

Satvinder Singh Officially Appointed as Deputy Secretary-General for the ASEAN Economic Community

1. Mr Satvinder Singh, Assistant Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Singapore (ESG), has been appointed as the ASEAN Secretariat's (ASEC) next Deputy Secretary-General for the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). He will assume post on 26 March 2021 for a term of three years.
2. The AEC represents ASEAN's continued commitment to an increasingly seamless, integrated and connected region. It envisions ASEAN as a single market and production base, a highly competitive region with equitable economic development, and fully integrated into the global economy. This is especially salient as economies in the region seek to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Mr Singh was appointed by the ASEAN Coordinating Council to succeed Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo from the Philippines. He will support the ASEAN Secretary-General in implementing the AEC Blueprint 2025 as well as support the realisation of the AEC's goals. Mr Singh will oversee the directorates and divisions of the ASEAN Economic Community Department in ASEC, and manage development cooperation in economic matters, policy and relations with ASEAN Member States, ASEAN Dialogue Partners and international organisations.
4. Mr Singh has relinquished his role at ESG, a statutory board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry, where he spearheaded efforts in the Trade, Transport & Logistics and Business Services sectors. Over the years, he has built strong relationships with the global trade community, strengthened the trading ecosystem in Singapore, as well as led the teams to develop strategies and policies to support companies in strengthening capabilities and expanding overseas.

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