

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

H.E. Dato Paduka Haji Yahya bin Haji Idris



Education:

- MA International Studies, King's College, London, United Kingdom.
- Fellow Member of Royal College of Defence Studies, London, United Kingdom.
- B.A. (Hons), Social Policy and Administration, Plymouth Polytechnic (currently known as University of Plymouth), United Kingdom.

Career:

- 2014: Permanent Secretary (Corporate Affairs and Public Service), Prime Minister's Office.
- 2011: Permanent Secretary (Law and Welfare), Prime Minister's Office.
- 2011: Deputy Permanent Secretary (Policy and Administration), Ministry of Finance.
- 2010: Deputy Permanent Secretary (Performance and Compliance), Ministry of Finance.
- 2009: Controller of Customs and Excise Department, Ministry of Finance.
- 2007: Director of Administration and Manpower Directorate, Ministry of Defence.

- 2004: Director of Defence Policy Directorate, Ministry of Defence.
- 2003: Deputy Director of ASEAN Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2001: Minister Counsellor at the Brunei High Commission in London.
- 2000: Deputy Director of International Organisations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1991: Second Secretary at the Brunei Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

CAMBODIA

H.E. Mrs. Polyne Hean



Education:

- M.A. in Democracy and Governance, Georgetown University, USA.
- M.A. in Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK.
- B.A. in Economics, Royal University of Law and Economics, Cambodia.
- B.Ed. in TEFL, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Career:

- Representative of Cambodia to the AICHR
- Director, ASEAN Department, Office of the Council of Ministers.
- Board Member, iAB Group.
- Vice President, iAB Architecture and Construction Co., Ltd.
- CM Focal Point, National Committee on NTMs and NTR.

- Member, National Committee to Counter Trafficking.
- Member, the Cambodia-China Relations Research Group.

INDONESIA

H.E. Mrs. Dinna Wisnu, Ph.D.



Education:

- Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) in Political Science, the Ohio State University, USA (The Ohio State University Scholarship).
- MA in Political Science, the Ohio State University, USA (The Ohio State University Scholarship).
- BA in International Relations, the University of Indonesia, Jakarta-Indonesia.

Career:

- January 2017 - now: Co-founder & Chair, Atmajaya Catholic University's Graduate School of Business
- September 2008-2016: Co-founder & Director, Paramadina University's Graduate School of Diplomacy & the Paramadina Graduate Schools.
- 2015: Advise the Parliament of Cambodia (Commission VIII on Healthcare, Women and Veteran) on lesson learned in building Universal Health Insurance System.

- 2015-now: Develop training programs for officials from the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste (Ministry of Social Solidarity) on social protection
- 2015: Co-founder Master Degree program in Social Policy at the Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia.
- 2009-now: Advise or train the Indonesian officials on aspects of foreign policy and diplomacy (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Bank of Indonesia).
- 2013 (Nov-Dec), 2014 (Nov), 2015 (Oct-Nov): Train journalists in 7 cities about social protection, funded by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Germany.
- 2012: Lead, design and organise activities for ILO, UN-ESCAP, GRM International on social protection development, specific focus on reaching universal coverage in National Health and Employment Insurance.
- 2009-2014: Advise the Government of Indonesia and involved in various projects to develop National Social Security System Programs (Health & Employment Insurance), including at the Transition Team of Joko Widodo-Jusuf Kalla and TNP2K (The National Team to Accelerate Poverty Alleviation).
- September 2008-present: Co-founder & Director, Paramadina Graduate School of Diplomacy & Paramadina Graduate Schools.
- 2007-2008: Research Director, Center for East Asia Cooperation Studies, University of Indonesia.
- 2007-2008: Deputy Director & Civil Society Expert, RESPECT Project on Religious and Social Pluralism, Equity and Tolerance (World Learning & USAID).
- 2001-now: Conduct various research on political economy, social protection, diplomacy with various partners across Indonesia, South Korea, Australia, USA.
- 2001-2007: Teaching Associate/Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Faculty of TA Development, the Ohio State University, USA.
- 1998-2001: From Program Officer to *ad-interim* Program Director, National Democratic Institute. Managing programs of election, political parties, legislative politics, women programs.
- 1996-1998: Writer & Journalist, Suara Karya Weekly Newspaper.

LAO PDR

H.E. Mr. Phoukhong Sisoulath



Education:

- MA in International Law, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).
- PGDip in International Law, Nottingham University.
- Fulbright American Studies Institute: Reform in American History and Law at Boston College.
- Higher Diploma in Politics and Public Administration, Lao National Academy of Politics and Public Administration.

Career:

- 2015: Member of the Lao Delegation to the UPR 2nd Cycle of the UN Human Rights Council.
- Since 2014: Head of Output 5: International Law and Human Rights, Legal Sector Master Plan on the Rule of Law.
- Since 2014: Secretary General, Lao National Steering Committee on Human Rights.

- Since 2014: Director General, Department of Treaties and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2014: Participant of EU Visitor Programme (EUVP).
- 2013: Representative of the Lao PDR to the AICHR (for the term 2013-2015).
- 2011-2012: Assistant to the Lao PDR Representative to the AICHR, then Lao PDR Alternate Representative to the AICHR.
- 1996-2010: Joined the Department of Treaties and Laws, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), having served in capacities as Desk Officer, Legal Officer, Human Rights Officer, Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Division, Director of the Multilateral Treaties Division, Director of the Human Rights Division, Deputy Director-General, National Project Manager of the International Law Project, Phase I, II and III.

MALAYSIA

H.E. Mr. Edmund Bon Tai Soon



Education:

- MSt in International Human Rights Law, University of Oxford, England (British Chevening Scholarship).
- LL.B. Laws Honours, University College of London, England (Malaysian Scholarship).

Career:

- 2016: Head of Chambers (Civil), AmerBON *Advocates*, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2014-2016: Head of Chambers, BON *Advocates*, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2012-2014: Partner, Chooi & Company, *Advocates & Solicitors*, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2011: Co-founder of the Malaysian Centre for Constitutionalism & Human Rights (MCCHR).
- 2010: Co-author of Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia on "Citizenship, Immigration, National Security & the Police" (Volume 27).
- 2009-2011: Chairperson, Constitutional Law Committee, Bar Council.
- 2007-2009: Chairperson, Human Rights Committee, Bar Council.

- 2006-2011: Elected member, Bar Council, Malaysia.
- 2006-2008: Chairperson, National Young Lawyers' Committee, Bar Council.
- 2006-2008: Secretariat member, Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM).
- 2006: Co-founder of blawg (legal blog), www.loyarbuok.com.
- 2005-2008: Legal Counsel, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
- 2004-2014: Member, National Human Rights Society (HAKAM).
- 2002-2012: Senior Associate, Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur.
- 1998-2016: More than 50 public interest cases reported in the media and law journals, and more than 800 hours of training and capacity-building programmes conducted locally and regionally.
- 1998-2002: Associate, Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur.
- 1998: Advocate and Solicitor, the High Court of Malaya (Admitted to the Bar of Malaya in June 1998).
- 1997: Utter Barrister, the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (Admitted to the Bar of England & Wales in September 2007).

MYANMAR

H.E. Amb. Hla Myint



Education:

- Master in Public Policy, John Hopkins University, USA.
- B.A., Yangon University.

Career:

- 2015: Myanmar Representatives to High Level Task Force on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision.
- 2008-present: ASEAN Regional Forum of Experts and Eminent Persons.
- 2011-2012: Expert and Eminent Person of Myanmar to ASEAN-U.S.
- 2011-2014: Member of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.
- 2008-2010: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand.
- 2006-2008: Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- Director-General, Training Research and Foreign Language Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2005-2006: Deputy Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2002-2005: Minister Counsellor, Myanmar Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa.
- 1998-2002: Director, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1992-1998: First Secretary, Myanmar Permanent Mission, New York, USA.
- 1988-1992: Assistant Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1984-1988: Third Secretary, Myanmar Permanent Mission, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1980: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1974-1980: Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 1970-1974: Ministry of Education.

PHILIPPINES

H.E. Mr. Leo Herrera-Lim



Education:

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of the Philippines.
- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Economics (*Cum Laude*), University of the Philippines.

Career:

- July 2016-present: Senior Special Assistant, Office of the Undersecretary for International Economic Relations, Department of Foreign Affairs.
- 2014-2016: Consul General, Philippine Consulate General Los Angeles, California.
- 2010-2014: Consul General, Philippine Consulate General Chicago, Illinois.
- 2008-2010: Special Assistant, Office of the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs (Policy).
- 2000-2008: First Secretary & Consul, then Minister & Consul General, Philippine Embassy London, United Kingdom.
- 1998-2000: Special Assistant, Office of the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs (Admin).
- 1991-1998: Third Secretary, later Second Secretary and Consul, Philippine Embassy in Washington, DC.

- 1989-1991: Director, U.S. Division, Office of American Affairs, DFA.
- 1988-1991: Assistant Director, Treaties Division, Office of Legal Affairs, DFA.

SINGAPORE

H.E. Amb. Barry Desker



Education:

- M.A., University of London (Ford Foundation Fellowship).
- B.A. (First Class Honours), University of Singapore (President's Scholarship).

Career:

- Non-Resident Ambassador of Singapore to the Holy See and Spain.
- Expert and Eminent Person (EEP) of Singapore, ASEAN Regional Forum.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship.
- Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights.
- Deputy Chairman, Trilateral Commission.
- Member of Governing Board of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia.
- Distinguished Fellow at RSIS.

- 2007-2014: Dean of Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University (RSIS).
- 2000-2014: Director of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies.
- 1994-2000: Chief Executive Officer, Trade Development Board.
- 1986-1993: Ambassador of Singapore to Indonesia.
- 1984-1986: Deputy Secretary and Director, Policy, Planning and Analysis Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1982-1984: Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York.

THAILAND

H.E. Dr. Seree Nonthasoot



Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford, England, United Kingdom.
- Magister Juris (European and Comparative Law), University of Oxford (Chevening Scholarship).
- LL.M. (International Trade Law), Columbia University School of Law, New York, USA (Fulbright Scholarship).
- Barrister-at-Law, Bar Association of Thailand.
- LL.B., Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Career:

- Representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights [www.AICHR.or.th].
- Director and Audit Committee Member, SME Development Bank of Thailand.
- Director and Chairman of Audit Committee Member, KTB Law Co., Ltd.
- Director, Krungthai Computer Services, Co., Ltd.

- Senior Executive Vice President, Institute of Research and Development for Public Enterprises [www.IRDP.org].
- Special lecturer in the Master Degree in Human Rights Studies (International Programme), Mahidol University (1999-Present)
- Special lecturer at Thammasat University, Faculty of Law (2004-Present)
- Previous position: 1995-2000: Legal Advisor, Office of the Council of State, Office of the Prime Minister
- 2003-2013: Legal Counsel, State Enterprise Policy Office, Ministry of Finance
- 2011: Member, Drafting Group for the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration

VIET NAM

H.E. Amb. Nguyen Thi Nha



Education:

- Master Degree in Law & Diplomacy – Tufts University, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Massachusetts, United States.
- TESOL Diploma - Canberra, Australia.
- Bachelor's Degree in International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam – Hanoi.

Career:

- 2016-2018: Ambassador, Representative of Viet Nam to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR).
- Since 2013: Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam.
- 2011-2014: Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2011-2014: Consul-General of Viet Nam to Hong Kong & Macau - China's Special Administrative Regions.
- 2005-2008: Minister Counselor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Viet Nam to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland.

- 1995-1999: First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations, New York, USA.
- 1990-1992: Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1980-1990: Official, General Affairs and International Organizations Department.