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ASEAN ROUND-UP



Regional news round-up for the week ending : 20 April 2015

[ASEAN Leaders Push For Greater Regional Labour Mobility](#)

Channelnewsasia.com - April 13, 2015

More engineers and architects in Southeast Asia have registered with professional bodies in the region to have their qualifications recognised. According to the ASEAN Secretariat, there's a "steady increase" of these registered professionals who have started working in other ASEAN countries.

[Cyber Security Firm Uncovers Decade-Long Malware Attack On ASEAN Governments And Businesses](#)

Techinasia.com - April 13, 2015

Today FireEye, the California-based security software firm, issued a lengthy report alleging that a single entity has been carrying out malware attacks towards businesses and governments in India, the USA, and Southeast Asia. FireEye claims that the entity, which it calls APT 30, has been self-registering DNS domains with malware command and control since 2004.

[Indonesia Eyes Regular Navy Exercises With U.S. In South China Sea](#)

Reuters.com - April 13, 2015

Indonesia wants to hold regular military exercises with the United States near the sparsely populated Natuna archipelago, an area of the South China Sea near China's claims, a navy spokesman said on Monday. Although Indonesia is not a claimant in the South China Sea, the military has accused China of including parts of Natuna within its so called "Nine-Dash Line," the vague boundary used on Chinese maps to lay claim to about 90 percent of the sea.

[India To Officially Begin Diplomatic Mission To ASEAN](#)

The Jakarta Post - April 15, 2015

India is set to officially begin a diplomatic mission in the ASEAN region on April 22 in a bid to boost ties with member states of what it calls a unique grouping of countries with high economic potential. Indian Ambassador to ASEAN Suresh K. Reddy said India's relations with ASEAN were very important because of the current economic potential existing between his country and ASEAN.

[Half Of The EU And All Of ASEAN Are Now Members Of China's Alternative To The World Bank](#)

Qz.com - April 15, 2015

China has announced the 57 founding members of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a Chinese-led initiative seen as a potential rival to the US-dominated World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

[Nearly 100 Malaysians Detained for Islamic State Links](#)

The Diplomat.com - April 16, 2015

Malaysia has detained 95 people with suspected links to the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) thus far, the country's national news agency Bernama reported Thursday, citing Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

[Ringgit Hits 17-Year Low Against Singapore Dollar](#)

Channelnewsasia.com - April 16, 2015

Malaysia's ringgit led losses among emerging Asian currencies on Wednesday (Apr 15) amid sustained concerns over a slowing Chinese economy with growth in the world's second-largest economy at a six-year low.

[Smart Mapping, Other Big-Data Tools Help Fight Crime](#)

Todayonline.com - April 16, 2015

When tweets of a fight breaking out during a San Francisco 49ers' game last year started circulating, the Santa Clara Police Department was able to pinpoint the victim's location in the stadium, as well as take the suspects into custody, all within three minutes.

[Thailand Completes Troubling New Constitution](#)

The Diplomat.com - April 18, 2015

On April 17, Thailand completed the first draft of its new constitution – the country's 20th since 1932 – as expected. The new charter, written by the 36-member Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC) appointed by the junta which took power in a coup last May, has been framed by the coup-makers as a critical step to moving Thailand out of political paralysis.

[Myanmar's US Lobby Link Enters the Spotlight](#)

The Diplomat.com - April 18, 2015

This week, several media outlets reported that Myanmar had hired the Podesta Group, a powerful US lobbying firm, to represent its interests in Washington. Connections between governments and other influential actors in Washington are far from unique to Myanmar.

[Malaysia Formulates Strategies To Realise ASEAN's Aspirations](#)

Malaysiandigest.com - April 19, 2015

Malaysia has formulated strategies to ensure that all commitments can be achieved to realise the aspirations of ASEAN Community 2015 and beyond, said Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman. He said that as ASEAN chair for this year, Malaysia would be in the driver's seat to steer the region towards greater achievements beyond 2015.

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