PROGRAMME FORMAT

The Summit will have two full working days, which will include welcoming and keynote addresses and a number of workshops. Each workshop would be interactive in terms of engagement with participants.

Each workshop will focus on the topics related to the ASEAN Communities (political-security, economy and socio-cultural). Workshops will include young participants from Russia and from the members states of ASEAN, moderators and senior professionals from Russia and ASEAN and students from other countries engaged in dialogue partnership with ASEAN.

The working language of the Summit shall be in English.

ASEAN COMMUNITIES

- **ASEAN Political-Security Community**

The ASEAN Political-Security community is to promote the democratic principles of political development, the rule of law and good governance. Under the framework of this community ASEAN member states are going to develop shared norms and built common mechanisms to achieve the aims of ASEAN in the sphere of political cooperation and development.

ASEAN Political-Security Community Blueprint can be accessed here:
http://www.asean.org/archive/5187-18.pdf

- **ASEAN Economic Community**

The ASEAN Economic Community aim is to establish ASEAN as a single market and production base, to strengthen the existing and create new mechanisms for tighter economic cooperation as well as to overcome the development divide between ASEAN founding members, on the one hand, and Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, on the other.

ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint can be accessed here:
http://www.asean.org/archive/5187-10.pdf

- **ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community**

The ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community objective is to promote human and social development, to achieve a better quality of life and to forge a common identity among the peoples of ASEAN.

ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint can be accessed here:
http://www.asean.org/archive/5187-19.pdf

7. PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS

Russia should be represented by about 50 Youth leaders while each of the ASEAN countries should be represented by about 3 to 5 students.

There will be the following main groups of youth participants in the Summit:

- Russian students studying Southeast Asian languages and Southeast Asia-related subjects (culture, history, modern developments) from Far Eastern Federal University, MGIMO-University and other Russian universities;

- Students and young professionals from ASEAN countries.

A number of distinguished guests from both Russia and ASEAN countries will be invited to the Summit. This shall include prominent public figures, politicians, diplomats, academics and the representatives of the media.

8. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUMMIT

Web site: asean.mgimo.ru

9. TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Schedule		
Time	**Event**	**Description**
Day 1 (October 8)		
	Arrival of participants	*Throughout the day*
19.00	Welcoming dinner, ice-breaking session	
Day 2 (October 9)		
09.00 – 10.00	Breakfast	
10.00 – 11.00	Registration, Opportunity Fair	Organized by hosting and participating institutions
11.00 – 11.30	Opening Ceremony	Welcoming speeches by VIPs
11.30 – 13.30	Presentations, Q&A sessions	1. Current situation and perspectives of Russia – ASEAN cooperation 2. Territories of Advanced Economic Development in the Russian Far East 3. Vladivostok free port project 4. Cooperation of Far Eastern Federal University and ASEAN
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch	
14.30 – 17.30	**Workshop 1:** **Group 1** – ASEAN Economic community – topic 1 **Group 2** – ASEAN Socio-Cultural community – topic 1 **Group 3** – ASEAN Political-Security community – topic 1	✓ Lecture by invited expert: 20 minutes ✓ Q/A session: 30 minutes ✓ Presentation 1 (Russian participant), presentation 2 (foreign participant): 30 minutes ✓ Discussion of presentations and general comments on agenda: 40 minutes ✓ Working out the draft declaration (prepared by moderators): 30 minutes ✓ 1 coffee break
19.00 – 22.00	Dinner	+ Cultural Fair (presentation of various sketches/performances)
Day 3 (October 10)		
09.00 – 10.00	Breakfast	
10.00 – 13.00	**Workshop 2:** **Group 1** – ASEAN Socio-Cultural community – topic 2 **Group 2** – ASEAN Political-Security community – topic 2 **Group 3** – ASEAN Economic community – topic 2	✓ Lecture by invited expert: 20 minutes ✓ Q/A session: 30 minutes ✓ Presentation 1 (Russian participant), presentation 2 (foreign participant): 30 minutes ✓ Discussion of presentations and general comments on agenda: 40 minutes ✓ Working out the draft declaration

		(prepared by moderators): 30 minutes ✓ 1 coffee break
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 – 17.00	Vladivostok city tour	
18.00 – 19.30	Joint session	Presentation of the final declaration
21.00 – 00.00	Farewell ceremony	Closing and Awarding ceremonies, buffet for participants
Day 4 (October 11)		
09.00 – 10.00	Breakfast	
	Departure of participants	