



Prospects for Russia-ASEAN Cooperation in Strategic Areas Project



“ASEAN outside the Western world is one of the most successful regional integration associations. ASEAN has achieved a unique position in the East Asia region – without being the most important organization in the region in economic and political sense, ASEAN has successfully gathered various inter-state configurations”.

PIR Center Advisory Board Member, Director of the MGIMO ASEAN Center Victor Sumsky

In 2013, the ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Partnership celebrates its 17th anniversary. This is a multi-faced dialogue in the spheres of political, economic, and humanitarian cooperation. Russia-ASEAN summits are now held on a regular basis. At the same time, there is a need for transformation of this dialogue into tangible achievements.

PIR Center’s Project is aimed at developing practical recommendations for political and business communities of both Russia and ASEAN countries in strategic areas of their cooperation, including military-and-technical cooperation, space technologies, cyber security, and nuclear energy.

Security Index journal publishes the series of articles by PIR Center experts and researchers on the topic:

- **Victor Sumsky** – *Why we have not been in EAS and why we are now expected to join it?*
- **A Round Table** - *Pacific Vector of the Russian Foreign Policy*
- **Svetlana Klyuchanskaya** – *Prospects for strategic cooperation between Russia and Southeast Asian countries.*
- **A Round Table** – Myanmar in the ASEAN: regional problems and Russia’s interests

Project’s Objectives:

- Analyzing opportunities for cooperation between Russia and the ASEAN countries in the areas of military-and-technical cooperation, space technologies, cyber security, and nuclear energy,
- Organizing expert meetings in Russia and in the ASEAN countries with the participation of regional experts to discuss key issues of bilateral and international security agenda as a whole.

A prerequisite for establishing close links between Russian and ASEAN expert communities is a sustained dialogue on key issues of regional and global security.

PIR Center experts regularly participate in meetings on security issues in the ASEAN held in Thailand and Myanmar, including regular Senior Official Meetings on Transnational Crime (SOMTC).

In 2013-2014, PIR Center in partnership with Russian and regional research centers will work on organizing seminars in Russia and Myanmar on issues of bilateral cooperation between Russia and ASEAN countries. Among the key topics: public-private partnership in the development of the strategic directions of bilateral cooperation.

The project is implemented by the PIR Center in cooperation with the MGIMO ASEAN Centre.

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