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## **ASEAN SUMMIT 2021 MEDIA INFOKIT**



Dear media friends,

A warm welcome to Brunei Darussalam! Thank you for being part of the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits. We hope the ASEAN Summit 2021 Media InfoKit will be useful to you as you cover the meetings.

The handbook includes information on media opportunities, coverage guidelines, the Media Centre and Media Secretariat, as well as a brief guide to getting around in Brunei Darussalam.

We look forward to having you here! Should you require any assistance, you may contact us at [media\\_secretariat@asean2021.bn](mailto:media_secretariat@asean2021.bn).

Warmest regards,

**MEDIA AND PUBLICITY WORKING COMMITTEE  
ASEAN 2021 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**



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## GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE 38<sup>TH</sup> AND 39<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMITS AND RELATED SUMMITS

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

- Brunei Darussalam assumed the annual rotating chairmanship of ASEAN beginning 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 from the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.
- In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, the ASEAN Meetings will be held by video conference (virtually) throughout the year, including the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits that will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- All relevant Meeting/Summit outcomes will be made available on the ASEAN 2021 website at [www.ascan2021.bn](http://www.ascan2021.bn).
- Media representatives wishing to obtain photos/videos from the gallery must register via the website. Only registered media will be provided with the link to the high-resolution photos and videos.
- The information in this booklet may be updated from time to time consistent with the current pandemic situation in the country and the region.

### 2. REGISTRATION:

- Media representatives can register via the ASEAN 2021 website, i.e. [www.ascan2021.bn](http://www.ascan2021.bn) starting from 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Information provided must be accurate and complete.

- Attach the following with your registration:
  1. A recent photograph (400 x 514 pixels, file size up to 256kB, in colour against plain white background without shadow)
  2. A copy of your NRIC/passport details/press card
  3. Letter of Assignment
  4. List of Equipment

Note: Attachments should be in JPEG, PNG, BMP or SVG file format.

### 3. MEDIA CENTRE AND MEDIA SECRETARIAT:

- The Media Secretariat, which comprises the Host Broadcaster and Host Photo for ASEAN 2021, will be managed and facilitated by Radio Television Brunei (RTB) and the Department of Information, respectively.
- A Media Centre will be set up at the International Convention Centre (ICC) throughout the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in October 2021.
- The Media Centre will be located at Level 1, International Convention Centre (ICC) and will be in operation from **15<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021, from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.** The Media Centre will be closed from 12.00 noon to 2.00 p.m. on Friday, for the Friday prayer.
- For matters related to coverage / footage / photos / general enquiries specific enquiries, please email:
  1. Media Secretariat: [media\\_secretariat@ascan2021.bn](mailto:media_secretariat@ascan2021.bn)
  2. General enquiries: [enquiries@ascan2021.bn](mailto:enquiries@ascan2021.bn)

### 4. MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS AND ATTIRE:

- Only official (host) media will be allowed access into the Summit venue.
- Other media representatives will be gathered at the Media Centre.
- Media representatives are kindly requested to dress appropriately (business attire) when they are in the Media Centre or at the Summit venues.



Members of the media present at the ICC are required to be accredited and in possession of a photograph identification (photo ID) card. The **ID card must be worn at all times** at the official venues and will be required for entry.

## 5. VIDEO AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

- The Summits will be treated as a closed-door session.
  1. For this reason, media are required to observe the following guidelines: Media is only allowed to cover the opening remarks (3-5 minutes) at the start of each Summit, which will be streamed live to the Media Centre.
  2. Secondary live streaming is not allowed in any form.
  3. Official photos and videos of the Summits will be available on the Gallery of the ASEAN website, i.e. [www.ascan2021.bn](http://www.ascan2021.bn).

## 6. PRESS CONFERENCE:

- The Press Conference will be held virtually (online) after the closing ceremony of the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits.
- The Press Conference will take place on **28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.**
- The Press Conference will be streamed and moderated live from the Summit venue to the Dewan Musyawarah, International Convention Centre (ICC), where media will be able to attend.
- The recorded Press Conference will be made available on the website for registered media.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) FOR MEDIA

1. **Is foreign media allowed to come over to Brunei for coverage? Can I have the exact schedule for the meeting, a list of attendees and details on media access?**
  - All ASEAN meetings throughout the year will be held by video conference (virtually), including the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits that will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in Bandar Seri Begawan.
  - Access for foreign media to come to Brunei Darussalam for coverage of the ASEAN Summits is uncertain due to the current pandemic situation in the country.
  - All relevant meeting/Summit outcomes will be made available on the ASEAN 2021 website, i.e. [www.ascan2021.bn](http://www.ascan2021.bn). Media representatives wishing to access information, obtain photos and videos from the gallery must register via the website. Only registered and accredited media will be provided a link to the high-resolution official photos and video.
  - Information and schedule of the meetings will be made available on the ASEAN 2021 website. Please refer to the website and official social media platforms for latest updates, as follows:
    - Website: [www.ascan2021.bn](http://www.ascan2021.bn)
    - Instagram: [@asean2021\\_bn](https://www.instagram.com/asean2021_bn)
    - Twitter: [@asean2021\\_bn](https://twitter.com/asean2021_bn)
    - Facebook: [ASEAN 2021 Brunei Darussalam](https://www.facebook.com/ASEAN2021BruneiDarussalam)
  - You can also contact the secretariat via these emails:
    - [media\\_secretariat@asean2021.bn](mailto:media_secretariat@asean2021.bn)
    - [enquiries@asean2021.bn](mailto:enquiries@asean2021.bn)
2. **Will all the meetings be held virtually or will there be any meetings held on site at the venue?**
  - In view of the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, all ASEAN meetings will be held by video conference (virtually) throughout the year, including the 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summits and Related Summits.

**3. Will there be access for media to view and cover any kind of speeches or press conferences by key figures attending?**

- All relevant meeting/Summit photos and footages will be uploaded on the ASEAN 2021 website ([www.asean2021.bn](http://www.asean2021.bn)) after each meeting/Summit has concluded.

**4. Will there be any statements released / emailed to media after the meetings? How soon will they be released?**

- Outcomes of meetings/Summits will be made available on ASEAN 2021 website ([www.asean2021.bn](http://www.asean2021.bn)) soon after the meeting has concluded.

**5. Do we need to register to access the photos and videos or for any press pass?**

- Media representatives may view the Gallery of photos and videos through the ASEAN 2021 website ([www.asean2021.bn](http://www.asean2021.bn)). However, only registered and accredited media will be given the link to the high-resolution photos and videos.

**6. Will there be any press briefing on that day or at the end of it?**

- There will be no press briefings after the meetings.

**7. Can we request for our agency to be included in Brunei ASEAN 2021 Media list?**

- Contact lists or emailing lists will be compiled by the Media Secretariat. However, it is highly encouraged for media representatives to register via the ASEAN 2021 website in order to be provided with relevant links.

**8. Is Brunei providing an official Telegram or Whatsapp group to share out information regarding ASEAN Summit 2021?**

- No. All relevant information will be channelled through the official ASEAN Summit 2021 website.

**9. Copyright / Credit of the official photos?**

- Credit to be given to Host Photo.



**COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE MEDIA**

In light of the COVID-19 situation, the media is expected to adhere to the social distancing and the standard of procedure (SOP) guidelines set by the government throughout the summit.

**1. GENERAL SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES**

- The media must wear facemasks at all times throughout the summits.
- The media must download and register for the BruHealth App.
- The media is required to scan their BruHealth App upon entry and exit at the International Convention Centre (ICC).
- The media is also required to conduct COVID-19 testing via Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) upon entry at the International Convention Centre (ICC).

**2. MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

- As measures to further minimise the spread of COVID-19 in the country, several restrictions have also been imposed by the government:
  - i. As of September 25, 2021, individuals are required to have a registered BruHealth App on their mobile phones, or a shared BruHealth App account in order to be permitted to leave their respective residences/accommodations.
  - ii. As of October 4, 2021, members of the public are required to stay at their respective residences/accommodations **between 8:00 p.m. to 4 a.m.**, except for essential workers or those with emergency cases.



## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

### **1. BRUNEI DARUSSALAM IN BRIEF**

Brunei Darussalam is located north-west on the north coast of the little island of Borneo in Southeast Asia. The country has a total land area is 5,765 square kilometres (km<sup>2</sup>) and a coastline of 161 km<sup>2</sup>.

Brunei Darussalam is divided into four districts: Brunei-Muara District (570 km<sup>2</sup>); Tutong District (1,166 km<sup>2</sup>); Belait District (2,727 km<sup>2</sup>); and Temburong District (1,306 km<sup>2</sup>).

The capital of Brunei Darussalam is Bandar Seri Begawan (100.36 km<sup>2</sup>), which is located in the Brunei-Muara District.

Brunei Darussalam has a population of 453,600 people (BDKI 2020). Brunei-Muara District: 316,100; Tutong District: 51,500; Belait District: 74,800; and Temburong District: 11,200. The majority of the populations are Malays, followed by Chinese and other races.

Brunei Darussalam has an equatorial climate all year round, with temperature ranging between 23.8°C and 32.3°C with relative humidity and total rainfall of 3,366.1 millimetres (BDKI 2018).

### **2. TIME ZONE**

Brunei Darussalam is eight hours ahead of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+8).

### **3. LANGUAGE**

The official language of Brunei Darussalam is Bahasa Melayu (Malay). The English language is also widely spoken. Other languages include Chinese (various dialects), Tamil, Iban and Dusun.

### **4. BANKING AND CURRENCY**

There are a number of international and regional banks in Brunei Darussalam.

The country also consists of three (3) local banks: Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam (BIBD); Baiduri Bank Berhad; and Perbadanan Tabung Amanah Islam Brunei (TAIB).

All major credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and China Union Pay are widely accepted throughout the country. ATM cards affiliated with the international Plus or Cirrus Systems are accepted at most ATMs.

The currency in Brunei Darussalam is Brunei Dollar (BND); which is pegged to the value of Singapore Dollar (\$1: \$1). Both currencies can be used in either country.

### **5. PROHIBITIONS**

#### **➤ Smoking**

Effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2012, smoking in Brunei Darussalam is prohibited in all enclosed public areas and work places. Other non-smoking areas include sidewalks near business premises and within six (6) metres radius of smoke-free buildings, as well as all means of public transport.

#### **➤ Alcohol**

Sales and public consumption of alcoholic beverages are forbidden. Non-Muslims passengers over the age of 17 years may bring two (2) bottles of liquor equivalent to two (2) litres and 12 cans of beer for personal consumption. This must be declared to customs upon arrival.

### **6. ELECTRICAL SUPPLY**

The country's Electrical Supply - Voltage is 240V 50Hz, British Standard three-pin system.

### **7. VISA AND ENTRY TRAVEL PERMIT**

All foreign nationals entering Brunei Darussalam must have visas obtainable from any Brunei Darussalam diplomatic missions abroad excepts countries with whom Brunei Darussalam has visa arrangements.

Information on visa requirements is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade:  
<http://www.mfa.gov.bn/SitePages/Visa%20Information.aspx>

In light of COVID-19 situation in Brunei Darussalam, foreign nationals entering Brunei Darussalam must also obtain an Entry Travel Permit (ETP)

Information on ETP is available on  
<http://www.pmo.gov.bn/travelportal/Home.aspxd>

## 8. EMERGENCY SERVICES

List of Services	Contact
Ambulance	991
Police	993
Fire and Rescue	995
Search and Rescue	998 / 223 2600
Talian Brunei Darussalam	123

## 9. FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND HIGH COMMISSIONS IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

### ➤ Royal Embassy of Cambodia

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### ➤ Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia

**Address:** Simpang 336-43, Diplomatic Enclave, Kampung Sungai Akar, Jalan Kebangsaan, BS8111 Brunei Darussalam  
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**Email :** [kbribsb@brunet.bn](mailto:kbribsb@brunet.bn)

### ➤ Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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### ➤ Malaysian High Commission

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### ➤ Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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### ➤ Embassy of the Republic of Philippines

**Address:** Simpang 336, Diplomatic Enclave, Jalan Kebangsaan, Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 2312 Brunei Darussalam  
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### ➤ High Commission of the Republic of Singapore

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➤ **Royal Thai Embassy**

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➤ **Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

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## 10. ISLAMIC PRAYER TIMES

Masihi (October)	Day	Hijrah (Safar)	Imsak	Subuh	Syuruk	Duha	Zuhur	Asar	Maghrib	Isyak
25	Mon	18	4:37	4:47	6:05	6:28	12:05	3:24	6:04	7:14
26	Tues	19	4:37	4:47	6:05	6:28	12:05	3:25	6:03	7:14
27	Wed	20	4:36	4:46	6:05	6:28	12:05	3:25	6:03	7:14
28	Thurs	21	4:36	4:46	6:05	6:28	12:05	3:25	6:03	7:14
29	Sat	22	4:36	4:46	6:05	6:28	12:05	3:25	6:03	7:13

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