

Closing Remarks
By
Hon. Atthaniti Disatha-Amnarj
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Excellencies,
Distinguished Chairpersons of ALA National Committees,
Distinguished Delegates,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you will have noted from the report of the Rapporteur-**General**, I am pleased to learn that the discussion during the workshops were very wide ranging, thought provoke and useful. I also glad to hear the positive outcomes of this meeting.

As I mentioned earlier, our ALA has and can play more important role to ASEAN. It is now time to act collectively in the region. I hope that the discussion that we have made from this meeting is that our member countries continue to cooperate more closely and address our concerns to the society. And I trust that all of you will continue to work hard to achieve the demanding necessities and to implement effective policy recommendations towards a stronger cooperation so that we can tackle the ongoing uncertainties in an appropriate and effective manner.

Allow me to reflect somewhat on what has occurred over the past three years at the ASEAN Law Association. Our organization became significantly larger as we have more and more people from each member country joining our Governing Council and Standing Committees Meeting as well as this memorable General Assembly in Hanoi. We, as always, have seen wonderful results from the discussion of our meeting. Our Standing Committees have made significant contribution to make our ALA more attractive to new and young lawyers.

We have an honour to welcome new Chairpersons from Indonesia - the Honourable Chief Justice Dr. Harifin Andi Tumpa, from Malaysia - the Honorable Chief Justice Tan Sri Dato Seri Zaki Tun Azmi and from the Philippines - the Honourable Chief Justice Raynato S. Puno who are the

heads of the judiciary in their respective jurisdictions. Malaysia and Philippine have organized a special events on “**Dinner and dance**” and “**ALA Philippines Concert at Greenbelt Park**” apart from our annual meeting. It was a special night for everyone involved.

Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would be remiss in closing my remarks without mentioning three very important people that have supported my term as President. Hon. Justice Vichai Ariyanuntaka, ALA Secretary-General. He has been an indispensable partner to me in guiding this ship we know as ALA.

The next two people that are deserving of my thanks are Singapore National Committee for ALA website which is unique and offers some of the riches literature on ASEAN legal system to the world at large as well as our member directory; and all heads of delegation including all ALA members. As each and every one of you know, you cannot assume a volunteer position of President in an organization without the total and complete support of your members I thank you all for your time, energy and support of the ALA over these past three years. I am sure you are looking forward to another three great years with Mr. Pham Quoc Anh’s chairmanship to make our organization one of the strongest and most innovative in the Region.

I would like to thank you once again for your participation today, and I wish you every success and happiness in years to come.

Before I officially close this memorable General Assembly Meeting, at the request of the organizers of the ALA Website, I would like to officially declare open and operational the ALA Members’ Directory.

Thank you.