





# TASEAN-INDIA YOUTH SUMMIT

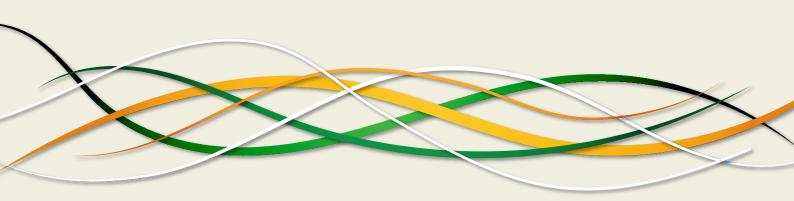
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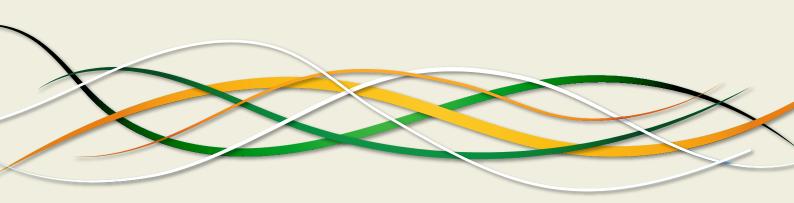
#### **About the Summit**

Following the success of three iterations of the ASEAN-India Youth Summit, India Foundation, and the ASEAN Foundation in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India will organise the 4th ASEAN-India Youth Summit in Hyderabad, Telangana from 12-16 February 2023 inviting youths from both ASEAN Member States and India from various category like: Politics, Media, Think Tank, Education, Science & Tech etc., to a 5 day summit on the theme of "Strengthening ASEAN-India Partnership in the Indo-Pacific". In this age of close regional ties, it is imperative that the ASEAN and India youths come together along all the three pillars of ASEAN-India relationship: political-security, economic and socio-cultural. The Summit will allow youths to engage in dialogues and explore new initiatives to enhance ASEAN-India physical, economic, digital as well as socio-cultural connectivity.

Youths from ASEAN and India will be given numerous opportunities to discuss and brainstorm on improving ties on various fronts, namely (I) Good Governance & Regional Development, (2) Digital Partnerships for the 21st Century, (3) ASEAN-India Connectivity, and (4) Shared Cultural Ethos and Promotion of People-to-People Ties. The Summit facilitates experiential learning for youths as well through site visits and cultural trips, learning further on India's rise as a technologically advanced nation along with its spiritual heritage represented by the city of Hyderabad. Consequently, as the Summit highlights the importance of ASEAN-India ties, the Summit will have a discussion on the creation of the ASEAN-India Youth Network for closer interaction among youths that can serve as a platform for further dialogues, collaborations, and future youth-led derivative programmes.

The Indo-Pacific region today boasts of the largest youth population in the world. Diverse perceptions exist about the understanding of this geopolitical construct. However, commonality exists between ASEAN and India's vision of Indo-Pacific as enunciated in Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Speech at Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore in 2018 and ASEAN Outlook Document on Indo-Pacific (AOIP). Existing institutional architectures with ASEAN at its core like East Asia Summit, India-ASEAN Summit, ADMM+, ARF etc need to further widen their scope to advance ASEAN-India Partnership in the Indo-Pacific. The potential for collaboration in terms of governance, infrastructure development, trade cooperation, entrepreneurship, academic and technological exchanges among the young leaders from these countries is immense and needs to be further enabled. The first step in this regard is to sensitize young leaders in the region about each other's cultures, politics, societies, and traditions. Exchange programmes can play a significant role in improving interactions and dissipating ignorance in this regard.

The ASEAN-India Youth summit serves as a platform for young leaders to engage in dialogues on various pillars in Political and Security, Economic, Socio-Cultural and Cross-Pillar cooperation. The programme would subsequently aim to promote people-to-people interactions between ASEAN and India, learning from each other and fostering ASEAN-India connectivity aligning itself to as well as addressing the 2021 — 2025 Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity. Given the increasing amount of cooperation on various fronts between ASEAN and India and the people-to-people interactions, the ASEAN youths' development concerns over the future of the region are essential. The Youth Summit envisions to be a platform for young leaders from various category like: Politics, Media, Think Tank, Education, Science & Tech etc. to develop a sense of ownership for the ASEAN-India relationship based on better understanding of ancient and contemporary, rapidly developing linkages between ASEAN and India. This will help create a shared vision for wider regional partnership across both security and economic issues. It will also be a forum for networking and sharing of ideas, initiatives, and experiences among young leaders of the region.



## **SASEAN-INDIA CONNECTIVITY**

#### Shristi Pukhrem

ASEAN and India are bound together by their shared culture and heritage. Relation with ASEAN is one of the cornerstones of India's Foreign Policy. India has been increasingly engaged with ASEAN, and that is also growing rapidly. Today, the ASEAN-India Strategic Partnership has become the foundation of the emerging Indo-Pacific. The Indo-Pacific has obtained renewed vibrancy when ASEAN, in June 2019, and India, in November 2019, came out with their respective Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), respectively.

India's relation with ASEAN is the core foundation of India's Act East Policy (AEP). India has been increasingly engaged with ASEAN, and that is also growing rapidly. There has been deepening of partnership between India and ASEAN across the three pillars, namely, politico-security, economic and socio-cultural. The combined region of ASEAN and India represents a total population of 1.85 billion, which is a quarter of the global population, and with a total GDP of approximately USD 5.1 trillion, the region presents one of the largest economic spaces in the world.

Over two decades have passed since India undertook the Look East Policy (LEP) and the Act East Policy (AEP) in an effort to strengthen economic and strategic linkages with Southeast Asia and East Asian countries. India's proactive role in building a connected market with an ambitious but realistic connectivity programme is the key focus of AEP. Connectivity is a major area of convergence for the ASEAN and India. India is the third country after Japan and China to initiate a dedicated meeting with the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC). The purpose of this consultative mechanism on connectivity between ASEAN and India is to explore possibilities and means to support the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), and physically connect it with India. India currently is working with ASEAN on multiple connectivity projects, through land, water, and air. One of the flagship projects for land connectivity between ASEAN and India is the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway. This initiative, which connects the three countries from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand to Bagan in Myanmar, was first proposed in 2002. At the Commemorative Summit between ASEAN and India in 2012, it was decided to further extend the Trilateral Highway to Cambodia and Vietnam. To develop connectivity through water, ASEAN and India are working on the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP). The project was initiated by the Indian government in 2008 and is entirely funded by India. The purpose is to seek an alternative route through Myanmar for the transportation of goods to the northeast region of India. The KMMTTP connects Kolkata in India to Sittwe and Paletwa in Myanmar by sea and river respectively.

Since ports and waterways are responsible for the flow of the merchandise trade between ASEAN and India, investment in quality infrastructure is essential for better connectivity, trade growth, and maximum utility of resources. Other projects, such as a railway link between New Delhi in India to Hanoi in Vietnam; the Mekong-India Economic Corridor (MIEC) connecting South and Southeast Asia; and Stilwell road and Dawei deep-sea port in Myanmar are under consideration. The MIEC involves the integration of four Mekong countries - Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, and Cambodia - along with India, connecting Ho Chi Minh City, Dawei, Bangkok, and Phnom Penh with Chennai. The corridor will provide opportunities for the participant countries to develop infrastructure, enhance their economic base with the region, and especially reduce the transit distance between India and ASEAN countries. Besides this, the India, Myanmar, and Thailand Motor Vehicles Agreement (IMT MVA) on realization, this will become the first-ever cross border facilitation agreement between South and Southeast Asia, thus allowing free movement of cargo, passenger, and personal vehicles along the roads linking these three countries. On the issue of air connectivity, select ASEAN countries have direct flights to first and second tier cities in India, but there is ample scope for improvement. India in the past has announced a Line of Credit of \$1 billion to encourage such connectivity projects between India and ASEAN, and a Project Development Fund of 5 billion rupees (\$78 million) with an aim to promote manufacturing hubs in the CLMV countries.

India and ASEAN should not only explore the hard connectivity aspects but also the soft connectivity. The cultural connections between India and Southeast Asia are also deep and broad. Hinduism and Buddhism came to Southeast Asia from India. The Indian languages, Sanskrit and Pali, have influenced several of the region's scripts. Indian literature, court rituals, food and fashion have been assimilated into the region's culture. Angkor Wat, Bagan, Borobudur and Prambanan were inspired by Hinduism and Buddhism. India's influence, however, lives on in contemporary Southeast Asia. For example, the national carrier of Indonesia is called Garuda, a legendary bird found in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain mythology. Garuda is the vehicle of the Hindu God, Vishnu. To add, the great Indian epic, Ramayana, is read and performed in all the ASEAN countries. Both India and ASEAN can take pride in their shared heritage and the way in which cultural commonalities have helped bridge relations at the official and people-to-people levels. Having said that, much work still needs to be done in raising knowledge and cultural awareness on both sides.

The future is bright for India-ASEAN ties. While the two sides have made tremendous progress in the last few decades and built strong linkages with each other, the potential for further growth and connections is immense. India's relations with Southeast Asia date back a thousand years. There are many cultural, religious and people-to-people linkages between India and the ASEAN countries. Trade and investment ties have also grown since the opening of the Indian economy in the early 1990s. Relations are good but not optimal. There is little doubt that the ASEAN-India relationship will grow from strength to strength. However, efforts are needed on both sides in this respect. India and ASEAN need to have greater e-commerce and digital connectivity. ASEAN possesses one of the fastest grown digital economy regions in the world. Countries such as Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand have booming digital economies with high-growth and domestic innovation in sectors such as e-commerce, ride sharing, mobile gaming and financial technology. India too has a vast and burgeoning start-up sector with a digitally proficient human capital base. For example, India's Aadhaar system can facilitate digital connections among the citizens of India. ASEAN wants to do the same with its citizens. The future is bright for India-ASEAN ties. While the two sides have made tremendous progress in the last few decades and built strong linkages with each other, the potential for further growth and connections is immense.

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## SHARED CULTURAL ETHOS & PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE TIES

#### Sonu Trivedi

Shared heritage and cultural ethos forms the corner stone of India's relationship with the countries of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). As we complete three decades of ASEAN-India partnership, it is time to re-look at the deep civilizational linkages, historical maritime connectivity, and cross-cultural exchanges between the member states of ASEAN region and India.

The Southeast Asian region cannot be understood without a familiarity about values, norms and cultural influences that have predominantly guided the region to its present form. Historian K. M. Pannikar describes Southeast Asia as 'Further India'. According to him, "the name is significant and embodies the idea which had been recognized from early days that India and Southeast Asia were connected integrally in their political, social and economic life and have reacted on each other in their historical growth".

The expanding maritime linkages and cultural influence of India in the region led to the state formation and socio-political transformation of Southeast Asia, largely designated by scholars like George Coedes as the 'Indianized States of Southeast Asia'. Indianization, according to Coedes, "must be understood essentially as the expansion of an organized culture that was founded upon the Indian conception of royalty characterized by Hinduist or Buddhist cults, the mythology of the Puränas, and the observance of the Dharmasästras, and expressed itself in the Sanskrit language"<sup>2</sup>.

D. G. Hall in his notable work 'A History of Southeast Asia', regards "relations between India and Southeast Asia probably go back far into pre-historic period. New states grew up around sites which India seamen had frequented from time immemorial." He outlines organized culture established in Southeast Asian states based on four elements "(a) a conception of royalty charecterised by Hindu or Buddhist cults, (b) literary expression by means of Sanskrit language, (c) a mythology taken from the Epics, the Puranas and other Sanskrit Texts containing a nucleus of royal tradition and the traditional genealogies of royal families of the Ganges region, and (d) the observance of Dharamashastras, the sacred laws of Hinduism and in particular 'Laws of Manu'."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Panikkar, K. M. (1943), The future of South-East Asia: An Indian view. New York: The Macmillan Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Coedes, George. (1975), The Indianized states of Southeast Asia; edited by Walter F. Vella, translated by Susan Brown Cowing, Australian National University Press: Canberra. Pp. 15-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Hall, D. G. E. (1955). A history of South-East Asia. London: Macmillan. Pp 12-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid.

Coedes also describes deep traces of the Indianization in Southeast Asia characterized by "the importance of the Sanskrit element in the vocabulary of the languages spoken there; the Indian origin of the alphabets with which those languages have been or still are written; the influence of Indian law and administrative organization; the persistence of certain Brahmanic traditions in the countries converted to Islam as well as those converted to Singhalese Buddhism; and the presence of ancient monuments which, in architecture and sculpture, are associated with the arts of India and bear inscriptions in Sanskrit". One of the early historian, Nicholas Tarling describes "Indian influence reaching Southeast Asia primarily overseas". The influences came along trade routes brought by merchants and missionaries. Indian culture not only spread to courts but also to other fields such as crafts and customs. In his writings, Tarling elaborates on "Indian influences in public architecture, court rituals, in astrology and other religious observance". Other studies also reveal that "traces of the region's contact with the high cultures of India are not preserved only in monuments. Indian influences remain alive and well in the rituals of Southeast Asia's royal courts. Hinduism and Buddhism were nurtured and promoted by courts around the same time, and across a broad area of Asia".

Southeast Asia was a thriving destination for Hindu and Buddhist missionaries along with traders and merchants since ancient times. The cultural contacts and exchanges via trade, language, religion and Indian epics are well documented. They travelled to faraway kingdoms in the Fareast in large numbers and this led to expansion of Indian culture, religion and civilisation to different parts of Southeast Asia. References to Swarnabhumi or Jambudweep abound our mythologies and ancient literatures about this region.

Shared cultural heritage is also visible in the syncretic union of Buddhism and Hinduism in Southeast Asia which also represents the Indian influence. Art and architecture in the region have also been shaped by Indian styles and motifs. It is believed that Southeast Asia since early years had been considered as the land of opportunities where traders and missionaries from different parts of India visited and established their roots in the region. The references of Cholas and Pallavas of India could be found in the ancient kingdoms of Southeast Asia such as Srivijaya kingdom of Sumatra and Malaya, Sailendra dynasty of Java, Angkorean kingdom in Cambodia and Champa kingdom in Vietnam.

The magnitude of Indian influence could also be seen in the early Sanskrit inscriptions, Pali literary sources, sculptures and religious monuments that developed in Southeast Asia. Besides, folklore artistes played a very important role in making Indian literary works popular in Southeast Asia. The oral storytelling tradition based on Ramayana and Mahabharata in Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia exhibit the legacy of Indian civilizational heritage. These texts have been adapted to the local customs and traditions in order to make them more contextual and localised. This led to the emergence of new texts and modified versions of some of these epics as Ramakein (the Thai version of Ramayana) which is the national epic of Thailand, Kakawin Ramayana (Indonesian version) is an old Javanese rendering of the Sanskrit Ramayana, Seri Rama (Malaysian adaptation), Maharadia Lawana (the Philippino adaptation), Yama Zatdaw (the oral tradition of the Ramayana story in Myanmar), Robam dance drama in Vietnam based on folk tales from Ramayana, The Phra Lak, Phra Lam (the Lao version of the Ramayana) and RamKer (Cambodian Ramayana). These epics symbolises some of the legendary works prevalent in Southeast Asia and artists from the region participate every year at the International Ramayana Festival organized in India since 2015.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Coedes, George. (1975), The Indianized states of Southeast Asia; edited by Walter F. Vella, translated by Susan Brown Cowing, Australian National University: Press Canberra. pp. xvi

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Mahbubani, Kishore. & Sng, Jeffery (2017), The ASEAN miracle: a catalyst for peace. Singapore: NUS Press: Ridge Books. Pp. 1.

Similarly, the temples of Angkor Wat, Bagan, My Son, Borobudur and Prambanan are testimony to deep influence which sculptors and artisans of this region had with the art forms prevailing in India. The local art forms were blended with the Indian architectural style, as a result, the monuments bear evidence to the centuries old civilisational linkages that Southeast Asian countries have with India. Other linkages include the rich tradition in the Hindu-Buddhist forms of greetings and worship style still prevalent in most of the Southeast Asian countries. Presence of huge Indian Diaspora and people of Indian origin in the region bear a deep testimony to the migration of people and Indian culture from this far of land to Southeast Asia.

These shared cultural heritage forms a solid foundation for people to people ties and cooperation in the socio-cultural sphere. Commemorating the historical ties and important milestone in their partnership, the year 2002 was designated as ASEAN-India Friendship year. The relationship has further progressed into a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership marking 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India Dialogue partnership.

Recognising the importance of the region, Kishore Mahbubani and Jeffery Sng in their book 'The ASEAN miracle' describes ASEAN as a "living and breathing modern miracle." They believe that "no other regional organization has done as much as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to improve the living conditions of a broad swath of humanity. ASEAN has brought peace and prosperity to a troubled region, generated inter-civilizational harmony in the most diverse corner of the earth and brought hope to many people".

Given the changing geo-political dynamics and uncertainty in the Indo-pacific due to the ongoing Ukraine crisis, tensions in the Korean peninsula and China's growing hegemonic ambitions, a closer links with the ASEAN member states in contemporary times with shared cultural ethos and people to people ties as main anchor of the relationship would be a natural outcome for India and its foreign policy dispensation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>ASEAN-India commemorate Friendship Year, heightening partnership, March 24, 2022. URL: https://asean.org/asean-india-commemorate-friendship-year-heightening-partnership/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Joint Statement on ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 12 November 2022. URL: https://asean.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Joint-Statement-on-ASEAN-India-CSP-final.pdf

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## **ASEAN: GOOD GOVERNANCE**AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Rami Desai

With the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) on August 8, 1967 a new era began for Southeast Asia. The Association of South-East Asian Nations is made up of Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam, and contains the third-largest population bloc in the world after India and China. In the last decade, this grouping has accounted for around 7 per cent of the global GDP (gross domestic product) and 9 per cent of world GDP growth<sup>1</sup>. By 2030, this region is set to be equivalent to the world's fourth largest economy.

Aimed towards better regional cooperation to ensure high economic growth, social progress, cultural development and peace through regional stability and collaboration. The member states have since expanded from five founding members to 10 member states today, united by their commitment to the founding principles of democracy, rule of law and good governance. The ASEAN Charter Article 1.71 states that ASEAN should pursue democracy, good governance, and the rule of law; and Article 2(h) of the ASEAN Charter states that ASEAN should seek to adhere 'to the rule of law, good governance, the principles of democracy and constitutional government'. And the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025 promotes the principles of good governance, transparency, and responsive regulatory regimes through active engagement with the private sector, community-based organisations, and other stakeholders of ASEAN.

Good governance being the key foundational principle for a stronger ASEAN, the organisation has implemented a number of initiatives to promote good governance in the region. ASEAN member states realise that "good governance and growth go together"<sup>2</sup>. It can lead to economic growth, social and political stability, human development and environmental sustainability amongst other benefits.

Evidence and data comparison shows that national level good governance leading to good administration has an overall impact on policy vision and implementation leading to economic upturn. When the average growth rate of national output during the last decade is charted against the quality of country governance, it becomes apparent that the high-performing economies-Singapore and Malaysia-have the edge in public management. (Figure 2)

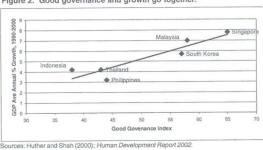


Figure 2. Good governance and growth go together.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Governance in Southeast Asia: Issues and Options, Eduardo T. Gonzalez and Magdalena L. Mendoza, Phillipine Institute for Development Studies, Research Paper Series — 2002-06, 2003

India is a prime example of how in a short period political will leading to good governance has promoted economic delivery, good economic development, better delivery of public services, and increased transparency and accountability in government. Economic growth has been strong in recent years, with GDP expanding at an average rate of around 7 per cent per year. The government has also made efforts to improve infrastructure, such as building new highways and airports, and increasing access to education and healthcare. Additionally, the implementation of policies such as the Right to Information Act and the Jan Dhan Yojana financial inclusion program have helped to increase transparency and accountability in government, and have empowered citizens to hold their leaders accountable. One of the ways in which good governance has helped to promote development in India is through the implementation of economic reforms and policies aimed at attracting investment and fostering growth. For example, the government has made efforts to improve the ease of doing business in the country, which has helped to attract foreign investment and promote economic growth. In terms of regional stability, a stable democratic government in India has helped to maintain peace and security in the region. India has been actively engaging in various diplomatic efforts to promote regional cooperation and maintain peace and security, by participating in various regional and international forums such as SAARC, BIMSTEC and G-20. Since 2014, India has continued to maintain a stable democratic government, which has helped to promote development and bring stability to the region.

The ASEAN region has been the cornerstone of India's Look East, and then its Act East, policies. The up-gradation of the India-ASEAN relationship into a Strategic Partnership in 2012 was a natural progression of the journey that began when, in 1992, India became a Sectoral Partner of the ASEAN, followed by Dialogue Partner in 1996 and Summit Level Partner in 2002. India and the ASEAN have 30 Dialogue Mechanisms across various sectors. With concerns of supply chain resilience rising to the forefront following the Covid-19 pandemic, and with the fall-out between China and the United States, including, critically, on trade and technology transfers issues, ties between India and ASEAN are likely to gain greater focus as an relationship of relative peace and calm which has exponential potential for growth.

Similarly, ASEAN has promoted good governance by encouraging transparency and accountability among its member states. ASEAN has also implemented a number of measures to promote good governance in the economic sphere. For example, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) was established in 2015 with the goal of creating a single market and production base among ASEAN member states, which would help to promote economic growth and improve the well-being of people in the region.

Additionally, ASEAN has also been working to promote good governance in the area of human rights, it has established the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms in the region. ASEAN has also played a key role in promoting stability and security in the region, through the establishment of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), which brings together countries from the region to discuss and address security issues in a collective manner. However, Amitav Acharya, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair of the ASEAN Studies Center American University, Washington DC has stated that "inter-state disputes and tensions within ASEAN have not disappeared. Neither has war become "unthinkable"—the hallmark of a "mature" security community." Acharya also points towards the Thailand — Cambodia conflict as a reminder that "domestic politics can become a source of intra- ASEAN discord. Therefore strengthening mutual cooperation should be a priority for ASEAN member states.

However, the outcome of regional stability and development has to be based on the willingness of each member state and the consensus they arrive on. This at times can slow down decision making. ASEAN member states can collectively take policy measures aimed at reducing poverty and promoting economic growth, investing in infrastructure and human capital, encourage further regional cooperation by reducing trade barriers and harmonizing regulations but most importantly by strengthening local governments and processes in order to promote transparency and accountability resulting in reduction of regional disparity within the ASEAN region.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Acharya, Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia quoted in Acharya, A. 2013. ASEAN 2030: Challenges of Building a Mature Political and Security Community. ADBI Working Paper 441. Tokyo: Asian Development Bank Institute. Available:

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## DIGITAL PARTNERSHIP IN 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY BETWEEN INDIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

#### Siddharth Singh

Digital connectivity between India and Southeast Asia has altered the economic, social and geo-political landscapes in the Indo-Pacific region. The Digital revolution has transformed the labour-intensive economies into technology-enhanced and digitized societies. Both India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has walked a long way towards digitization. It has taken multiple initiatives and programmes towards digitalization and Industrial Revolution 4.0.

Digital innovations in the Indo-Pacific region in the 21st century are being powered by start-ups and several young entrepreneurs. The Indo-Pacific region is home to a total of 60,000 start-ups as of 2022. India is home to 72 percent of these, followed by the SEA region at 24 per cent. India's start-up ecosystem is the third largest in the world. In both India and the Southeast Asia region, hyperlocal and regional start-ups have displayed tremendous success. The Indo-Pacific region is witnessing a digital transformation boom which is poised to accelerate in future due to the technology-biased disruption caused by the digital transformation especially in India and Southeast Asia.

The digital transformation of the Indo-Pacific region is characterized by a well-developed and innovation driven information and communications tech infrastructure. The middle class in this region is expanding by the day, e-commerce and social media are gaining popularity at a steady rate, and tech devices are becoming more and more affordable. Also, the region has a huge youthful population and a strong startup sector. All these factors combined give birth to a digital wave that is promising to transform India and Southeast Asia.

ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint 2025, Master-plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025, E-ASEAN Framework Agreement, ASEAN ICT (AIM) Master-plan 2020, ASEAN Digital Master-plan (ADM) 2025, Consolidated Strategy on the Fourth Industrial Revolution for ASEAN etc., are some of the official documents of Southeast Asian Nations that have noted down the importance of digital transformation and indicated the ways and means to achieve it.

Similarly, in India also the 'Digital India' initiative of the Modi government has been a transformative programme in the last 8 years which has delivered the key objective of using the digital technology for bridging the digital divide in the society and ushering in digital inclusion. India today is home to more than 75 crore smartphones, 130 crore Aadhaar cards, more than 80 crore internet users, has 4G and is now accelerating towards 5G. Above all, it has among the lowest data tariffs in the world. Digital India has solved some of the most difficult problems the country had been facing for decades. Ensuring delivery of government schemes to its beneficiaries without leakage or misuse remained a herculean task. The Jan-Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile (JAM) trinity has ensured that the poorest receive every penny of their entitled benefits.

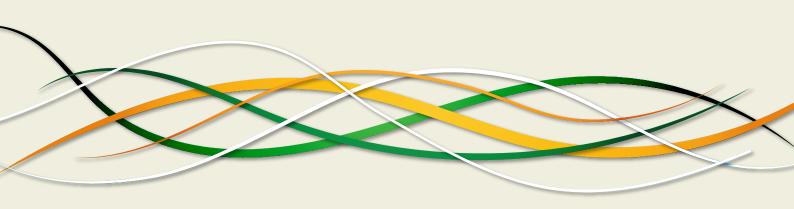
The Masterplan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC) identifies digital innovation as one of five strategic areas to achieve a seamlessly connected ASEAN, as well as a significant potential

source of economic activity. If the MPAC 2025 is implemented successfully, digital technologies in ASEAN will have grown to more than \$500 billion by 2025. The digital transformation wave in India and Southeast Asia is also supported by the Industry 4.0, a digitisation phase that seeks to transform the way people in India and Southeast Asia live and work. This widespread adoption of new and advanced tech tools will help the Indo-Pacific region to leapfrog many regional trade blocs.

The digital revolution in India and Southeast Asia is also facing many challenging problems. There is a clear challenge for Indian and ASEAN economies to harness the promise of digital technologies as they pursue growth and prosperity. In doing so, they are facing many of the same challenges that were faced in past by other developed and developing economies - boosting uptake of technologies, ensuring people have the skills to make the best use of them, and putting in place the right infrastructure to enable their economies to adapt to and benefit from the new digital reality.

In future, India and ASEAN should collaborate for developing advanced digital technologies and building digital ecosystems. Recognising the increasing role being played by digital technologies, India and ASEAN countries must cooperate in capacity building, research and development, security and resilience in the areas of Critical Information Infrastructure, 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), among others.

In the 21st century, as India and Southeast Asia embark on their own distinctive strategic outlook to the Indo-Pacific region, India and ASEAN must contribute to open, safe and inclusive digital connectivity and should actively engage with one another as well as with the other Indo-Pacific region's thriving digital economies.



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#### **Alvin Tan**

Minister of State for the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, and the Ministry of Trade & Industry, Singapore

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#### B.V.R. Subhramanyam

Chancellor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India is the Chancellor of the Institute. Shri Subrahmanyam is a 1987 batch IAS Officer of the Chhattisgarh Cadre. Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam belongs to Andhra Pradesh. He is a 1987-batch IAS officer with an engineering degree. He also has a management degree from London Business School. He is a widely experienced bureaucrat having worked as Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Chhattisgarh and Joint Secretary in the PMO between 2004—2008 and March 2012—March 2015, serving under Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh and Shri Narendra Modi.



P E A K E R



#### C. Sheela Reddy

Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi

Prof. Reddy has been actively engaged in Evaluation and Impact Research Studies in respect of Government Schemes and Projects which provide feedback and policy advocacy to the Departments. She served as the Co-Editor of the prestigious Journal of IIPA, Indian Journal of Public Administration (IJPA). She is widely travelled and visited Sri Lanka, France, U. K., Singapore, China, Australia, South Africa, Italy, Hungary, and USA on academic assignments. She is a member of many professional bodies, participated and presented papers in several national/international seminars and conferences. Currently, she is the Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi.

#### D.B. Venkatesh Varma

#### Distinguished Fellow Vivekananda International Foundation

Ambassador D.B.Venkatesh Varma served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1988 to 2021. During his diplomatic career, he worked in the Office of the External Affairs Minister and in the Prime Minister's Office. He served as India's Ambassador to Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, to the Kingdom of Spain and to the Russian Federation, until October 2021.He has vast experience in India's Security and Defence policies and served as Joint Secretary in charge of Disarmament and International Security in the Ministry of External Affairs. He was the first Recipient of the S.K.Singh Award for Excellence in the Indian Foreign Service in 2011 for his contribution to the negotiations of the Civil Nuclear Initiative.



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#### Deepa Malik Paralympian

Padma Shri & Arjuna Award Winner Ms. Deepa Malik is India's first female para-athlete to win a medal at the Paralympics (Rio, 2016). Having started her sports career at the age of 36, this paraplegic woman (chest below paralyzed) has cut down all social norms to swim through every tide. The First ever sportswoman, First paraplegic Indian woman biker, swimmer, car rallyist, entrepreneur, social activist, motivational speaker, member BJP; this all rounder is a winner in every right!

Edgar Pang CG, Singapore Consulate, Chennai

He is the Consul General in Singapore Consulate Chennai.



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#### Geetika Srivastava JS (Indo-Pacific), MEA

She is the joint secretary of ministry of external affairs, government of India  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

#### G. Kishan Reddy

Union Minister for Culture, Tourism, and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Government of India.

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P E A K E R





#### Ina H. Krisnamurthi Indonesia Ambassador to India

Ina Hagniningtyas Krisnamurthi is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Republic of India, accredited also to the Kingdom of Bhutan. She has served to His Majesty the King of Bhutan as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Kingdom of Bhutan, resided in New Delhi. She has also served as Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on Economic Diplomacy.

#### Jayaprakash Narayan

Founder FDR India, LokSatta movement

Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayana is the founder of the Loksattaa Party—a party he established to promote a new political culture cleansed of dynastic politics, corruption, and nepotism. A physician by training, Dr. Narayana had served in the Indian Administrative Services and had distinguished himself for his commitment to administrative and electoral reforms. He has served as a Member of the National Advisory Council and the Second Administrative Reforms Commission. Dr. Narayana is credited with co authoring the Right to Information bill with Ms. Aruna Roy and revising the Jan Lokpal Bill to its present form. Dr. Narayana and his Loksatta Party pitch for a brand of clean politics that is sensitive to the needs of the young generation. Through his party and the Foundation of Democratic Reforms, a public-policy think tank he founded, he is pursuing improved public service delivery, electoral reforms, and measures to curb corruption. He resides in Hyderabad, India.



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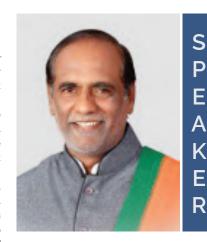
#### Jayesh Ranjan

Principal Secretary, Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Department, Govt of Telangana,

Mr. Jayesh Ranjan is a member of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) of the 1992 batch and working in the state of Telangana. He is the Principal Secretary of the Industries & Commerce (I&C) and Information Technology (IT) Departments of the Telangana government. His assignment involves developing policy frameworks, attracting new investments, identifying opportunities for utilizing IT in various government processes, and promoting the digital empowerment of the citizens.

#### K. Laxman Member of Parliament - Rajya Sabha

Dr. K. Laxman was elected as the President of Osmania University PG Science College on ABVP panel, at a time when the ultra left wing student politics were at its peak which evidences the popularity he enjoys among a cross section. Subsequently he was also elected as the General Secretary of Osmania University Research Scholars Association which further proved his acceptability. He joined BJP in 1980 and began the political activity right at grass root level. Owing to his dedication, commitment and insightful thinking, he soon rose to various levels within the Hyderabad City Party and became the President of Hyderabad BJP, apposition which he served for two terms from 1995 to 99. Hyderabad BJP witnessed tremendous growth during this time due to the fact that the Party had taken up mundane issue concerning the people such as abnormal increase of Property tax by the MCH or Krishna Water Diversion etc. He contested for the first time from Musheerabad Assembly Constituency in 1994 and lost narrowly. However, he got elected from the same constituency in 1994 with a huge margin. He became the Deputy Leader of the BJLP and was always in the forefront in highlighting the issues of Public Importance. The fact that the BJPAP always depended upon him for analysis of all complicated issues of governance evidence his scholarship and critical capability.



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#### Kao Kim Hourn Secretary General ASEAN Jakarta

Dr. Kao Kim Hourn is the Secretary-General of ASEAN. His career has focused on strengthening Cambodia's international relations particularly in ASEAN, driving policy advocacy and promoting research, education, and development. Dr. Kao has served as a two-term Minister Delegate attached to the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia since September 2013. He has authored dozens of books and articles about Cambodia and ASEAN.

#### Mahmudi Yusbi Head of Program, ASEAN Foundation

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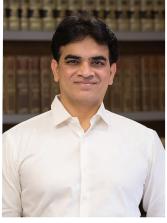
#### Vietnam Ambassador to India

H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hai is the Director General, Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Previously he had served as an Acting Director General, Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs from July 2020 - July 2021. In November 2019 - July 2020, he served as a Deputy Director General in charge, Department of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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#### S Niranjan Reddy

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Andhra Pradesh

Sirgapoor Niranjan Reddy is an Indian lawyer, film producer and politician who is currently serving as the Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha from Andhra Pradesh since 2022. He is known for producing Telugu films like Wild Dog, and Arjuna Phalguna, and Acharya.

#### Pattarat Hongtong Thailand Ambassador to India

She is currently the Thai Ambassador to India



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#### Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

#### Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Education

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh is an India Politician. He was elected as a member of the 17th Lok Sabha in 2019, representing the Inner Manipur constituency, Manipur, India. On 7th July 2021, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh was given the charge of the minister of state education and foreign affairs under the leadership and government of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### Ram Madhav

#### Member, Governing Council, India Foundation

Ram Madhav is an Indian politician, social leader, author and thinker. Dr Madhav is a Founding Member of the Governing Council of India Foundation (IF), a New Delhi-based Think tank. In over a decade of India Foundation's existence, Dr Madhav has been the curator of major annual global and national multilateral initiatives like the Indian Ocean Conference, the Dharma-Dhamma Conference, ASEAN-India Youth Summit and Counter Terrorism Conference involving heads of nations and leaders of governments besides academics, scholars and public spirited individuals. Most recently, Dr Madhav has been instrumental in ideating the Religon-20 Forum (R20) as part of India's presidency of the G20. Previously, Dr Madhav has served as the National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during 2014-20 responsible for handling the political affairs of Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and other North-Eastern states of India.



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#### Shaurya Doval

#### Member, Board of Governors, India Foundation

Shaurya Doval is a Managing Director of Zeus Caps, where he leads the principal investment initiatrrives and deal originations in India. Mr. Doval is a qualified Chartered Accountant and holds a joint MBA Degree from London Business School and University of Chicago.

#### Srinivasa Raju Chintalapati

Chairman, iLabs Group & Founder President, TiE Hyderabad

Mr. Srinivasa Raju founded iLabs Group in 2000. iLabs Group is one of the pioneers of the Investment Ecosystem in India. Over the years, it has grown its scope in terms of both Investment and Industry. Originally started as an Angel Investor, iLabs Capital has expanded into, Seed-Stage, Early-Stage and Growth-Stage Investments, as well as Re-Structures and BuyOuts, Initially focused on Technology & Technology enabled Ventures, iLabs Capital has extended into Consumer Products & Services; Health Care; Skills-Development; Media and Entertainment; Corporate and Industrial Parks. Today, iLabs Group is one of the front-runners of the investment landscape in India. He has an MS in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Utah State University, USA and a BS in Civil Engineering with Honors from REC (NIT), Kurukshetra. He has over 35 years of experience in Information Technology, Venture Capital and Private Equity. Prior to iLabs Group, Srini was Founding CEO & MD of Dun & Bradstreet Satyam Software (later became Cognizant Technology Solutions) and Satyam Enterprise Solutions. Number of iLabs Investee Companies have become Leading Companies in their respective areas. Sri City, a leading Industrial City started by iLabs Group is home to over 150 companies from 25 Countries and two of India's leading Universities.



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Subrat Tripathy
Managing Director, Adani Ports

Subrat Tripathy, director with THE DHAMRA PORT COMPANY LIMITED, is registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). He is an Indian staying in Khorda, Odisha, India. Subrat Tripathy is currently associated with 11 Companies and is director with Dhamra Lng Terminal Private Limited, Dighi Port Limited, Adani Krishnapatnam Port Limited, Adani Hazira Port Limited, Adani Gangavaram Port Limited, Inland Waterways Consortium Of Odisha Limited, Adani Petronet (Dahej) Port Limited, Ezr Technologies Private Limited, Marine Infrastructure Developer Private Limited, Gcp Advisory Services (Opc) Private Limited.

#### Sunaina Singh

Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University and Member, Board of Trustees, India Foundation

As the head of a National University, Professor Sunaina Singh is among the most prominent women Vice Chancellors in the South Asian region. She is also the Vice President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi. She was the first Indian woman to function as the President of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, a Bi-National Research Organization (MHRD & Ministry of Foreign Affairs Canada) with headquarters in New Delhi and Calgary.



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#### Syed Akbaruddin Dean, Kautilya School of Public Policy

Mr. Syed Akbaruddin is a retired Indian civil servant from 1985 batch of the Indian Foreign Service and served as India's permanent representative at the United Nations at New York from January 2016 to April 2020. He had previously served as official spokesperson of India's Ministry of External Affairs from January 2012 to April 2015 and was Indian representative at IAEA from 2006 to 2011. He is currently serving as the dean of Kautilya School of Public Policy.

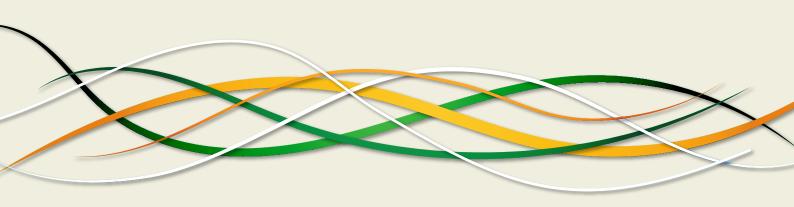
#### Tamilisai Soundararajan

Hon'ble Governor, Telangana

Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan Born on 2nd June 1961, in Nagercoil, Kanya Kumari District, Tamilnadu Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan took charge as Governor of Telangana on 8th September 2019 and happens to be the 1st woman to hold this Office. She assumes the office of the Lt. Governor of Puducherry on 18th February 2021. She is the first Lt. Governor to take the oath of office in Tamil. She is the 31st Lt. Governor of Puducherry and the 5th Woman Governor of Puducherry. She has a remarkable public & social service background spanning over 20 years. She also has an illustrious political career in last two decades where she has successfully led the state unit of a political party with noteworthy accomplishments. Dr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan started her career as a medical practitioner after completing her M.B.B.S., P.G. in Gynecology (DGO). She has undertaken special training on Ultrasound & Fetal Therapy at Toronto, Canada. She worked as an Assistant Professor (Department of Gynecology at Sri Rama Chandra Medical College -Chennai) for 7 years & resigned in 2003 for full time political engagements. She nurtures great devotion towards public service and enhancement of living standards of common people with focus on health and education as a prime agenda. She has donned the hat of being a State Head of a political party & steering it with exemplary management skills & pro-people service milieu. vDr. (Smt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan is a proud recipient of an international award titled " International Rising Star of the Year -2018" by multi Ethnic advisory task force, USA under US Congressman Danny.K.Davis for her services to the society especially in the field of Politics, Public and Medical Services.



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Mahmudu Yusbi Head of Program, ASEAN Foundation

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Caleb Benjamin Hukom Partnership Development and Resource Mobilisation Officer

Caleb Benjamin Hukom (Caleb) is passionate about human development focuses, has multiple project experiences from Nias to Papua in Indonesia, focusing on education, health and the environment. Upon completing his bachelor's degree in International Relations from Universitas Gadjah Mada, he joined the ASEAN Foundation to continue his efforts in human development, now at the regional level as its Partnership Development and Resource Mobilisation Officer to assist in seeking collaborations and cooperation with ASEAN Stakeholders both in public and private sectors, while serving the organisation's primary mandate, raising ASEAN awareness.





H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hai
Ambassador of Vietnam to India

H.E. Mr. Dato Alaihuddin Mohd Taha
High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam to India





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Second Secretary of Brunei Darussalam High
Commission to India

#### H.E. Ms. Ina H. Krisnamurthi

Ambassador of Indonesia to India



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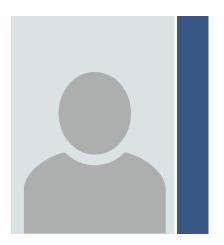


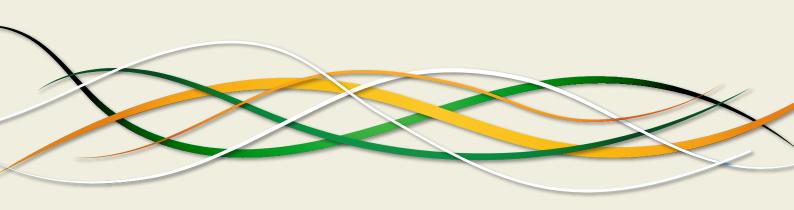
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## ASEAN DELEGATES



## **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

## ASEAN DELEGATES





#### Amar Syahirah Haji Abd Murad

Amar is a youth changemaker in Brunei and has been in the youth scene from an early age. She is an advocate for youth development, environment and women empowerment. Her initial involvement with the States came from an opportunity to be part of the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program in 2010 and eventually, be part of the program in the Philippines where, then-President Barack Obama announced the establishment of the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. She has worked closely with the US Embassy of Brunei and its YSEALI Alumni for over a decade where they initiate and coordinate projects all across Brunei. She is part of various NGOs and Associations committees such as the Brunei - US Association, Youth Against Slavery Brunei (YASBrunei), Ehsan Ramadhan, Sustainable Oceans Alliance (SOA) and Project Women Brunei. Not only that, Amar has represented Brunei in various National and International youth platforms, exchange programs, conferences and volunteering.

#### Muhammad Alif Mursidi

Alif has been involved with youth-led organizations and movements since 2016. Throughout those years, he adopts several skills such as project management and leadership stems from his experience working with non-Governmental organizations. As a person majored in Nursing, it taught him to be more resilient, patient, critical and analytical in thinking, and flexible whenever dealing with different situations, crowds and people. He is an adrenaline junkie which he expresses through his interest in Rock Climbing. Among the organizations, he started out as the Vice President of Universiti Brunei Darussalam Students' Association in 2016. In 2020, he joined Sukarelawan Belia, a volunteering movement that focuses in helping Brunei Government during the pandemic. He was also the President of ASEAN University Student Council Union in 2021. He is currently the Secretary General of Brunei Youth Council.





#### Muhammad Syazwan Asnawi Rosman

Syazwan is a final year student taking BSc in Computing. During the weekends he works as an assistant salesperson in the family business including performing traditional music with the Gulintangan. With his enthusiasm with the Gulintangan, he further extends his interest in the field by providing performance services during wedding events and even participating in one of Brunei's National Day performances whilst representing his university. He also actively volunteers in community work to support welfare and environmental initiatives, some of which include inspecting laptops prior to distributing them to those in need. He mainly enjoys making, playing and sharing music with people. He is also fascinated with technology and innovations that aim towards the betterment of the world. He also has an affinity for providing guidance and help for those in need. His aim towards achieving self-enrichment is to be more active in participating community service activities.

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#### Muhammad Zahirul Aniq Bin Supri

Aniq has been active in leadership activities and social works ever since 2018, such as the student council, leadership camps, movement in combating climate change, international exchange programme, and more that are related with social works. In 2022, he was elected as the Preseident/Secretary General for Pusat Tingkatan Enam Sengkurong Youth Model ASEAN Meeting (PTES YMAM), which it is a platform where the students or the youths, have the opportunity to voice out their opinions and concerns regarding current world issues and create thorough solutions by doing research which also includes policymaking and thus creating a high quality chairman statement with the consensus of all 10 countries. He had joined multiple international programmes such as Brunei-Korea Youth Exchange Programme, where the youths exchange knowledge and ideas as well as the cultures and traditions of their respective countries and also the Brunei-Singapore Youth Exchange Programme. He had also joined some workshops and conferences regarding climate change, where we discussed on how to minimise the effect of climate change and learned in depth about climate change. He is formerly the member of Transformational Youth Culture Camp (KKBT) under Community Bureau from 2020-2022, where he did a lot of social works for example helping underprivileged citizens, cleaning the mosques and cemeteries, as well as distributing necessities such as foods and clothes to the people in need. Back in Masin Secondary School, he was the head of student council from 2018-2020, where he was incharge of most of the activities conducted there, and organised the members in order to work efficiently. From 2021-2022, he was the part of student council in Pusat Tingkatan Enam Sengkurong, which he was the head of Publicity Bureau, where they're in-charge of most of the events held, public speaking as well as emceeing.





#### Nur Hazirah Mohd Sufian

Qualified with a Bachelor's degree in Geology and a Masters in Management, Hazirah Sufian has built a reputation for being versatile and adaptable in any environment. She is very passionate in fighting for social justice, youth empowerment and development, and her current work revolving around Event Management has become an important platform for their advancements. Currently, she is a Project Development Assistant under Green Brunei, a social enterprise advocating for environmental sustainability. Although she has only been with Green Brunei since 2021, she is determined in finding innovative solutions that would aid in mitigating the environmental issues in Brunei Darussalam. Furthermore, she has experience in coordinating Green Brunei's various tree planting projects, river cleanups and beach cleanups, as well as school talks involving both private and government bodies. All her experiences reflect Hazirah's personality as a youth seeking for opportunities to contribute to significant changes, one step a time.



# Nurul Izyan Binti Anver

Izyan Anver is a Technology Enthusiast, an Ambassador for Women Tech Makers Brunei, Google Developer Group Brunei committee and the Deputy President of the Brunei Youth Council. She is a youth and NGO advocate, and a freelance Project Manager/ Coordinator in Tech. Izyan graduated with a Bachelor Degree of Science with Honors in Computer Science from University of Chester. She is a UI/UX Designer, she co-developed and designed an electronic Operation Management System for Sukarelawan Belia COVID-19. Izyan Anver is a vibrant and passionate individual. She aspires to inspire and motivate Bruneian youths to balance education, work and volunteering life. She is diligent, detail-oriented and a team player. Practices design thinking in work and thrives to live in tune with her values, in her career as much as in other aspect of her lives. She can put up with - and overcome - any number of challenges as she pursues a sense of mission in her work.



# Muhammad Waie Al - Syaffiiq Bin Muhammad Shafiee

He is the Chairperson of the Brunei Youth Council







#### Chhoem Reaksa

ReaksaChhoem is 22-year-old, and currently is a senior student at Paragon International University in Cambodia. His major is in International Relation and political science. He was a member of Paragon International University Model United Nation (PIUMUN) club, and had represented as the delegate form Malaysia addressing the challenges and economic recovery of Covid19. He was a youth organizer of the First ASEAN Youth dialogue 2022, as the reporter.

### Hong Rothmony

Rothmony Hong is 27 years old. Currently, she is pursuing Master Degree in International Relations at Beltei International University in Cambodia. She is an intern at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.





### Sam Sopich

Sam Sopich is a News Reporter of Thmey Thmey News, Cambodianess department mainly cover on education, youth empowerment, youth startup, youth achievements in news article and feature story especially on ASEAN Youth meeting. He is also a Public Speaking trainer of the Brighter Cambodia to provide training and mentoring to university and high school students in debate and public speaking, researching, argument building, and networking.

### Seng Kimeng

Seng Kimeng is 22 years old and currently, studying International Relations at Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia, as well as, doing an internship at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. I joined Lancang Mekong Countries (LMC), 7th ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting 2022, ASEAN Plus Youth Volunteer Award 2022 at Vietnam, Model United Nations at AUPP 2022, and 3rd Cambodia National Model ASEAN Meeting.







#### Siv Udom

Siv Udom is 30 years old. He has a bachelor's degree in Information technology and a Master's degree in Management from National University of Management, Cambodia. Currently, He is interning at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. He was a part of Youth Model ASEAN Conference (Singapore), Student Spring of BRICS and SCO Countries (Russia). He was a committee member in 1st ASEAN Youth Dialogue and volunteer in ASEAN Socio Cultural Community, ASEAN Leader's Interface with Representative of ASEAN Youth (Cambodia).

## Sotheavy At

Sotheavy AT is the Founder of Think Plastic, an award-winning digital environmental advocacy campaign that motivates citizens to take action to reduce plastic waste and single-use plastic across the country that has been recognized by the Ministry of Environment. Sotheavy has 17 years of experience in strategic communications, video production, multi-media broadcasting, and directing impactful digital projects. She has trained and coached thousands of people on how to run digital campaigns, storytelling, photography, and videography. She is currently a Strategic Program Advisor for USAID's Digital Asia Accelerator, DAI Global LLC where she led the "Digi Heroes" Campaign that highlights outstanding stories of USAID's beneficiaries from across Southeast Asia and Mongolia. In 2020 won the Women of the Future Awards South East Asia in the Media and Communications category and was recently listed in the 2022 Kindness & Leadership, 50 Leading Lights Asia Pacific.





#### Sai

SAI is an artist, Singer/Song-writer/Actor/Runner experiences in the Entertainment sector since 2010. He has released 15 songs and acted in 11 Movies/short film/feature film. Sai has received the Youth Hero Award 2020 by the International Association of Youth & Students for Peace-Cambodia. Moreover, Sai became the first Cambodian youth who won the YSP Peace Prize that given by IAYSP International in Sinergy International 2021 which have completed all criteria and the commission from five continent over global.



# Hongkong

Hongkong is currently a project officer of the fundamental freedoms monitoring project at the Cambodian Center for Human Rights which is the leading non-governmental organization that works to promote and protect democracy and respect for human rights in Cambodia. She is focused on monitoring the space for civil society including fundamental freedom that consists of the right to freedom of association, expression, and assembly in relation to keeping track of developments pertaining to the registration of political parties; the developments pertaining to the registration of NGOs; monitoring opportunities of the partnership between CSOs/TU with the government; and Legal development tracking progress in Cambodia.





# Heng Kosorl

Heng Kosorl is the first and only nun who got degree on Buddhism in Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She entered the Monastic Life as a Buddhist Nun after graduating from high school in August 2013. Currently she is pursuing a master's degree in Indian Philosophy.







#### Annisa Eldina Larasati

Annisa Eldina Larasati has majored in International Relations at University of Brawijaya in 2017. She is currently working at Ministry of Youth and Sports Republic of Indonesia as an analyst of bilateral partnership.

#### Avina Nakita Octavia

Avina Nakita Octavia is a senior at the University of Jember, where she is majoring in law with a concentration in Constitutional Law. She has an interest in diplomacy and community development, therefore she has worked several times in raising civic engagement by serving as ASEAN Youth Ambassador - Indonesia, Indonesia's SDGs Ambassador, and Cultural Ambassador for Indonesia's Spice Route. She also actively participates in raising awareness of legal reform and development by becoming a student research assistant at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Indonesia and serving as an external manager at one of the leading legal platforms, called Paham Hukum.





Hazmi Tri Laksono

 $\mbox{\it Hazmi}$  Tri Laksono works in Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Indonesia in ASEAN desk.

#### Muhammad Khaerul Rijal, S.I.Kom

Muhammad Khaerul Rijal is 24 years old from Indonesia. His areas of interest are International relation and international communication. He has done bachelor degree in communication science.







### Fikri Al Hafidh

Fikri Al Hafidh is an English Student at Mulawarman University. He is learning Indonesia sign language to interact with people with the dis-capability to hear. As an English teacher, he also teaches in rural areas. His future plan is to teach his fellow friends with the inability to hear and speak, to be able to understand English.

## Meryl Rouli Saragih

Meryl Rouli Saragih (born May 18, 1990) is Deputy Secretary of the North Sumatra PDI Perjuangan DPD and is currently entrusted with being a Member of the North Sumatra Provincial DPRD and serving as Chair of the North Sumatra Provincial DPRD Regional Regulation Formation Body (Bapemperda DPRD Sumut) Meryl was born and raised in Medan and continued her undergraduate education at the Faculty of Law, Trisakti University, Jakarta. After graduating, Meryl worked in a law firm then received a scholarship and continued her master's degree at Pelita Harapan University, Masters in Trade, Investment and Competition Law. While studying, Meryl also worked at NGO Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia as a Program Manager and Part Time Intern at the USAID DRG Office, the United States Embassy in Jakarta. In 2019 Meryl was elected as a member of the North Sumatra Provincial DPRD and won the first seat with 21,601 votes from the Sumut II District of Election. In the same year Meryl founded the Prosperous People Building Foundation (MRS Foundation) which focuses on Women Empowerment providing free education and skills training which are often held at Medan Creators Space, Co-Working Space which Meryl also founded in the same year.





#### Nukeu Novia Andriani

Nukeu Novia Andriani is working on Wilmar Business Indonesia Polytechnic as a teacher and he is the Head of Event Management Study Program. In organization, he is the local President f the Junior Chamber International chapter Medan, this is non profit organization for young active citizens all over the world. Living, communicating, taking action and creating impact in communities. The program focus on business development, social impact community, international networking & individual development. Currently he is the Vice Chairman of foreign affairs chambers of commerce in Medan.



### Calvin

Calvin Khoe is Co-Director at Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia Research and Analysis (FPCI R&A) and graduate student at China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) in Beijing, China. He holds position as secretary of FPCI's Multi-Track Diplomacy program —a track 1,5 or track 2 informal policy dialogue and consultation between Indonesia and other countries. Calvin also the program coordinator of FPCI's public opinion survey program known as ASEAN-China Survey. Calvin is responsible to plan, direct, and manage the program as well as the author of the ASEAN-China Survey Report 2020, 2021, and 2022. He is also FPCI's liaison officer to the Paris Peace Forum Secretariat in Paris as FPCI is the co-founder organization of the Paris Peace Forum.



#### Mahdi Muhammad

He is a Journalist in Kompas Daily.

#### Vina Mardena Fan

Vina Fan is the Bollywood Icon in Indonesia, model, YouTuber with bollywood content ,Vina has 1,7million subscribers on YouTube and total viewers 300million , Vina is the biggest bollywood influencer in Indonesia with lots of fans around the world including India and Indonesia.





#### Ferdiansha Nduru

Mr. Ferdiansha Nduru is a Bollywood influencer in indonesia who joined Vina Fan's YouTube channel and played Shah Rukh Khan character on YouTube.







## Itsiliyaphone Xayavong

Mr. Itsiliyaphone XAYAVONG is a Deputy Chief of Division, Department of Organization and Personnel. He has done Master's Degree (MSc) in Computer Network and Strategic Studies.

## Phetvilay Oudone

Phetvilay OUDONE works at Department of Industry and Handicraft (DIH), Ministry of Industry and Commerce. He has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences from National University of Laos and later finished master's degree in management Environmental from Gadjah Mada University. He has a research background in Promotion of Climate-related Environmental Education and Agriculture Machine Leasing of Rice in the Lao PDR: Case Study in Vientiane Capital, Vientiane province, Savannakhet, Saravan and Xekong, Feasibility Study on Establishing Chemical Fertilizer Factory and Impact of ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement on Agribusiness Development in GMS Countries.





## Souchanda Poyeya

Souchanda POYEYA graduated from National University of Laos for both Bachelor and Master Degrees, majoring in Mathematic (2010) and Science (2015). He has been working for the Lao National School of Performing Arts under the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism from 2011 to 2015 as a technical staff, and currently he is working at the Department of Organization and Personnel, the Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism as a Deputy Director of Division.

### Vathida Phonekeo

Ms Vathida Phonekeo has been working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR since 2014 and currently handle the scope work of ASEAN Socio-cultural Community since late 2022. Before that, she was responsible for ASEAN Political-Security Community which includes, specifically the Indo-Pacific Framework.







### Bang On Soudalavong

Ms Bang On Soudalavong is a Yoga and meditation teacher with Art of Living Foundation based in Vientiane. She had earlier worked as a school teachers in two different international schools in Vientiane.

## Heuanglith Sopaphone

She is a Lao sign language Interpreter. In 2016, founded Hopes of Hope' school which imparts education to hearing impaired children. She is the Director/teacher at the school and involved with developing the curriculum and teaching.





### Sisane Souphattra

Ms. Sisane Souphattra is the Director of Lao Textile Museum. Has Bachelor's degree in Archaeology and Cultural Resources Management. as subjects in college. Is credited with hosting textile exhibitions in Tokyo, Seoul, Bangkok and Laos. Has been a part of many concerts hosted by diplomatic Missions in Laos.

# Naotoua Yonglouyang

Mr. Naotoua Yonglouyang is a student of Rattana Institute of Business Administration, Vientiane. He is a Volunteer at Art of Living Centre Laos. He is helping the Centre for translation from English into Lao language.







# Phanthavong Aling

Ms. Phanthavong Aling completed her Bachelor's degree in Business English from the Lao reputed Rattana Institute. Has the experience of working in private sector for six years. Currently she is working as an Administrative Assistant in UNICEF Laos.

# Sakda Sorxaiyaphet

Sakda Sorxaiyaphet is the deputy head of IT (Information Technology) Division at Lao Youth Union. He has done Bachelor's from National University of Laos, faculty of Engineering, major in Telecommunication. Earlier he used to work in IT Division, later at International Relation Division. Right now, he is in charge at Multimedia session.









# Anja Chong

She is a Short Track Speed Skater.

#### Clerie Olivia Fadrick

Clerie Olivia Fadrick has done Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) from University of Technology Sarawak (UTS) 2016 — 2021. She had worked as a Consumer Sales Executive at Maybank. Earlier, she served as a Ministerial Officer at the Ministry of Youth & Sports.



# Jason Ooi

He is the Co-Founder of Agrain.

# Jin Xi Cheong

He is the Founder & CEO of Aonic.







# Loshenavane Rajendran

Dr. Loshenavane Rajendran is a dental professional who is patient-focused and who is able to discharge competent clinical skills. She has done Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) from Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education and Research (MAHER), Chennai, India.

# Loshseni Gunasegaran

Dr. Loshseni Gunasegaran is a Medical Doctor since 2021 at Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia, Hospital Ampang, Selangor. She has done Bachelor of Medicine from University of North Sumatera (USU.





### Mogesh Sababathy

Mogesh Sababathy has done Doctor of Philosophy (Stem cell) from the Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) & Bachelor of Science (Marine Biology) from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT). He is a Locum Phlebotomist in Clinical Research Unit at Hospital Ampang.

# Mohd Hisyamuddin bin Haji Basabah

Mr. Mohd Hisyamuddin bin Haji Basabah s working as an Assistant Director at the Institute of Leadership Excellence and Development (i-LEAD) at the Ministry of Youth and Sports. He has done Master in Social Science (Strategy and Security Analysis) from National University of Malaysia (UKM).







### Joshua Smith

He is the CTO of MyPay.

#### Yanitha Meena Louis

Meena is a researcher in the Foreign Policy and Security Studies programme. She completed an International Masters in European Regional Integration at the Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya. Having spent a decade in Chennai, India, Meena completed a BSc in Psychology at the University of Madras. She works on South Asia, including Malaysia's bilateral ties with South Asian countries, South Asia's regional dynamics and the region's relationship with Asean. Her research interests also include political psychology and comparative regionalism. Meena is now a doctoral candidate at UM, focused on non-Western international relations.









# Aye Aye Pike

Aye Aye Pike is an Assistant Director, working at Asia and America Division of Foreign Economic Relations Department. She is responsible for the works in the bilateral cooperation process between Myanmar and India, especially for Indian development assistance to socio — economic development of Myanmar. In specific, She is working for compiling and scrutinizing project proposals sent by Ministries and State/Region governments for applying grant, loan or technical assistance of Indian Government, coordinating and cooperating with relevant authorities in organizing Workshops and Meetings relating to the projects of Indian Grant and Credit Lines assistance, and preparing and reporting supporting documents including discussion points for such kinds of events and courtesy calls of the higher-ups. Furthermore, She is also assisting in the works of bilateral cooperation process between Myanmar and Thai and as well, between Myanmar and Korea, especially for grant, loan and technical assistance of their Governments to Myanmar.

## Cape Diamond

Cape Diamond is a multimedia journalist and award-winning documentary film producer and Emmy-nominated news producer based in Myanmar. During the Rohingya genocide, Cape worked for international media as the most contributed and reporting journalist on the crisis in Myanmar and mainly covering human rights, crisis and conflicts in Myanmar. As a documentary producer, Cape's works could be found on Al Jazeera, Sky News, ABC News, CBS, The Washington Post, etc.





Ei Ei Nge

Ei Ei Nge is working for a government service as an editor of child journal "Shwe Thway Journal" published in bilingual expression of Myanmar and English under department of printing and publishing of ministry of information. Earlier, she was working as a international news translator in MRTV-4 news department under FOREVER GROUP Company. She had also volunteered as a liaison officer in 27th Southeast Asian Games Competition hosted by Myanmar in 2013 after completing her graduate degree.



#### Htut Oo Yoon

Htut Oo Yoon, a 25-year-old CEO and founder of MYORDR Incorporation, Htut and Associates, and Vice Chairman of Chin United Football Club. A graduate of the International College of Management, Sydney, Htut has been an entrepreneur since the age of 18. As CEO of MYORDR, Htut operates an enterprise software company with clients in Myanmar, Singapore, and Bangkok. Through Htut and Associates, he supports youth development in Myanmar, with a focus on helping young people in the tech industry and improving the startup ecosystem in the country. In addition, Htut also serves as Vice Chairman of Chin United Football Club, which supports the welfare and development of ethnic Chin youth in Myanmar..



#### Phone Min San

Mr Phone Min San serves as the Vice Chairman of Shwe Than Lwin Media Company Limited since 2021. Since 2018, he has been serving as a member of the Board of Directors in Shwe Than Lwin Group of Companies. His role is to lead the company's development and the growth of company revenue and profit and as well as set policies aspects of the best benefit for the company. Currently, Mr. Phone Min San is building and implementing good friendships with companies, and he is supervising and supporting the development of the company from all aspects.

#### Shwun Lai Win

Shwun Lai Win is currently working at business development department at Ecocare Co., Ltd. She had graduated with bachelor degree in mechanical engineering from Nanyang Technological University (Singapore). She is working at business development department She is currently working for town water supply project.







## Swe Mar Naing

Swe Mar Naing has done her graduation, Bachelor of Arts (Cinema & Drama) from National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon), in 2019. She has also got a Diploma, Diploma in Computer Arts (Dip.CA) and a Certificate of achievement THE BEST OF SPECIAL MENTION AWARDS from school of Multimedia and Creative Arts (MCC). She has a master degree, Master of Arts (Cinema & Drama) from National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) in 2022. She was appointed as a Tutor at National University of Arts and Culture Yangon , Department of Cinema and Drama in March, 2021. Currently she is doing "Learn Editing With Tr.Swe , Face to Face Zoom Online Class".

#### Wai Mar Linn

Wai Mar Linn is 27 years old. She has done her graduration in English from Kyaukse University in Mandalay Division. She is a government employee. Earlier, she used to work at Sports and Physical Education Department. In April 2022, she got transferred from Sport and Physical Education Department to Department of Youth Affairs. Now she's working at Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs."





#### Zwe Pyae Kyaw

Zwe Pyae Kyaw is from Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. He has a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from Hmawbi Technological University. Currently, He is working at Union Election Commission as a Staff Officer from 1st September 2022. He has a technical background in the environmental science focusing on integrated water resources management. He had worked at the Hydro-informatics centre under the auspices of National Water Resource Committee as a Young Water Professional Coordinator. He had also worked as an Infrastructure Counterpart at the National community-driven development project under the auspices of Department of Rural Development. Earlier He was working as a Sales Consultant at KONE Myanmar supervised by Shwe Taung Group of Companies after completing graduation.







# **Eufelu Badiang Anino**

Eufelu Anino is an elected government official, he is a member of the Sangguniang Barangay (Filipino, "Barangay Council") of the Barangay Local Government Unit of Poblacion, Maragusan, Davao de Oro, Philippines. He was also an active officer in various local organizations in his community. A graduate of Masters in Management Major in Public Administration at Philippine Christian University. He also voluntered in some community projects and events, including schools, children, person with disability and experience working with the elderly. At his service he was able to receive some recognitions to his exemplary performance as public servant in his locality. For instance, the most outstanding Sangguniang Barangay member Award 2021.

# Jhansien Galvez Malapit

Jhansien G. Malapit is the current SK Chairperson of Barangay Labangon Cebu City. He is also a licensed Mechanical Engineer since 2018. He is a trained first aider and has a licensed fire auxiliary by Bureau of Fire and Protection. He is an advocate of promoting to everyone in saving lives through giving different sets of training with my organization Heart Emergency Response Unit. He is awarded as Asia Pacific Outstanding SK Chairperson by Luminare Awards.





#### Mart Greggy Jones Callao Aying

Mart Greggy Jones Callao Aying is 26 year old and a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Human Resource Development Management. I has earned 42 units in Master in Business Administration. Currently, he is taking the Master of Arts in Governance and Development major in Youth Development and Work. He has been in the government service since 2017. As a Local Youth Development Officer, he has been implementing various programs for the youth in our locality and become active volunteer youth coach of the National Youth Commission's (NYC) Mental Health Youth Hub, and officer of several national level and local youth organizations focused in youth empowerment, and disaster resilience and environmental protection.



## Michael Christophe Racimo Agustin

Michael Christophe Agustin has been serving as a Youth Council Chairperson in Ilocos Norte, Philippines for almost 5 years now. He consistently advocates for the youth especially at the peak of the pandemic through relevant projects. In addition, he is also an active student leader in various organizations. He joins in formal debate competitions in his province and also uses his talent as a graphic artist that serve many meaningful projects. At present, he is a graduating student of the Mariano Marcos State University, taking Bachelor of Secondary Education - Major in English. With all these experiences, he envisions to widen more his spectrum to touch more lives.





## Trizia Ann Tingson Magalino

Trizia Ann Tingson Magalino is passionate about people, lifelong learning, and entrepreneurship. He has 6 years of corporate experience in Brand Marketing field, 2 years in the development sector with Teach for the Philippines, and on the side do motivational speaking engagements, workshop facilitations, group and one-on-one coaching sessions in various sectors including the government, academe, and several private institutions. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from University of Santo Tomas and Master's in Business Administration from the Asian Institute of Management. Recently, He had completed a 12-month Leadership Certification Course from Sam Chand Leadership Institute.

#### Krystyna Louise C

Krystyna Louise C. Dy is the Stratbase Group's Director of Accounts and Client Services, as well as the Director of Programs and External Affairs of the Stratbase ADR Institute, where she is in charge of the Institute's ongoing operations, initiatives, and programs. In 2010, she was elected as the President of the Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Council) Provincial Federation of Isabela, earning her a seat on the Provincial Board. She concurrently served as the Treasurer of the Sangguniang Kabataan National Federation until 2013, where she took an active role in pushing for its reform through her participation as a resource person in a series of technical working group hearings at the Philippine Senate. She received her Bachelor's degree in Political Science at De La Salle University — Manila in 2014, and was a member of the Political Science Society (POLISCY), the oldest political organization in the university.







#### Mashan Bernice Espiritu

Mashan Bernice (Shanice) Espiritu is the Policy and Regulatory Manager of Stratbase. Her role involves the analysis of key government legislation to assess and mitigate the occurrence of risk for Stratbase clients. Before her role in Stratbase, her experience involved Philippine anti-corruption policy research under the Development Policy Centre, and the Institute for Infrastructure in Society, both under the Crawford School of Public Policy. She also held brief research roles in the Institute for State Effectiveness, a development think-and-do tank based in Washington, DC. She is a graduate of the Master of Public Policy degree under the Australian National University, where she specialized in Integrity and Anti-Corruption Policy. She is also a part-time lecturer at De La Salle University in the Philippines, her research interests largely on comparative policy and governance focusing on the Philippines and the ASEAN region.

#### Raoul Danniel Abellar

Mr. Raoul Danniel Abellar Manuel graduated as the first Summa Cum Laude of UP Visayas in Iloilo, where he earned his BS Applied Mathematics degree and was awarded as the Most Outstanding Graduate of his batch. He served as president of the National Union of Students of the Philippines, the country's broadest and longest-existing alliance of student councils and governments. In September 2018 at Belgium, he represented the Filipino youth in filing cases at the International People's Tribunal to seek accountability from public officials for violating people's rights. He is also one of the youth petitioners questioning the constitutionality of the Anti-Terrorism Law at the Supreme Court. Currently, Hon. Raoul Manuel is a Member of the House of Representatives as the first nominee of Kabataan Party-list -- the first, only and genuine voice of the youth in Philippine Congress. He is a member of 30 out of 79 House committees and is an author of more than 200 legislative measures in his first 100 days in office, thereby earning Kabataan Party-list a spot among the top 10 most prolific lawmakers to date.









#### Chin Char Min

Sharmain is the co-founder of Total Wellness Initiative Singapore (TWIS) with the aim to promote and empower people to take a more holistic and preventive approach to caring for their personal wellness using a ten-dimension wellness framework. Their framework includes: (a) psychological, (b) physical, (c) spiritual, (d) social, (e) creative, (f) intellectual, (g) environmental, (h) occupational, (i) digital and (j) financial wellness. In her day job, she a global HR organisation development / design specialist. She focuses on creating an effective organisational culture that focuses on employee development, well-being and engagement. She has led and implemented both regional and global projects which covers anywhere from 1000 to 60,000 employees.

#### Liaw Ee Jin

Ee Jin is an International Affairs Manager overseeing the India desk in National Youth Council Singapore. Ee Jin was previously a Youth Engagement Manager in NYC prior to her moving to the International Affairs Department where she engaged broad-based Singaporean youths through dialogues and conversations on national issues of interest.





### Muhammad Habib bin Abdul Kadir

Muhammad Habib aims to inspire and guide other youths to serve the community. With 10 years of experience in the Grassroots organizations, he has worked with various interest and cultural groups to plan and execute several programs and events that benefitted the society like ""Jom-surf" (a digital literacy program which turned into a national initiative that aided seniors during Covid-19, to help them integrate technology into their daily lives). His is also a trained Youth Corps Singapore Leader, facilitator and ambassador, with his group's project "wonders with nature" (a program that aims to educate children about environmental sustainability) being recognized by the President, featuring in her speech. His current job-scope working as an operations executive at United Indian Muslim Association (UIMA), only furthers his interests and goals which is to bring community together and providing guidance for the children and youth from vulnerable backgrounds.



# Wong Kah Yee Ernest

Mr Wong Kah Yee Ernest is a sophomore in NTU, pursuing a degree, majoring in Philosophy. Beyond his studies, his passion drives him to lead the Grassroots Youth Network Committee as Vice-Chairperson and the NTU Peer Helping Programme as Vice-President. Professionally, he is also a Naval Officer with the Republic of Singapore Navy.



# Zulhaqem Bin Zulkifli

Zulhaqem Bin Zulkifli runs a ground-up volunteer initiative Project Hills, which assists the underprivileged families in the public rental housing estate.

#### Shruthika Kumar

Shruthika Kumar had worked as a Relief Teacher at the National Junior College & Canberra Primary School, Singapore.





# **Aadithyan**

Aadithyan is a student at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore.



### Chan Xin Yi

Chan Xin Yi worked as a Logistic Executive at Panasonic Logistics Asia Pacific, Singapore, where he handled exports/shipping operations to Asia Oceania markets. Currently he is studying Electrical, Electronic Engineering (EEE) from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

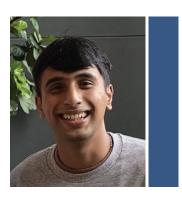


## Saran Raj

Saran Raj is pursuing Bachelor of Engineering (Honors), Mechanical Engineering from NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, SINGAPORE. His Relevant coursework includes Thermodynamics, Manufacturing process and Introduction to Computational thinking.

#### Carlo Emmanuel Charles

Carlo Emmanuel Charles has done Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) from Nanyang Technological University (NTU). His Specialization is in Design with a Minor in Design & Systems Thinking. As a Co-Founder of Flint, he has Successfully launched the crowdfunding campaign for a next-generation modular powerbank (before university) with 600 pre-orders in just a month.









# Jatupon Janmon

Jatupon Janmonfrom is from Thailand and is twenty-one years old. Currently, He is studying in the Chinese major, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at Thaksin University. He lives in Nakhon Si Thammarat. Nakhon Si Thammarat is in the South of Thailand.

#### Panuwat Deelert

Bombay is a Independent lecturer, From Bala Foundation. He is a cheerful person, able to adapt easily to others. His hobby is to read books about history and culture. He had served as a youth lecturer on volunteering and developing the potential of children and young people to be ready for global citizenship.





#### Sirada Jamsri

Sirada Jamsri is an English teacher and educator. She has been teaching for five years in three different schools. At the present, She is working at Banthungfua school which is one of the smallest elementary schools in my hometown located in Phetchaburi province, Thailand.

# Tanitsa Akkaraphanthawee

Tanitsa Akkaraphanthawee graduated from faculty of Social Administration, Thammasat University. Now she is a social worker at Department of Children and Youth. Her work focused on child protection and child participation.







#### Thanyalak Liamsombat

Thanyalak Liamsombat is an international affairs undergraduate at Khon Kaen University International College who is a former intern at the Department of ASEAN Affairs and Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand. Besides, she was an intern at USAID and is currently a student volunteer at Mekong Institute. With the aspiration to develop herself, she has been a youth delegate of Thailand's Department of Children and Youth on various occasions, such as the ASEAN Young Leader Program 2022 and SSEAYP Youth Conference 2021 & 2022. She was also the liaison officer of APEC HLPDWE and ABAC and was the coordinating staff at APEC CEO Summit and MMRF5 during Thailand's chair in 2022. Furthermore, she was a Thai youth delegate to the Special ASEAN Foundation Model ASEAN Meeting 2022 and won the Ambassador for a Day Contest 2021, held by the United Nations Thailand and 11 embassies.

#### **Natsit Pinyasin**

Natsit is a graduate student majoring in International Relations at Chulalongkorn University and interested in Foreign Affairs about cultural relations of Thailand and India. He is doing the thesis about "The role of Dhammaduta Bhikkhus in the dimension of cultural diplomacy to encourage the image and cultural relations of Thailand in India," which are related as a tool for building the good relationships between Thailand and India. He is also interested in the issue of Theravada Buddhism in dimensions of culture, morality, philosophy, and missions of monks in foreign countries abroad. As well as doing Buddhist activities all along. In addition, He has been involved in social activities since high school dealing with environmental and waste issues. Which is an issue that he has always focused on, whether it be organizing waste projects in the community, educating communities and youth about the environment and waste





#### Patawee Chotanan

Assist. Prof. Patawee Chotanan is based at the Faculty of Political Science at Ubon Ratchathani University in Thailand. He is one of the India Studies Group members at Ubon Ratchathani University. His interest lies on local politics and decentralization in India. He is also a columnist at the ISAAN Record telling about economic social and political situations in the northeastern region of Thailand.



## Kotchaphop Kornphetcharat

Kotchaphop Kornphetcharat is an international Relations Graduate, mastered in Southeast Asia Studies with passion in Art and culture. He is a strategic thinker and researcher. He is specialized infield work, data collecting and analyzing, community management and social media management. He is currently doing research about oversea Chinese in peripheral areas.



#### Wiriya Suepsuan

She is a Masters student in Silpakorn University, Bangkok.

### Pimnapa Sittapitthayanunt

Pimnapa Sitthapittayanunt or Bally is a 3rd year student in International Relations major, B.A. (Political Science), Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok. Academically, I'm interested in politics, history, society, and culture. India is one country that I am interested to further my study on whether foreign Policy, culture, or history. Politically India is world's largest democratic country. India and South East Asia have deeply shared a long history, culture and connectivity on trade and people. In this 21st century, India and ASEAN will become closer partnership from joint development in all dimensions. I am honored to be a part of 4th ASEAN-India Youth Summit. Since youth hold the key to creating a better future, I believe that this summit will strengthen the bond of these two regions and create a sustainable development from youths who learn from experienced supporters. I am ready to support these activities that create experiences and knowledge for youth.









#### Do Doan Bach

The young cardiologist has made many contributions to Vietnamese society. Love people, love nature. Always want to show values and be the face of young people in Vietnam. Love to go to many places, meet many new friends. Increase my own experience. Glad to be on this journey.

## Duong Thi Tra

Duong Thi Tra is working as a criminal investigating officer at Vietnam Ministry of Public Security.





### Nguyen Huu Tu

Mr Tu is senior officer and Central committee member of Vietnam Youth Union, he also take the role as General Secretary of Vietnam Young Physicians Association (VYPA), one of the biggest health professional organizations in Vietnam. Mr Tu received his Master degree in Pharmacy at Cardiff University, UK. He is doing his phD in Public health in Hanoi Medical University. Apart from medical professional, he hold Master degree in Communication and has expertise in smart farming and aerial devices Together with several experts group, he has been contributing mostly to Youth movement and medical system renovation in Vietnam, he has been awarded many recognition and awards from the Government and International organizations such as WHO, mostly for his contribution during COVID-19 crisis."



# Nguyen Quynh Thuy Linh

Nguyen Quynh Thuy Linh is a Lecturer in Digital Media, Vice Dean of the Faculty of International Communications, Associate Director General -Centre of Information and Documentation Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, also serving as Secretary of the Youth Union of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam.



# Nguyen Thi Ha Linh

Ha Linh is a police officer specialised in back office and data management in Vietnam Ministry of Public Security. She is also a leader in local youth union activities and currently working as a part time English teacher for ESL students. With her background and insights about public policies, community services and education, she wishes to contribute relavant knowledge and information to the India - ASEAN Youth Summit.

## Nguyen Dong Anh

Assistant Director-General, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vietnam





# Do Thi Ngoc Thuy

Do Thi Ngoc Thuy is an officer at the ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam.

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### Pham Thi Kim Chi

Pham Thi Kim Chi is a Desk Officer at the Department for South East Asia, South Asia and South Pacific at Vietnam Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He holds a bachelor's degree in International Communications from the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV) and currently pursuing the Master of International Relations.



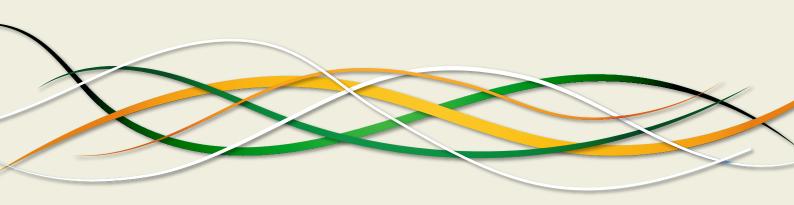
Hoang Thi Ngoc Thanh

Hoang Thi Ngoc Thanh works as an Official in Multilateral Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade of Vietnam.

### Pham Nguyet Minh

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### Aayushi Sharma

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### Akasha Usmani

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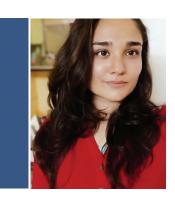
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### Mahamedhaa Nagar

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### Shravya Mandadi

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Ghulam Mustafa Ali Ahmed did his schooling from different schools of Rajouri and Srinagar and college from GGM Science College. He completed MBA from central University Kashmir and LLb(Academics 2yrs) from Kashmir University. He appeared twice in interview stage of three Tier exam of J&K administrative services. Associated with the leading students organisation, ABVP since his University days. He had led several students movement in Kashmir as well in Jammu.

#### **Pratik Suthar**

He is the National Convenor of Think India.





### Yaqywalkya Shukla

Yaqywalkya Shukla hails from Garhwa district of Jharkhand. He has finished his PhD in Geography from Ranchi University. His research was on the cultural geographical study of Korba tribe of Palamu division of Jharkhand. He received Gold Medal for Master's Degree in Geography from Nilambar-Pitamber University. He has been elected President of Students' Union of Shri Jagjit Singh Namdhari College, Garhwa and elected Vice President of Students Union of Ranchi University. He has represented our country in the Indian Youth Delegation to Sri Lanka organised by the Government of India in 2018. He is in touch with the Vidyarthi Parishad since school life and has been a full time activist since 2009. He has played an important role in providing opportunities to the tribal students through various successful experiments like 'Jutan' and thereby defeating the conspiracies that tried mislead the youth of Jharkhand. He has held various important responsibilities like Ranchi Mahanagar Organising Secretary, Jharkhand State Organising Secretary and Member of the Central Working Committee. At present, he is the Zonal Joint Organising Secretary of Bihar Zone. And, for the upcoming session 2022-23, he has been elected as the National General Secretary. His headquarter is Patna.

#### Shubhendu Anand

Shubhendu Anand is a lawyer, practicing independently primarily in the Supreme Court of India. He was Chamber Junior to the Additional Solicitor General of India at the Supreme Court. Apart from representing public & private corporations, listed companies and government entities, he is also empanelled by the Union of India and the State of Madhya Pradesh to represent the Central Government and Madhya Pradesh Government respectively in the Supreme Court of India. Shubhendu obtained his post-graduate degree in Intellectual Property Law from Queen Mary, University of London where he was a British Chevening Scholar in 2016-17. He graduated from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai and hold a degree in law (LL.B.) from Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi. At TISS, he was selected as Linnaeus-Palme International Exchange Student (2011) to study at University of Gavle in Sweden. In 2017, he was also awarded with the prestigious Commonwealth DL Scholarship, awarded by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom. He regularly writes legal columns for leading magazines and his research articles have been published by leading journals of the country. An avid quizzer, Shubhendu's research interests include policy and regulatory laws, constitutional law and law making.





### Snehil Shukla

Snehil Shukla is a phil scholar in social science faculty Banaras Hindu University. She qualified Jrf with net in 2022. She completed her post graduation in Political science and international relations from Banaras Hindu University.

### Soumya Chaturvedi

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### Swathi Chintala

Swathi Chintala is a Research Scholar pursuing phD in History from University of Tripura. Her Research Area is Modern Indian History and her topic is Role and Contribution of Tamils in Azad Hind Fauj. She participated as a delegate in South Asian Youth Space Event held at Srilanka in 2018, she was nominated as a delegate for India Youth Delegation to South Korea in 2019 by Government of India. She interned at Parliament of India in 2019 as a part of sansadiya fellowship. She was part of Crossroads Emerging Leaders Program 2020 conducted by South Asia Institute in Collaboration with Harvard University. Presently she is enrolled as full time Research scholar and working on her ph.D





### Vaishnavi Tiwari

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### V. Vamshi Krishna Reddy

V. Vamshi Krishna Reddy is working in the areas of cultural studies and comparative literature.





### Vikrant Pachnanda

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#### Vishal Kumar Sinha

Vishal Kumar Sinha was awarded a PhD degree in 2018, having worked on Transcultural identities in Russian diasporic writing from JNU, New Delhi. He has completed his graduation, post graduation and M Phil also from the above mentioned university.





### Vishu Basoya

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### Yashowardhan Tiwari

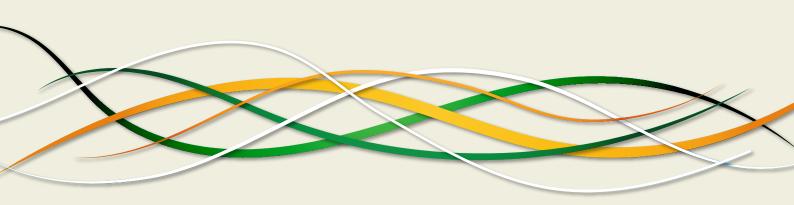
Yashowardhan Tiwari is a B.A. LLB. (Hons.) graduate from Jindal Global Law School (JGLS), Sonipat, India (Batch of 2020). He has previously worked as a Graduate Research Immersion Programme (GRIP) Scholar at JGLS. He has completed his LL.M. in General Legal Studies from JGLS as a Silver Medalist by securing Batch Rank — Second, in the LL.M. cohort of 2021-22. He is also pursuing an M.A. in Gandhi and Peace Studies at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, India. Yashowardhan has joined India Foundation as a Research Fellow and works as a part of the Centre For Constitutional And Legal Studies (CCLS). He desires to be a social science nomad and is primarily interested in the fields of modern Indian history, constitutional law and decolonial studies.





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### Anima Sonkar

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### Apurv Kumar Mishra

Apurv Mishra is working as a Consultant in the PM Economic Advisory Council. Apurv has previously worked as a Senior Research Fellow at India Foundation. He is also the Editor-in- Chief at India Law Journal and a Visiting Faculty at Ashoka University where he teaches courses on law at several institutions including Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai; and NLIU Bhopal.





### Ayushi Ketkar

President Gold Medalist from the University of Hyderabad, Aayushi Ketkar has been actively engaged in international assignments since her student days. She was a part of the organizing committee of a UN Conference on Terrorism, Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations and Japan Foundation's Youth Leadership Summit. She is currently a Faculty at the Special Centre for National Security Studies (SCNSS) at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Her Ph.D is on 'Cultural Diplomacy'. Prior to JNU, she has taught at Symbiosis, Gautam Buddha University and Amity University. Some of her noteworthy publications include, ALTERNATE APPROACHES TO SECURITY, GEOPOLITICS OF THE HIMALAYAS, Issue Brief on MADRASSAS IN INDIA and ICG Report on 'Kashmir: The View From New Delhi'. She is an upcoming voice in the electronic media for her out-of-the-box and solution-based views on pressing global issues pertaining to religion, culture and demography. She is on the advisory board of many reputed educational institutes, think tanks and NGOs, where she lends her expertise on curriculum design, soft skill training, value-based education and entrepreneurship development.

### Hamsa Devneni

Hamsa Devineni is a practicing lawyer in Hyderabad and holdsan LLM distinction in Admiralty & Maritime laws from Tulane University, USA. She is a visiting faculty at NALSAR, Hyderabad and NALANDA University, Rajgir and was previously a visiting fellow at the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. She is also a politician and has served as the spokesperson of BJP Andhra Pradesh and contested as the BJP Lok Sabha candidate for Ananthapur constituency in the 2019 General Elections.



### Jigar Inamdar

Dr. Jigar Champaklal Inamdar B.Com, L.L.B., M.A.(Political Science), Ph.D.(Public Administration) is the consultant cum Regional Director, Sub Zonal Office Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. He is a Senate & Syndicate member, Advisor & Former Honorary Executive Director of Institute of Leadership and Governance, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. Jigar is also Chairperson, Governing body, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi and Member, Governing Body, Dayalsingh College, University of Delhi. He is former convener of Swami Vivekananda Gujarat State Youth Board, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Government of Gujarat.

### Rajat Sethi

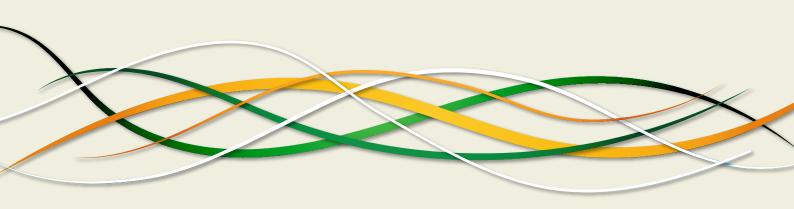
Rajat Sethi is a public policy and management graduate from Harvard University and MIT Sloan, respectively. He is also an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur. Rajat is currently the political adviser to the chief minister of Manipur. He is active in impacting politics in the various North-eastern states of India.





### Rami Desai

Rami Niranjan Desai is an author, columnist and anthropologist. An alumnus of King's College, London she has degrees in Anthropology of Religion and Theology. She has been actively involved in research, fieldwork and analysis of conflict areas, with a special focus on the North East region of India for over a decade.







### Rajkumar Ranjan Singh Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Education

Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh is an India Politician. He was elected as a member of the 17th Lok Sabha in 2019, representing the Inner Manipur constituency, Manipur, India. On 7th July 2021, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh was given the charge of the minister of state education and foreign affairs under the leadership and government of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### Jayant Sinha Member of Parliament, Jharkhand

Mr. Sinha is a second term Member of Parliament from Jharkhand, India. Mr. Sinha won his Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and 2019 with record margins. Previously, Mr. Sinha served on India's Council of Ministers from 2014 to 2019; first, as the Minister of State for Finance and then as the Minister of State for Civil Aviation. Prior to his career in public service, Mr. Sinha was Partner at Omidyar Network (ON) and the Managing Director of Omidyar Network India Advisors, where he led overall investment strategy and operations in India from 2009 to 2013. As a global thought leader, Mr. Sinha has been published in the Financial Times, Times of India, Economic Times, Indian Express, Business Standard, Harvard Business Review, and the McKinsey Quarterly. He has pioneered new thinking on platform-based businesses, innovation-driven entrepreneurship, Climate Change, and sustainable development.



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### P P Chaudhary Member of Parliament Pali, Rajasthan

PP Chaudhary was re-elected to 17th Lok Sabha for 2nd term. He is a member of the Business Advisory Committee, Lok Sabha, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur, Committee on Estimates, Lok Sabha, Consultative Committee, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, General Purposes Committee, Lok Sabha, & Joint Committee on the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019. He is also the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on External Affairs, Joint Committee on the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019 & Vice-President of the Governing Council & Governing Body of Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).

### K. Laxman

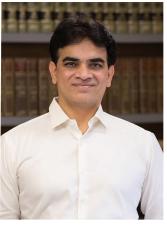
### Member of Parliament - Rajya Sabha

He was elected as the President of Osmania University PG Science College on ABVP panel, at a time when the ultra left wing student politics were at its peak which evidences the popularity he enjoys among a cross section. Subsequently he was also elected as the General Secretary of Osmania University Research Scholars Association which further proved his acceptability. He joined BJP in 1980 and began the political activity right at grass root level. Owing to his dedication, commitment and insightful thinking, he soon rose to various levels within the Hyderabad City Party and became the President of Hyderabad BJP, apposition which he served for two terms from 1995 to 99. Hyderabad BJP witnessed tremendous growth during this time due to the fact that the Party had taken up mundane issue concerning the people such as abnormal increase of Property tax by the MCH or Krishna Water Diversion etc. He contested for the first time from Musheerabad Assembly Constituency in 1994 and lost narrowly. However, he got elected from the same constituency in 1994 with a huge margin. He became the Deputy Leader of the BJLP and was always in the forefront in highlighting the issues of Public Importance. The fact that the BJPAP always depended upon him for analysis of all complicated issues of governance evidence his scholarship and critical capability.



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### S Niranjan Reddy

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Andhra Pradesh

Sirgapoor Niranjan Reddy is an Indian lawyer, film producer and politician who is currently serving as the Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha from Andhra Pradesh since 2022. He is known for producing Telugu films like Wild Dog, and Arjuna Phalguna, and Acharva

### B.V.R. Subhramanyam

#### Chancellor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Commerce Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India is the Chancellor of the Institute. Shri Subrahmanyam is a 1987 batch IAS Officer of the Chhattisgarh Cadre. Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam belongs to Andhra Pradesh. He is a 1987-batch IAS officer with an engineering degree. He also has a management degree from London Business School. He is a widely experienced bureaucrat having worked as Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Chhattisgarh and Joint Secretary in the PMO between 2004—2008 and March 2012—March 2015, serving under Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh and Shri Narendra Modi.



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### Syed Akbaruddin Dean, Kautilya School of Public Policy

Syed Akbaruddin is a retired Indian civil servant from 1985 batch of the Indian Foreign Service and served as India's permanent representative at the United Nations at New York from January 2016 to April 2020. He had previously served as official spokesperson of India's Ministry of External Affairs from January 2012 to April 2015 and was Indian representative at IAEA from 2006 to 2011. He is currently serving as the dean of Kautilya School of Public Policy.

#### Preeti Saran

Former Secretary (East), MEA & Member, Board of Governors, India Foundation

Ambassador Preeti Saran is currently a Member of the UN's Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). She was formerly worked as Secretary (East) at the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. She joined the MEA in 1982, and has most recently served as Ambassador of India to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. She has also undertaken diplomatic postings to Toronto, Geneva, Cairo, Dhaka and Moscow. In New Delhi, she has served as Joint Secretary (SAARC/North), Deputy Secretary/Director (Establishment)/East Asia, and Under Secretary (ICCR/AMS).



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### Ram Madhav Member, Governing Council, India Foundation

Ram Madhav is an Indian politician, social leader, author and thinker. Dr Madhav is a Founding Member of the Governing Council of India Foundation (IF), a New Delhi-based Think tank. In over a decade of India Foundation's existence, Dr Madhav has been the curator of major annual global and national multilateral initiatives like the Indian Ocean Conference, the Dharma-Dhamma Conference, ASEAN-India Youth Summit and Counter Terrorism Conference involving heads of nations and leaders of governments besides academics, scholars and public spirited individuals. Most recently, Dr Madhav has been instrumental in ideating the Religon-20 Forum (R20) as part of India's presidency of the G20. Previously, Dr Madhav has served as the National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) during 2014-20 responsible for handling the political affairs of Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and other North-Eastern states of India.

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### Sunaina Singh

Vice Chancellor, Nalanda University and Member, Board of Trustees, India Foundation

As the head of a National University, Professor Sunaina Singh is among the most prominent women Vice Chancellors in the South Asian region. She is also the Vice President of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi. She was the first Indian woman to function as the President of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, a Bi-National Research Organization (MHRD & Ministry of Foreign Affairs Canada) with headquarters in New Delhi and Calgary.

### C. Sheela Reddy

### Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi

Prof. Reddy has been actively engaged in Evaluation and Impact Research Studies in respect of Government Schemes and Projects which provide feedback and policy advocacy to the Departments. She served as the Co-Editor of the prestigious Journal of IIPA, Indian Journal of Public Administration (IJPA). She is widely travelled and visited Sri Lanka, France, U. K., Singapore, China, Australia, South Africa, Italy, Hungary, and USA on academic assignments. She is a member of many professional bodies, participated and presented papers in several national/ international seminars and conferences. Currently, she is the Principal, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi.



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### Srinivasa Raju Chintalapati

### Chairman, iLabs Group & Founder President, TiE Hyderabad

Mr. Srinivasa Raju founded iLabs Group in 2000. iLabs Group is one of the pioneers of the Investment Ecosystem in India. Over the years, it has grown its scope in terms of both Investment and Industry. Originally started as an Angel Investor, iLabs Capital has expanded into, Seed-Stage, Early-Stage and Growth-Stage Investments, as well as Re-Structures and BuyOuts. Initially focused on Technology & Technology enabled Ventures, iLabs Capital has extended into Consumer Products & Services; Health Care; Skills-Development; Media and Entertainment; Corporate and Industrial Parks, Today, iLabs Group is one of the front-runners of the investment landscape in India, Srini has an MS in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Utah State University, USA and a BS in Civil Engineering with Honors from REC (NIT), Kurukshetra. Srini has over 35 years of experience in Information Technology, Venture Capital and Private Equity. Prior to iLabs Group, Srini was Founding CEO & MD of Dun & Bradstreet Satyam Software (later became Cognizant Technology Solutions) and Satyam Enterprise Solutions. Number of iLabs Investee Companies have become Leading Companies in their respective areas. Sri City, a leading Industrial City started by iLabs Group is home to over 150 companies from 25 Countries and two of India's leading Universities.

### N. Ramchander Rao

Senior Advocate, Telangana High Court; BJP Executive Committee Member

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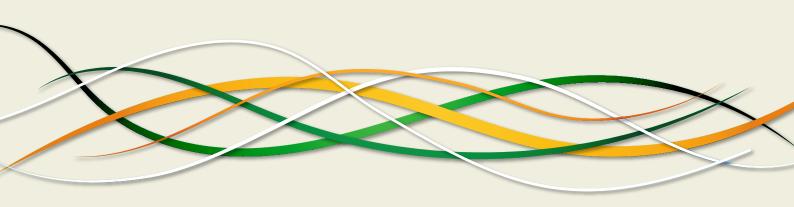
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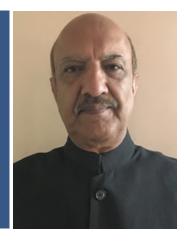
### Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty Chief Executive and Managing Director, GreenKo.

Mr. Chalamalasetty had an extended entrepreneurial career during which he was involved in evolving startup businesses in Information Technology, Infrastructure and Environmental sectors in the United Kingdom and India. Mr. Chalamalasetty is experienced in mergers and acquisitions, transition and project management with a successful track record of managing operations involving large remote teams. He co-founded and developed the Company with Mahesh Kolli in 2004 and incorporated it in early-2006 to raise funds for financing early operations. He is responsible for effectively implementing the strategic business road map of the Company. Mr. Chalamalasetty is a graduate in Computer Science and holds a Masters from North West University.



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Dhruv C. Katoch
Director, India Foundation

Dhruv C. Katoch served as the Director of the Indian Army's Think Tank, Centre for Land Warfare Studies till Nov 2014. A third generation army officer, he has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) from the Indira Gandhi University, Rewari in 2016. Presently, he is Director, India Foundation, Editor, SALUTE Magazine and Secretary General, Indian War Veterans Association.

Alok Bansal Director, India Foundation

Alok Bansal is the Executive Director of South Asian Institute for Strategic Affairs (SAISA). He has been the Executive Director of the National Maritime Foundation (NMF) and has worked with the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) and Center for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) earlier. He has authored a book titled "Balochistan in Turmoil:Pakistan at Cross Roads'; in 2009 and has co-edited several other books.





Sai Kiran
Executive Director, Nauvata Engineering Pvt. Ltd.

Sai Kiran, a post graduate having rich experience in the energy sector for over a decade, is associated with an Energy company based out of Delhi. He was closely associated with India Foundation right from its inception.

### Hamsa Devineni

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#### General Secretary, TBI

Venkata Krishna Rao has submitted his PhD thesis in the computer science and engineering department at the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi. He finished his Master of Technology from the Department of computer science and engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. Before that, he completed his Bachelor of Technology from JNTU Kakinada. As part of his research work, he has published in many journals, including Springer, Elsevier, IEEE, etc. His research interests are product marketing in social networks and data analytics. He writes articles in many newspapers in Telugu and English. He has been proactive in organizing discussions on contemporary issues through a nationalistic think tank "Towards Better India (TBI). Currently, he is the General Secretary of TBI.





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#### Senior Research Fellow, India Foundation

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#### Research Fellow, India Foundation

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Ngawang Hardy Research Fellow, India Foundation

Ngawang Gamtso Hardy is a Research Fellow at India Foundation. As a Research Fellow at India Foundation, her efforts are focused on studying India's diplomatic relations with South Korea, Bhutan and Nepal. Ngawang G. Hardy's expertise lies in North Korean studies and she also works in the field of Democracy-in-Exile, geopolitics of Himalayan region and India's Tibet Policy. Ngawang G. Hardy is currently a member of the Global Tibetan Professional Network, encouraging young Tibetans to pursue their career in research in international affairs. Ngawang G. Hardy is an alumnus of Yonsei University, Seoul with a degree in Master of Global Affairs and Public Policy focusing on International Security and Foreign Policy where she was Awarded with the Incoming Student Award 2020. She was also Awarded with the Dalai Lama Graduate Scholarship, Gaden Phodrang Foundation of the Dalai Lama 2022. She has pursued her Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from Delhi University. Ngawang G. Hardy has participated in the Asia Pacific Youth Week 2019 organized by the United Nations Habitat and Studec International in Seoul, South Korea.