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TIJ in support of the government of Thailand have been engaged in promoting UN standards and norms, the rule of law, and sustainable development in Southeast Asia. As a part of the effort to drive the dynamic of crime prevention and criminal justice in the region, ASEAN Conference of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (ACCPCJ) was endorsed by the 16th ASEAN Senior Law Officials Meeting (ASLOM) following Thailand's proposal in 2015.

ACCPCJ is designed as a mechanism within the ASEAN framework to promote the exchange of views and good practices among ASEAN Member States and cross-sectoral stakeholders on how to strengthen the ASEAN Community through regional cooperation in the prevention of transnational crime and the strengthening of criminal justice institutions.

Through a series of discussion between ASEAN Member States, the overall theme for the 1st ACCPCJ held in 2016 was agreed by all countries to address the need for strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice institutions for sustainable development of the ASEAN. The Conference was participated by representatives from ASEAN Member States, ASEAN entities, experts, academia, international organizations, and youth delegates attending in parallel at the TIJ Youth Forum on Justice and the Rule of Law.

In recent years, the changing nature of crime has become even more complex, needing criminal justice response to be well-coordinated with the engagement of multi-stakeholders across sectors and borders.



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Equally, as the ASEAN Member States face similar challenges, public and private sectors alike can make use of regional tools and framework to help strengthen the existing national and ASEAN mechanisms and align the work of diverse stakeholders into a more integrated effort to combat crime.

Against this backdrop, the 2nd ACCPCJ was reconvened in 2020 to strengthen the discussion on crime prevention and criminal justice in ASEAN, under the theme “Promoting the ASEAN Culture of Prevention for a Collaborative and Innovative Justice for All” with particular focus on the linkage with the cybercrime.

As challenges in crime prevention and criminal justice cannot be addressed solely by those in the criminal justice but instead would require collaborative justice from different sectors and including the community, the 2nd ACCPCJ was a product of cross-pillar and cross-sectoral collaboration uniting multi-dimensional stakeholders in their joint efforts in finding innovative solutions to address cybercrime challenges.

The Conference serves to promote coordination among different sectoral bodies in dealing with crime prevention and criminal justice. This is particularly crucial when the issues are cross-cutting in nature covering wide-ranging agenda such as legal frameworks, justice system, social development, human rights, security.

The Conference also highlighted the importance of international cooperation in criminal matters, and that all countries should enhance their channels of cooperation. In addition, updating national legislative framework was seen as a key factor to harmonize with the international legal framework to support crime prevention. The needs for information sharing, training and technical assistance, and partnership across sectors were emphasized. Participants agreed that crime should be addressed in a holistic manner, and that the region needs to strategize their efforts and cooperation to ensure a successful result.

TIJ believes the ACCPCJ may take us closer to the realization of our ASEAN Vision. This vision promotes regional cooperation in the spirit of equality and partnership; contributes towards achieving peace, stability and prosperity; and most importantly continuously improves the lives of the people.



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Crime prevention and criminal justice is inseparable from the advancement of the ASEAN Community and a key driver for the region to achieve sustainable development. It is our hope that ACCPCJ will be one of the means to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals to enhance the effectiveness of domestic and regional legal frameworks and policies.



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