

Thailand Supports ASEAN-U.S. Strategic Partnership

- During ASEAN-U.S. Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Prime Minister of Thailand, along with other ASEAN leaders and U.S. President, adopted Joint Statement on the ASEAN-U.S. Strategic Partnership and Plan of Action to Implement the ASEAN-U.S. Strategic Partnership 2016-2020.
- Thailand supports the elevation of ASEAN-US relations to strategic partnership level, making it a key part of the ASEAN-centered regional architecture.
- Thailand supports the US' proposal to convene Special ASEAN-US Summit Retreat next year. Thailand sees the Retreat as a good opportunity for ASEAN and the US to explore ways to strengthen the strategic partnership.
- Thailand's View on Areas of Potential Cooperation under ASEAN-US Strategic Partnership:

Enhanced Economic Partnership

- Trade facilitation, especially ASEAN Single Window
- Sharing of best practices about trans-border trade
- Protection against financial vulnerabilities to external shocks and volatility
- Utilizing various economic initiatives, such as Expanded Economic Engagement (E3)
- ASEAN-US Trade and Environment Dialogue, in particular on IUU fishing
- Support SMEs development in ASEAN by enhancing competitiveness, business networking, access to finance, exchange of best practices

Sustainable Development

- Reducing development gap within ASEAN as a priority
- Management of natural resources and environment

Human Capital Development

- Fulbright US-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative
- Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI)

Non-traditional and Transnational Security Issues

- Counter-terrorism/violent extremism; drug and human trafficking; cyber security
- Climate change; Humanitarian assistance and disaster relief
- Asia Pacific Clean Energy Program by utilizing USAID regional office in Bangkok
- Maritime security