



English Translation of Prime Minister's opening remarks during the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit

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Your Excellency, Prime Minister and my friend Anwar Ibrahim,
Your Majesty,
Excellencies,

Namaskar.

I am delighted to have had the opportunity once again to join my ASEAN family.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim for the successful chairmanship of ASEAN. I thank President Marcos of the Philippines for efficiently fulfilling the role of India's country coordinator. And I warmly welcome Timor-Leste as the newest member of ASEAN.

On behalf of the people of India, I convey my deepest condolences to the Royal Family and the people of Thailand on the passing of the Queen Mother.

Friends,

India and ASEAN together represent nearly one-fourth of world's population. We not only share geography; we are also bound by deep historical ties and shared values.

We are companions in the Global South. We are not only commercial partners but also cultural partners. ASEAN is a cornerstone of India's Act East Policy. India has always fully supported ASEAN centrality and ASEAN's outlook in the Indo-Pacific.

Even in this era of uncertainties, India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership has continued to make steady progress. And this strong partnership of ours is emerging as a robust foundation for global stability and development.

Friends,

The theme of this year's ASEAN Summit is "Inclusivity and Sustainability." This theme is clearly reflected in our joint efforts, whether it is digital inclusion or ensuring food security and resilient

supply chains amid current global challenges. India fully supports these priorities and is committed to advancing them together.

Friends,

India has stood firmly with its ASEAN friends in every disaster. Our cooperation in HADR, maritime security, and the blue economy is growing rapidly. In view of this, we are declaring 2026 as "ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation."

At the same time, we are steadily advancing our cooperation in education, tourism, science and technology, health, green energy, and cyber security. We will continue to work together to preserve our shared cultural heritage and strengthen people-to-people ties.

Friends,

The 21st century is our century, the century of India and ASEAN. I am confident that the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 will build a bright future for all of humanity. Alongside all of you, India is committed to working shoulder to shoulder in this direction.

Thank you very much.

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