

Welcome Address and Official Opening
by

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at the 6th Meeting of the ACCSQ – ASEAN Cosmetic Committee
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Respect

Drs. Ruslan Aspan, Chair of the ACCSQ – ASEAN Cosmetic Committee (ACC)
Mrs. Ketmanee Lertkitcha, President of ACA
Mrs. Le Chau Giang, ASEAN Secretariat
Prof. Tea Kim Chhay, Director of Department of Drug and Food, Cambodia
Distinguished guest,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Aroun Suor Sdey/ A very Good Morning to all of you. It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here today and to officiate the opening of the 6th ACCSQ - ASEAN Cosmetic Committee. I would like to express my warmest welcome to all delegates and observers to this meeting. This is the first time of Cambodia has the honour to host 6th ACC Meeting which held on rotation alphabetically among ASEAN Member Countries.

Cooperation between ASEAN Countries as we all know is not new. ASEAN as a diversion region has collaboration in many different areas technical cooperation and among them in cosmetic is one such area that has been carried out successfully for more than one decade. Appreciation should be given to ASEAN Cosmetic Association, regulators from member countries, ASEAN Secretariat, European Commission for their support within ASEAN Nation.

Cambodia has drawn more attention to cosmetic products because as a country with no cosmetic industry, we almost imported cosmetic to respond the need for the whole population. Hence matters pertaining to the quality of cosmetic, the regulatory control of the country from which we import and the Post Marketing Surveillance are all important issues to us.

Cooperative effort of ASEAN Cosmetic Association and ASEAN Cosmetic Committee has given Cambodia the confidence of having knowledge to tackle issues pertaining to the above stated areas. We should reaffirm both the Regulatory Authority and the Cosmetic Industry need to play a major role in ensuring that cosmetic products available in the market are of good quality, safe and with substantiated claim benefits.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The ASEAN Harmonized Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme was signed during the 35th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting on 2nd September 2003 in Phnom Penh, and as Cambodia became ASEAN Member in 1999, the Ministry of Health has considered and decided to implement Schedule B in order to restructure the organization for control of cosmetic and transpose the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive into the existing Sub-Decree on Cosmetic Management. For the preparation of this implementation, Cambodia has participated in all the capacity building activities which were organized by EC-ASEAN Economic Programme on

Standards, Quality and Conformity Assessment. Beside these, EC- ASEAN has also organized regional workshop and training in European Union and I would like to take this opportunity to thank EC-ASEAN for their support but now International Trade Centre (ITC) and PTB continue to support regional and national activities on Cosmetic Programme 2006 with the aim of providing competency in the implementation of ASEAN Cosmetic Directive by year 2008.

The ASEAN Cosmetic Scientific Body play a significant role to review the safety of Cosmetic Ingredients and make recommendation to ACC for consideration and approval whether to delete or to insert ingredient in Annexes of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive. As result from the previous meeting 76 proposals for deletion of ingredients from the ASEAN Handbook Cosmetic Ingredients and it will be incorporated in the respective annexes of the ASEAN Cosmetic Directive.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

During the Bali Summit held in Bali, Indonesia on 7th October 2003, the ASEAN Leaders signed the Declaration of ASEAN Concorde II to reaffirm ASEAN as concert of South East Asian Nations, bonded together in partnership, in dynamic development and in a community of caring societies and to create an ASEAN Community by 2020. The ASEAN Community would be supported by the three pillars of political and security cooperation, economic cooperation and socio-cultural cooperation.

As the first step to realize the ASEAN Economic Community, the following eleven priority sectors including healthcare products have been agreed by the ASEAN Economic Minister for the first track integration in ASEAN by 2010. In supporting this Agreement, ASEAN Member Countries are already moving towards integration by strengthening our cooperation and also accelerating regional integration of which ACC contribution has significant impact but we have indeed a long way moving from pre-marketing approval to Post Marketing Surveillance.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Finally, to our distinguished delegates and observers may I wish you all a fruitful and rewarding meeting; during your stay in Siem Reap I do hope you will also have the opportunity to visit the famous Heritage of the World, Angkor Wat.

It is indeed my pleasure to declare the 6th ACCSQ – ACC Meeting officially open.

Thank you.