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The Evolution of India-ASEAN Relationship

A Chronology

1991
June: 21: P. V. Narasimha Rao assumed power as the Prime Minister of India
October: Seminar on "Investing in India: New Business Opportunities", jointly organised with the Singapore Trade Development Board (TDB)
External Affairs Minister, Madhavsinh Solanki, participated in the 2nd session of the Paris International Conference on Cambodia (PICC)
November: 5th Meeting of the India-Thailand Joint Trade Committee, New Delhi

1992
January: The 4th ASEAN Summit in Singapore decided to establish Sectoral Dialogue Partnership (SDP) with India in the fields of trade & investment, S&T, and tourism.
March: 5th Session of the India-Vietnam Joint Commission (JC) for Economic, Scientific, & Technical Cooperation
June: Minister of State for External Affairs, Eduardo Faleiro, participated in the Ministerial Conference on the Rehabilitation & Reconstruction of Cambodia at Tokyo
August: Brunei Darussalam established Resident Mission in New Delhi
November: Inaugural Session of the India-Malaysia JC, Kuala Lumpur

1993
March: Meeting of Indian and ASEAN Senior Officials on the Establishment of Sectoral Dialogue Relations was held in New Delhi. They agreed to set up ASEAN-India Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AIJSSC), Joint ASEAN-India Business Council, and ASEAN New Delhi Committee (ANDC).
November: 2nd Session of the India-Thailand JC, New Delhi
India-Indonesia Joint Business Council (JBC) Meeting, New Delhi
December: India and Malaysia signed six MoUs in various fields during the visit of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to attend G-15 Summit

1994
January: Inaugural Meeting of the AIJSSC in Bali, Indonesia
Singapore's Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong laid the foundation stone for an Information Technology Park in Bangalore and inaugurated a representative office of Development Bank of Singapore in Bombay.
September: Thailand's Parliamentary Committee of Religion, Art & Culture visited places of Buddhist interest
India and the Philippines set up JBC; resumption of meat exports from India to the Philippines after 30 years
1995
January: Inaugural Meeting of the India-Thailand JBC
Inaugural Meeting of the India-Vietnam Joint Working Group (JWG), New Delhi
February: Inaugural Meeting of the ASEAN-COST (Committee on S & T)-India Collaboration in S & T, New Delhi
The 2nd Meeting of the AIJSCC in New Delhi and Goa, India
July: Vietnam became the 7th member of ASEAN
August: Indonesian Government on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of its independence conferred its highest honour “Bintang Republik Indonesia Adipurna” on four eminent Indian personalities
October: Inaugural Meeting of the India-Philippines JBC, Manila
November: Inaugural flight of the Royal Brunei Airlines links Bandar Seri Begawan and Calcutta
Laotian defence delegation visits several Indian defence facilities

1996
January: Meeting of the India-Thailand JC
February: 7th Session of the India-Vietnam JC, New Delhi
March: An exclusive Indian Trade Exhibition was held in Jakarta; Meeting of the JBC; an office of the FICCI was opened in Jakarta
India and Singapore held a weeklong Anti-submarine warfare exercise off Visakhapatnam (Singapore’s Chief of Naval Staff participated in the Valedictory)
May: Delegation from Thailand’s National Defence College
June: Singapore Government takes initiative to hold the first-ever Global Indian Entrepreneurs Conference (Indian Finance Minister was the key note speaker)
Indian Naval Chief and an Air Marshal attended the inauguration of the Indonesia Air Show
July: India participated in the 29th ASEAN-PMC and 3rd ARF Meetings in Jakarta (for the first time)
September: 2nd Meeting of the India-Philippine JBC, New Delhi
November: Inaugural Meeting of the ASEAN-India Joint Cooperation Committee (AIJCC), New Delhi

1997
January: ASEAN-India ISIS Dialogue
3rd Meeting of the India-Vietnam JWG
February: Thailand Institute of Scientific & Technological Research (TISTR) Governor signed a new working programme for two years between CSIR and TISTR during his visit to India
35 Thailand farmers, experts, and officials from the dairy sector visited India at the invitation of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)

**May:** Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM), New Delhi

**June:** BIST-EC grouping was launched in Bangkok (renamed as BIMST-EC with the entry of Myanmar in December 1997)

A team from India’s National Defence College (NDC) visited Malaysia

**July:** Beginning of the Asian Economic Crisis

Inaugural Session of the India-Lao PDR JC

India participated in the 30th ASEAN-PMC and 4th ARF Meetings in Kuala Lumpur

Singapore became the first country coordinator for ASEAN-India Dialogue (July 1997- July 2000)

**August:** 8th Session of the India-Vietnam JC, Hanoi

ISRO signed an agreement with Brunei

**September:** Team of trainee officers from Malaysia

Delegation from West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation visited the Philippines

**October:** 2nd Meeting of the Singapore-India JC, Singapore

3rd Meeting of the India-Philippines JC, Manila

**November:** Inaugural meeting of the AIWGST (ASEAN-India Working Group on S & T), Kuala Lumpur

Delegation from the Vietnamese States Security Commission

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**1998**

**January:** The first ever “Pride of India Exhibition” was held at Hanoi

**February:** Inaugural ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) on political consultations, New Delhi

3rd Meeting of the India-Brunei Joint Committee

**April:** 2nd Meeting of the AIJCC, Singapore

ISRO signed MoU with LAPAN, the Indonesian Space Agency

Indonesian naval ship visited to participate in joint exercise

**May:** India and Pakistan conducted nuclear tests

Inaugural meeting of the ASEAN-India WG on Trade and Investment, New Delhi

**July:** India participated in the 31st ASEAN-PMC and 5th ARF Meetings in Manila where nuclear tests of India and Pakistan were discussed

First Consultation Committee Meeting (CCM) on ASEAN-India Tourism Cooperation in Chiang Rai, Thailand

Team from the Election Commission of India was deputed to Cambodia on its government’s request, to observe the elections

**September:** 4 Indian naval ships paid a goodwill visit to Singapore

**October:** 3 Indian naval ships paid a goodwill visit to Vietnam and the Philippines

Indian scientists participated in the 5th ASEAN S&T Week, Hanoi

3rd Meeting of the India-Vietnam JC, Hanoi

Delegation from Indian Engineering Export Promotion Council to Vietnam

**November:** 2nd Session of India-Vietnam JC for S&T, New Delhi
28 representatives of ASEAN SMEs participated in the India-ASEAN SMEs Partenariat hosted by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in New Delhi

1999
January: 6th Session of the India-Vietnam JC, New Delhi
February: 2nd ASEAN-India SOM, Singapore
March: 8 ASEAN scientists were in Hyderabad for a one-month attachment
2 Indian naval ships visit Penang Port (Malaysia) on a goodwill visit
April: Cambodia became the tenth and the final member of ASEAN
May: Vice Chief of Naval Staff to Singapore (for the international Maritime Defence Expo)
July: India participated in the 32nd ASEAN-PMC and 6th ARF Meetings in Singapore
August: 3rd Meeting of the ASEAN-India WG, Jakarta
September: Delegation from Singapore’s National Science & Technology Board (NSTB)
Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Chandra Shekhar, to Singapore (to attend the Inaugural Pacific Army Chiefs Conference co-hosted by Singapore and the US)
October: 2nd Meeting of the AIWGST, Singapore
November: The first-ever high technical level visit from the Royal Brunei Armed Forces
December: India participated in the Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace Exhibition (Malaysia)

2000
January: India and Singapore agreed to set up 2 Joint Task Forces for Finance and IT sectors
Singapore’s Prime Minister, Goh Chok Tong, inaugurated the Information Technology Park in Bangalore
March: 3rd Meeting of the AIJCC, New Delhi
April: BIMST-EC Economic Ministers Meeting, New Delhi
2 Indian naval ships paid a goodwill visit to Port Klang, Malaysia
2-member delegation from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) visited Vietnam regarding the restoration work of Cham monuments in Vietnam
May: 13 Lao PDR officials from different ministries attended Special IT training module (conducted by NIIT for ASEAN countries)
A team from NDC visited Indonesia
A seminar on Nuclear Free Zone was organised by the IDFR and the Indian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur
June: Singapore’s Economic Development Board (EDB) Chairman attended the Global Investors Conference in Bangalore
July: 3rd Ministerial Meeting of the BIMST-EC in New Delhi
India participated in the 33rd ASEAN-PMC and 7th ARF Meetings in Bangkok
Malaysia became the second country coordinator for ASEAN-India Dialogue (July 2000- July 2003)
The first-ever visit to Brunei by an Indian Petroleum delegation, led by Chairman, IOC
A 15-member delegation from NDC visited Vietnam

**August:** Singapore Telecom (Singtel) signed an agreement to buy a stake of US$ 400 million in the telecom branch of Bharti Group of India
Singapore Stock Exchange (SGX) signed an agreement with India’s National Stock Exchange (NSE)
Delegation from India’s Ministry of Home Affairs visited Myanmar
A 10-member Yakshagana group presented a dance drama from the epic Ramayana

**September:** an Indian naval ship paid a goodwill visit to Ho Chi Minh City

**October:** ASEAN-India Joint HRD Workshop in New Delhi
2nd Session of the India-Malaysia JC, New Delhi (after a gap of 8 years)
3 Indian naval ships paid a goodwill visit to Jakarta

**November:** 10th Session of the India-Vietnam JC, Hanoi
Phase II of the International Technology Park, Bangalore was commenced
3rd Session of the India-Lao JC, Vientiane
A 15-member Odissi dance group performed in Vientiane
Director General of NCC visited Vietnam on the invitation of Vietnam Youth Federation

**December:** A 30-member Ramayana Ballet Troupe from Bali, Indonesia and a 15-member Royal Ballet Troupe from the Cambodian Ministry of Culture & Fine Arts performed at the International Ramayana Festival held in Khajuraho; Indonesia contributed several exhibits for the Ram Darshan being established in Panchvati, Madhya Pradesh

### 2001

**January:** 4th Meeting of the India-Vietnam JBC, Hanoi
A 21-member youth delegation from the Vietnam Youth Federation, Ministry of Public Security, Ministry of Defence etc. visited India for a 20-day tour
Brunei, for the first time, nominated a senior defence officer, Commander of the Royal Brunei Air Force, to attend the senior officers’ course at the NDC, New Delhi
7 middle-level officials from Brunei attended a five-week IT training course in India (part of India’s special ASEAN technical cooperation programme)

**India-Indonesia JBC Meeting, Jakarta**
18-19: 3rd ASEAN-India SOM, New Delhi

**March:** 12-13: 4th Meeting of the ASEAN-India WG, Jakarta

**April:** President of Ordnance Factory Board of India participated in the 7th International Aviation, Maritime, and Defence Exhibition in Manila

**May:** An Indian Coast Guard vessel visited the port of Manila

**June:** 1: ASEAN-India Workshop on Regional Cooperation in Surface Engineering: Review of Recent Efforts and Prospects for Future Collaboration to Commercialise Coating Technologies, Singapore
25-30: Study Tour to India and Project Coordination Meeting of the ASEAN-India Cooperation in Biotechnology: Plant Tissue Culture Project

**July:** 12-13: 1st Project Coordination Committee Meeting of the ASEAN-India Cooperation in Biotechnology: Embryo Transfer Technology, Bangkok
India participated in the 34th ASEAN-PMC and 8th ARF Meetings in Hanoi

**September:** India participated in the 6th ASEAN S & T Week in Brunei
25-26: Preparatory Mission for the ASEAN-India Working Group on Transport and Infrastructure, New Delhi

**October:** A 20-member Magic Troupe of Mr P.C. Sorcar Jr. performed in Brunei
An Indian naval ship paid a goodwill visit to Indonesia
India and Indonesia conducted a joint hydrographic survey in the Benggala Strait (between Greater Nicobar & North Sumatra)

**November:** The 7th ASEAN Summit in Bandar Seri Begawan decided to elevate ASEAN-India Dialogue to the Summit level

**December:** 2 Indian naval ships visit Penang Port (Malaysia) on a goodwill visit

2002

**January:** 5th Meeting of the ASEAN-India WG, Kuala Lumpur
4th Meeting of the AJCC, Kuala Lumpur

**March:** 4th Meeting of the ASEAN-India WG on Science and Technology, Bangalore
ASEAN-India Workshop on Managing Technology for Enhancing National Competitiveness – the role of Government, Bangalore
3 Indian naval ships visited Malaysia on a goodwill visit
4th ASEAN-India SOM, Kuala Lumpur

**July:** India participated in the 35th ASEAN-PMC and 9th ARF Meetings in Bandar Seri Begawan

**August:** 1st ASEAN SEOM (Senior Economic Officials Meeting) + India Consultations, Manila

**Forthcoming Events**

**September:** Inaugural Meeting of the ASEAN-India Working Group on Transport and Infrastructure, Jakarta

**November 5:** Inaugural ASEAN-India Summit during the 8th ASEAN Summit, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Key Visits from India to the ASEAN Region since 1991

1991
April: President, Mr R. Venkataraman, to Vietnam
President, Mr R. Venkataraman, to the Philippines (the first ever visit by an Indian President)
August: External Affairs Minister, Mr Madhavsinh Solanki, to Singapore
October: Finance Minister, Mr Manmohan Singh and Minister of State for Commerce, to Singapore
December: Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Eduardo Faleiro, to Cambodia

1992
May: Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Eduardo Faleiro, to Bali (NAM Meeting)
September: Prime Minister, Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao, to Indonesia (NAM Summit)
November: Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Eduardo Faleiro, to Malaysia

1993
February: Defence Minister, Mr Sharad Pawar, to Malaysia
Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Salman Khurshid, to Vietnam and Brunei
April: Prime Minister, Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao, to Thailand
May: Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr R.L. Bhatia, to Indonesia (for NAM Meeting)
July: Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Capt Satish Sharma, to Vietnam
September: Vice President, Mr K.R. Narayanan, to Vietnam
Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr R.L. Bhatia, to Indonesia
Agriculture Minister, Mr Balram Jakhar, to the Philippines

1994
September: Prime Minister, Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao, to Vietnam
Prime Minister, Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao, to Singapore (delivers the Singapore Lecture)

1995
April: External Affairs Minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, to Indonesia (for NAM Meeting)
August: Prime Minister, Mr P.V. Narasimha Rao, to Malaysia
July: Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr H.D. Deve Gowda, to Singapore; Bihar Chief Minister, Mr Laloo Prasad Yadav, to Singapore
September: Finance Minister, Mr Manmohan Singh, to Singapore (for attending India-ASEAN Sectoral Dialogue Meeting and World Economic Forum)
October: Minister of Civil aviation & Tourism, Mr Gulam Nabi Azad and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, Ms Mayawati, to Thailand

December: Minister for HRD, Mr Madhavrao Scindia, to Thailand

1996

January: External Affairs Minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, to Thailand, Cambodia, and Lao PDR

February: Minister of State for Defence, Mr Mallikarjun, to Singapore (Asian Aerospace '96)

March: Indian Naval Chief, Admiral V S Shekhawat, to Brunei

May: Indian Naval Chief, Admiral V S Shekhawat, to Vietnam

June: Finance Minister, Mr P. Chidambaram, to Singapore (to attend the Global Indian Entrepreneurs Conference)

July: External Affairs Minister, Mr I.K. Gujral, to Indonesia (to attend the ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)

August: External Affairs Minister, Mr I.K. Gujral, to Malaysia and Singapore

October: Minister for Steel & Mines, Mr B.P. Baishya, to Singapore

1997

February: Goa Chief Minister, Mr Pratap Singh R Rane, to Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore

April: Commerce Minister, Dr B.B. Ramaiah (ESCAP Meeting)

May: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Mr N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Minister of State for Commerce, Dr B.B. Ramaiah, to Malaysia and Singapore

Maharashtra Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Joshi, to Singapore and Malaysia

June: Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Saleem Iqbal Shervani, to Thailand (for the inaugural Meeting of the BIST-EC)

Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Ms Renuka Chaudhury, to Thailand (for WHO Conference)

Minister of Communications, Mr Beni Prasad Verma, to Singapore (for Asia Telecom '97)

Minister of State for Labour, Mr M.P. Virendra Kumar to Indonesia (for "Qualification Asia 97")

July: Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Mr T.R. Balu, to Indonesia and Singapore

Finance Minister, Mr P. Chidambaram, and Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Saleem Iqbal Shervani, to Malaysia (to attend the ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)

Lok Sabha Speaker, Mr P A Sangma, to Thailand

August: Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr Saleem Iqbal Shervani, to Vietnam

Minister for Surface Transport, Mr T.G. Venkataramanan, to Singapore

Minister of State for Law & Justice, Mr Ramakant Khalap, to The Philippines (Roundtable Meeting of Chief Justices & Ministers of Justice)

October: Orissa Chief Minister, Mr J B Patnaik, to Thailand

Minister of State for Non Conventional Energy Sources, Captain Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad, to Indonesia (Asia-Pacific Energy & Energy Efficiency Conference)
November: Vice President, Mr Krishan Kant, to Malaysia (G-15 Summit)
Lok Sabha Speaker, Mr P A Sangma, to Thailand

1998
Februaary: Indian Air Chief, ACM S K Sareen, to Thailand
April: Commerce Minister, Ramakrishna Hegde, to Thailand (ESCAP Meeting)
June: Minister of State for External Affairs, Ms Vasundhara Raje, to the
Philippines, Vietnam, and Singapore
Minister of State for Rural Areas & Employment, Mr Baba Gouda Patil, to
Thailand
Karnataka Minister of Public Works, Mr C M Udasi, to Malaysia
July: Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mr Jaswant Singh, to the
Philippines (to attend the ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)
August: Commerce Minister, Ramakrishna Hegde, to Thailand (for Economic
Ministers’ Retreat of the BIMST-EC) and Singapore
September: Minister for Parliamentary Affairs & Tourism, Mr M.L. Khurana,
to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Singapore
Ministry for Human Resources Development and Science & Technology, Dr
Murli Manohar Joshi, to Malaysia
October: Minister of Power, Mr P R Kumaramangalam, to Singapore (to
attend the East Asia Economic Summit organised by the World Economic
Forum)
Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister, Mr Siddaramaiah, to Malaysia
Minister of Surface Transport, to Singapore
Kerala Minister of Industries, Ms Suseela Gopalan, to Vietnam
November: Minister of State for Finance, to Singapore
Minister of State for Coal, Mr Dilip Ray, to Vietnam

1999
January: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Mr M Karunanidhi, to Malaysia
Minister of State for External Affairs, Ms Vasundhara Raje, to Lao PDR
February: Minister for Civil Aviation & Tourism, Mr Ananth Kumar, to
Malaysia
April: Manipur Minister for Municipal affairs, Mr I Hemochandra Singh, to
Singapore (for World Conference of Model Cities)
Andhra Pradesh Minister of Major Industries, Mr P Chandrasekhar to
Singapore
Karnataka Minister for Housing, Mr H D Revanna to Singapore
July: External Affairs Minister, Mr Jaswant Singh, to Singapore (to attend the
ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)
August: Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Dr Najma Heptullah, to
Malaysia and Singapore
October: Minister of Power, Mr P R Kumaramangalam, to Singapore (to
attend the East Asia Economic Summit organised by the World Economic
Forum)
Indian Naval Chief, Admiral Sushil Kumar, to Singapore
2000

**January:** Indian Army Chief, Gen. V.P. Malik, to Myanmar
Minister of State for Finance / Revenue, to the Philippines

**February:** Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Dr Najma Heptullah, to Thailand
Minister of Commerce & Industry, Mr Murasoli Maran to Thailand (for UNCTAD X)

**March:** Defence Minister, Mr George Fernandes, to Vietnam

**April:** Minister of State for Railways, Mr Bangaru Laxman, to Malaysia
Minister of State for Defence Production, Mr Harin Pathak, to Malaysia (for the Defence Services Asia Exhibition 2000)

**May:** Finance Minister, Mr Yashwant Sinha, to Chiangmai, Thailand (for ADB Annual Meeting)
Minister of Civil aviation, Mr Sharad Yadav, to Singapore

**June:** External Affairs Minister, Mr Jaswant Singh, to Singapore (delivers the IDSS Lecture)
Andhra Pradesh Minister for Major Industries, Mr K.V. Rao, to Singapore
Tamil Nadu Minister of Agriculture, Mr V.S. Arumugam, to Singapore
Karnataka Chief Minister, S.M. Krishna, to Singapore
Minister for IT, Mr Pramod Mahajan, to Indonesia (a key note speaker at an international seminar on IT)

**July:** Minister for Surface Transport, Mr Rajnath Singh, to Malaysia
Haryana Finance Minister, Mr Sampat Singh, to Singapore
Indian Army Chief, Gen. V.P. Malik, to Myanmar (for the second time in 6 months)
External Affairs Minister, Mr Jaswant Singh, to Thailand (to attend the ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)

**September:** Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Mr Ram Naik, to Indonesia (for the Indonesian International Oil, Gas, and Energy Conference & Exhibition)
First Lady of India, Ms Usha Narayanan, to Malaysia (for the 2nd RSC-AP Conference)

**October:** Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Om Prakash Chautala, to Singapore
Lok Sabha Speaker, Mr C.M.C. Balayogi and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson, Dr Najma Heptullah, to Indonesia (for the 104th Inter Parliamentary Union Conference)

**November:** President, Mr K. R. Narayanan, to Singapore
External Affairs Minister, Mr Jaswant Singh, to Lao PDR (for the Inaugural Ministerial Meeting of the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation)
Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr U. Krishnam Raju, to Malaysia
Punjab Minister for Housing & Urban Development, Dr Upinderjit Kaur, to Singapore
2001
January: Prime Minister, Mr A. B. Vajpayee, to Vietnam and Indonesia
Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Dr Najma Heptullah, to Cambodia (to attend the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace Conference)
May: Prime Minister, Mr A. B. Vajpayee, to Malaysia (delivers the IDFR Lecture) (Minister for IT, Mr Pramod Mahajan, Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Mr Omar Abdullah accompanied the Prime Minister)
Minister of Telecommunications, Mr Ram Vilas Paswan, to Indonesia (to attend the 2nd Asia Pacific Telecommunication & IT Forum and Exhibition)
Vice President, Mr Krishan Kant, to Indonesia (for G-15 Summit)
Minister of State for Small Scale & Medium Industries, Ms Vasundhara Raje, to Indonesia (key-note speaker in the G-15 seminar on Small Scale & Medium Industries)
Deputy Chief of Army, Lt Gen R.K. Sawhney, to Lao PDR
June: Vice President, Mr Krishan Kant, to Cambodia
July: Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Mr K.C. Pant, to Vietnam (to attend the ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)
August: Indian Naval Chief, Admiral Sushil Kumar, to Indonesia
Minister for Tourism & Culture, Mr Ananth Kumar, to Malaysia
Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha, Dr Najma Heptullah, to Malaysia
Vice Chief of Army, Lt Gen Vijay Oberoi, to Malaysia

2002
February: 5-member Parliamentary delegation led by Mr Mohammad Anwarul Haque visited Brunei, Malaysia, and Indonesia
April: External Affairs Minister, Mr Jaswant Singh, to Thailand and Myanmar
July: External Affairs Minister, Mr Yashwant Sinha, to Brunei (to attend the ASEAN-PMC & ARF Meetings)
Key Visits from the ASEAN Region to India since 1991

1991

May: Secretary-General in Indonesian Ministry of Defence & Security, Gen. I.B.M. Sudjana
October: Cambodian Prime Minister, Mr Hun Sen
December: Singapore Foreign Minister, Mr Wong Kan Seng (after nearly 20 years by a Singapore Foreign Minister)

1992

March: Malaysian Defence Minister, Dato Seri Najib
Singapore’s Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Trade & Industry, Brig. Gen. Lee Hsien Loong
Indonesian Minister of Industry, Mr Hartarto
Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Manh Cam

April: Crown Prince of Thailand, HRS Maha Vajiralongkorn (the first ever visit)
July: Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Alatas
September: Brunei Sultan, HM Haji Hassanal Bolkiah (the first ever visit)
General Secretary of the Communist party of Vietnam, Mr Do Muoi (the first ever visit and his first visit outside the Socialist states)

1993

February: Singapore’s Minister for Information & the Arts & Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr B.G. George Yeo and Senior Minister for Trade & Industry, Lim Boon Heng
March: Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato’ Ajit Singh
April: Malaysian Minister for Energy, Telecommunication, and Posts
Dr Khamlieng Pholsena, member of the Standing Committee of the Lao PDR National Assembly & Head of the National Assembly Foreign Affairs Commission (Inter Parliamentary Congress)
August: The Philippines Agriculture Minister, Mr Roberto Sebastian
October: Vietnamese Vice-Minister of Finance, Mr Pham Van Trong
November: Thai Foreign Minister, Sq Ldr Prasong Soonshir
December: Indonesian President, Mr Suharto (also participated in the “Education for All” Summit)
Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad (G-15 Summit)

1994

January: Singapore’s Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong (Republic Day Chief Guest)
March: Indonesian President, Mr Suharto and Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad (for the reconvened G-15 Summit)
May: Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Manh Cam
June: Cambodia’s Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister, Prince Norodom Sirivuddh
August: Lao PDR Foreign Minister, Somsavat Lengsavad
November: Thailand Deputy Foreign Minister, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan
Senator Leticia Shahani, President, Pro-tempore of the Philippines Senate (visited twice)

1995

January: Singapore’s Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong (for CII Centenary celebrations in Calcutta)
Thailand’s Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi (for CII Centenary celebrations in Calcutta)
Brunei Darussalam’s Minister of Communications, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Awang Haji Zakaria

February: Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Mr Kishore Mahbubani
Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brunei Darussalam, Dato Lim Jock Seng
Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato’ Ajit Singh

March: Cambodia’s Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Transport & Works, Ing Keith (for an international conference)

April: The Philippines Under Secretary for Trade, Mr Cesar B Bautista

November: Brunei Darussalam’s Minister of Communications, Dato Seri Laila Jasa Awang Haji Zakaria (also visits Calcutta)
Lao PDR Agriculture Minister, Sisavath Keobounphonh

1996

January: Singapore’s Senior Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew
Senator Leticia Shahani, President, Pro-tempore of the Philippines Senate
Cambodia’s First Prime Minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh (also Calcutta and Bodh Gaya)

February: Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato’ Ajit Singh
Vietnamese Foreign Minister,

October: Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato’ Ajit Singh

November: Thai Princess Dr Chulabhorn Mahidol (UNEP Awards Ceremony)

December: Cambodia’s First Prime Minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh visits Bodh Gaya)
Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato’ Ajit Singh
Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad (receives the 1994 Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding; delivers the inaugural India-ASEAN Lecture; also visits Bangalore)

1997

January: Thailand Board of Investment delegation led by the Secretary General, Mr Staporn Kavitanon

February: Under Secretary for Policy in the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, Mr Rodolfo C Severino

March: Thailand Commerce Minister, Mr Narongchai Akrasanee
The Philippines President, Mr Fidel V Ramos
Vietnamese Prime Minister, Mr Vo Van Kiet

April: Indonesian Foreign Minister, Mr Ali Alatas
The Philippines Foreign Secretary, Mr Domingo L Siazon, Jr (for NAM Meeting)
Thailand Foreign Minister, Mr Prachuab Chaiyas (for NAM Meeting)
May: Lao PDR Prime Minister, Mr Khamtay Siphandone
Director of Vietnam Aviation Institute, Dr Tran Quang Chan
Thailand’s Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Pitak Intrawityanunt (also visited Calcutta)
June: Chairman of the Thai Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Economic & Foreign Policy Issues, Gen Chatichai Choonhavan
July: Lao PDR Foreign Minister, Somsavat Lengsavad
August: Thai Prince Subhadradis Diskul (to inaugurate Festival of Thailand)
Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications of Brunei, Dato Malai Ali Othman
October: Director General of Military Strategic Institute of Vietnam, Lt Gen Soam Chuang
Secretary General of ASEAN, Dato' Ajit Singh
November: Director of Military Intelligence of Vietnam, Major Gen Vu Chunh
First Vice President of the Constitution Drafting Assembly of Thailand, Dr Kamol Tongdhamachart

1998
March: Singapore’s Minister for Information & the Arts, Mr B.G. George Yeo (Asia Society’s conference on India’s economic reforms)
Lao PDR Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Phongsavath Boupha
April: Lao PDR Vice-Minister of Science, Technology, and Environment, Dr Souli Nanthavong (for Global Environment Facility Conference, New Delhi)
September: Indonesian Minister of Health, Prof Dr Farid Anfasa Moeloek (for WHO Conference)
October: Indonesian Minister of Education & Culture, Prof Dr Juwono Sudarsono
November: Penang Chief Minister, Dr Koh Tsu Koon
Lao PDR Vice-Minister of Commerce, Mr Siaosavath Savengsuksa (for India-G77 and China Trade Conference)
December: Thailand Crown Prince, HRH Maha Vajiralongkorn
Gen Ke Kim Yan, Chief of General Staff, Ministry of Defence of Cambodia (for AeroIndia '98 at Bangalore)

1999
January: Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Manh Cam
April: Malaysian Minister of Primary Industries, Dr Lim Keng Yaik
Malaysian Minister for Works, Mr Samy Velu, to Punjab
July: Brunei Minister for Education & Health and the Chairperson of the Brunei Investment Agency (BIA), Pehin Abdul Aziz
October: The Philippines Defence Secretary, Mr Orlando Mercado (for DEFEXPO INDIA 99)
December: Vietnamese President
Malaysian Minister for Works, Mr Samy Velu (for INFRANET 99)
2000

January: Singapore Prime Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong (visits for the third time since January 1994; also visited Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Chennai)

February: Indonesian President, Mr Abru Rahman Wahid

April: Thailand Deputy Prime Minister & Commerce Minister, Dr Supachai Panitchpakdi (for BIMST-EC Economic Ministers Meeting)

Malaysian Primary Industries Minister, Dr Lim Keng Yiak

Brunei's Ambassador-at-Large, Princess Hajah Masna

June: Thailand Deputy Prime Minister & Chairman of NITC, Dr Trairong Suwankiri (visited IT Software Parks in Bangalore and Chennai)

Malaysian Minister for Works, Mr Samy Velu

Malaysian Minister for Culture, Arts and Tourism, Mr Abdul Kadir

July: Thailand Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr Sukhumbhand Paribatra (for the 3rd Ministerial Meeting of the BIMST-EC)

Thailand Foreign Minister, Dr Surin Pitsuwan

September: Indonesian Naval Chief, Admiral Achmed Sutjipto

October: Malaysian Foreign Minister, Mr Syed Hamid Albar

Politburo member & Minister of Public Security of Vietnam, Sr. Lt. Gen. Ie Minh Huong

Permanent Secretary, Singapore Ministry of Communication & Information Technology & Chairman, InfoComm Development Authority, Mr Lan Chuan Leong

November: Malaysian Minister for Domestic Trade & Consumer Affairs, Mr Muhyiddin Yassin

Myanmar SPDC Vice Chairman, Gen. Maung Aye

Singapore Trade & Industry Minister

2001

January: Secretary General of ASEAN, Rodolfo C. Severino (also visited Hyderabad to attend the Partnership Summit organised by CII)

Dr. Chem Widhya, Permanent Secretary, Cambodian Ministry of foreign affairs and international cooperation, to attend the ASEAN-India SOM

April: Indonesian Minister for Industry & Trade, Mr Luhut Panjaitan

Malaysian Minister of Primary Industries, Dr Lim Keng Yaik

June: Former President of the Philippines, Mr Fidel V Ramos (as Special Envoy of the President of the Philippines)

Vice President of the Lao PDR national Assembly & President of the Lao Women's Union (LWO), Ms Onechanh Thammavong, visited under the Distinguished Visitors' Programme of the ICCR

October: Malaysian Minister for Culture, Arts and Tourism, Mr Abdul Kadir

Malaysian Minister of Information, Mr Khalil Yaakub

November: Malaysian Minister for Works, Mr Samy Velu visited West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala

2002

January: Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence Armed Forces of the Philippines, Gen. Virgilio G Totanes
Bilateral Agreements / Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between India and ASEAN states since 1991 (with date of signature)

India-Brunei Darussalam
1. Air Services Agreement (6 November 1995)

India-Cambodia
1. MoU on Foreign Office Consultations (June 1994)

India-Indonesia
1. Agreement for the Promotion & Protection of Investments (10 February 1999)
2. Agreement on Cooperative activities in the field of Defence (11 January 2001)
3. MoU on the establishment of Joint Commission to be headed by the Foreign Ministers (11 January 2001)
4. MoU in the field of S & T (11 January 2001)
5. Arrangement on Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) for the years 2001-03 (11 January 2001)
6. Work plan on Agricultural Cooperation (11 January 2001)

India-Lao PDR
1. MoU on Technical Cooperation (August 1994)
3. MoU on Cooperation in the fields of Agriculture and allied sectors (2 May 1997)
4. Agreement on Trade & Economic Cooperation (9 November 2000)
5. Agreement for the Promotion & Protection of Investments (9 November 2000)

India-Malaysia
1. Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation (2 November 1992)
2. MoU on Defence Cooperation (2 February 1993) - Kuala Lumpur
3. Agreement for the Promotion & Protection of Investments (3 August 1995)
4. Agreement for development of India's Satellite Broadcast & Communication services (3 August 1995)
5. Agreement on Technical Training & Consultancy Service in the development of Malaysia's Space Programme (3 August 1995)
7. MoU on Industrial Cooperation (3 August 1995)
10. CEP for the years 2000-02 (9-11 October 2000)

12. Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income (14 May 2001)
13. MoU on Mutual Co-operation relating to investment, construction, privatisation and management of Seaports in India (14 May 2001)
16. MoU Ministry of Transport), and IRCON International Ltd. for Double Tracking and Electrification of Ipoh-Padang Besar Section KTM Line (14 May 2001)
17. MoU Securities Commission of Malaysia and the Securities and Exchange Board of India in relation to Assistance and Mutual Cooperation (14 May 2001)

**India-Myanmar**
1. Agreement for mutual cooperation for reducing demand and preventing illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters (30 March 1993)
2. Agreement on Border Trade (18 January 1994)
3. MoU on Air Services (11 July 1995)
5. MoU on Cooperation in the fields of Agriculture and allied sectors (25 April 1998)

**India-Philippines**
1. Agreement for Cooperation for the Utilisation of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes (29 April 1991)
3. Agreement for the Promotion & Protection of Investments (January 2000)
3. MoU on Foreign Office Consultations (28 November 2000)

**India-Singapore**
2. Agreement on Tourism Cooperation (19 January 1994)
4. MoU on Foreign Office Consultations (9 September 1994)
5. Agreement on S & T Cooperation (4 January 1995)
7. Executive Programme on Cooperation in the Arts, Heritage, Archives, and the Library for the years 2000-02

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8. MoU on the loan of Indian artefacts to the Asian Civilisations Museum of Singapore

**India-Thailand**
1. Agreement on the maritime boundary between the two countries in the Andaman Sea from Point 7 to the Trijunction Point (Point T) between India, Thailand, and Myanmar (27 October 1993)
2. Agreement for the Exposition of the Holy Relics of the Lord Buddha and a Photographic Exhibition on the Buddhist sites and shrines in India (18 October 1996)
3. Agreement on Cooperation for the Utilisation of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes (10 July 2000)
4. Agreement for the Promotion & Protection of Investments (10 July 2000)

**India-Vietnam**
1. Air Services Agreement (30 June 1993)
2. Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income (7 September 1994)
3. MoU on Foreign Office Consultations (7 September 1994)
4. Agreement on travel facilities for citizens of the two countries (7 September 1994)
5. Agreement on S & T Cooperation (23 February 1996)
6. Agreement for the Promotion & Protection of Investments (8 March 1997)
7. Agreement on Trade & Economic Cooperation (8 March 1997)
8. Agreement on Tourism Cooperation (8 January 2001)

**Tripartite Agreements**
1. Agreement on the Determination of the Trijunction Point between India, Myanmar, and Thailand in the Andaman Sea (27 October 1993)

**Regional Agreements**
1. Declaration on the establishment of the BIST-EC (6 June 1997)
2. Declaration on the Admission of Myanmar and the Renaming of BIST-EC as BIMST-EC (22 December 1997)