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#### **ASEAN Foundation and SEAFDEC collaborate to promote sustainable fisheries for food security in Southeast Asia**



(Left Photo) Media briefing to promote the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference. (Right Photo) Dr. Filemon A. Uriarte, Jr., Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation and Dr. Chumnarn Pongsri, Secretary-General of SEAFDEC formalized the partnership to undertake the conference.

On 16 August 2010, the ASEAN Foundation and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Thailand formalized its partnership to hold “The ASEAN–SEAFDEC Conference on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security Towards 2020” on 13-17 June 2010 in Sofitel Centara Grand Bangkok Hotel, Thailand. The signing ceremony and press conference was led by Dr. Filemon A. Uriarte, Jr., Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation, and Dr. Chumnarn Pongri, SEAFDEC Secretary-General, and attended by representatives of Thailand's Department of Fisheries and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The conference will be organized by SEAFDEC with funding support from the ASEAN Foundation through the Japan-ASEAN Solidarity Fund. It will gather fishery experts, policy-makers, relevant government ministers and officials, representatives from regional and international organizations, and industry professionals to review fisheries development in the region and address the priority issues that impede sustainable contribution of fisheries to ASEAN food security. The conference is expected to come up with a regional policy framework and guiding principle to achieve sustainable fisheries for food security for the coming decades corresponding to the changing environment. The ASEAN Foundation will support the participation of around 60 ASEAN participants in the conference. The conference, which is hosted by Thailand's Department of Fisheries, is also supported by the Government of Japan and USAID.

Further information about the conference is available at the “[Fish for the People 2020](#)” website.

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