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Diplomatic Briefing on “Strengthening Indonesia’s Leadership for the Promotion and Protection of Women and Children in ASEAN”

22 August 2023



A series of important events took place in ASEAN Studies Center’s support of the issue of women and children in ASEAN. On Tuesday, 22 August 2023 the Center held a Diplomatic Briefing with titled “Strengthening Indonesia’s Leadership for the Promotion and Protection of Women and Children in ASEAN”. This meeting invited two representatives from each panel of women and children, namely Senior Researcher Dr. Fitriani, Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Indonesia Representatative for Children’s Rights Yanti Kusumawardhani, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Women and Children (ACWC). The meeting was opened by remarks from Ambassador of the Netherlands to Indonesia, H.E. Amb. Lambert Grijns and ASEAN Studies Centre Executive Director, Dr. Dafri Agussalim.

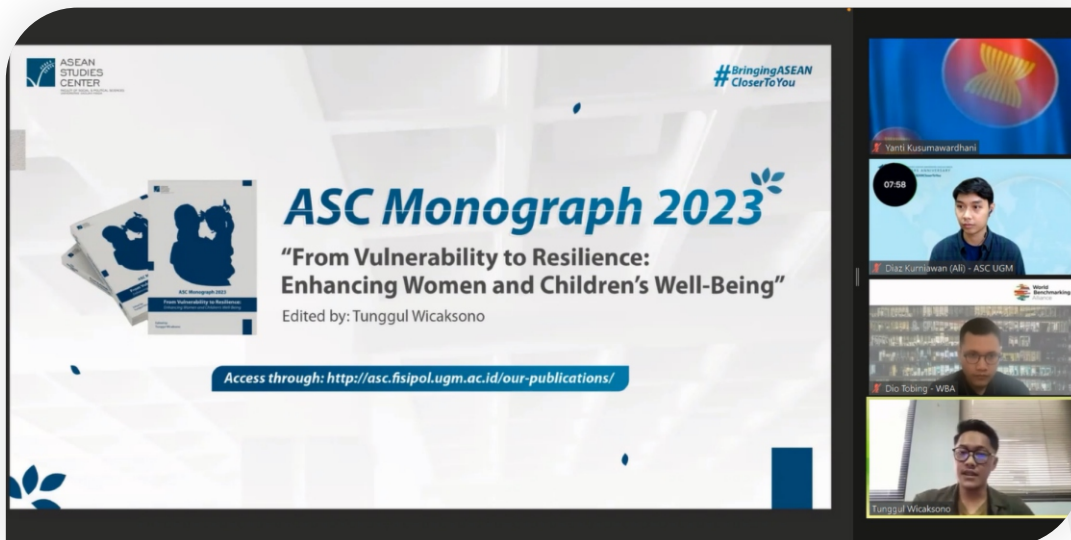
This Diplomatic Briefing targeted the diplomatic community of ASEAN, and dialogue partners of ASEAN. It presented a coalition roadmap which was developed by the academe and civil society organisations (CSOs) through a series of discussions and consultations with the relevant parties. The meeting launched both roadmaps from the women and children's panel.

The topic of the discussion revolved around the ASEAN Vision Post-2025 and in what way both the academe and CSOs can support the work of the ACWC moving forward. Some highlights included discussions on the collaborative coalition roadmap, what roles all parties can play, which of the four mandates require the most collaborative efforts, and how the international and diplomatic community can lend its support to strengthening the works of the ACWC.

The Briefing was followed Launch of ASC Monograph 2023 "From Vulnerability to Resilience: Enhancing Women and Children's Well-Being". This Monograph is also a product of collaboration among academe and CSOs. It highlights problematic topics in ASEAN and offers insight into potential ways out. The Launch was presented by Research Manager, Tunggul Wicaksono and joined by Asia Head of Public Policy, Dio Herdiawan Tobing, World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA). The discussion highlights a number of issues including the main message of the Monograph, how it supports the efforts of ACWC.

The discussion was attended by various representatives of Missions, Embassies and organisation headquarters in Indonesia.

a. ASC Monograph 2023 Launching



The ASC Monograph 2023 was launched on 22 August 2023 with the title **“From Vulnerability to Resilience: Enhancing Women and Children’s Well-Being”**, edited by Tunggal Wicaksono. The monograph was published with the support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands. ASC Monograph 2023 has six chapters as follows;

- **Chapter 1**
Empowering Futures and Bridging the Gap in the Protection of Women and Children
Tunggal Wicaksono
- **Chapter 2**
Challenges of Women’s Rights Promotion and Protection in ASEAN
Dr. Fitriani
- **Chapter 3**
Breaking the ‘Glass Ceiling’ of Women Leadership in ASEAN
Yulida Nuraini Santoso
- **Chapter 4**
Exploring Women Empowerment and Child Protection through the Discourse and Policy Addressing Unpaid Care Work and Migration in ASEAN
Dr. Desintha Dwi Asriani and Nitia Agustini Kala Ayu

- **Chapter 5**

- Safeguarding Children's Rights Online in ASEAN: A Shared Responsibility**

- Dio Herdiawan Tobing*

- **Chapter 6**

- Women Empowerment Through Digital Media**

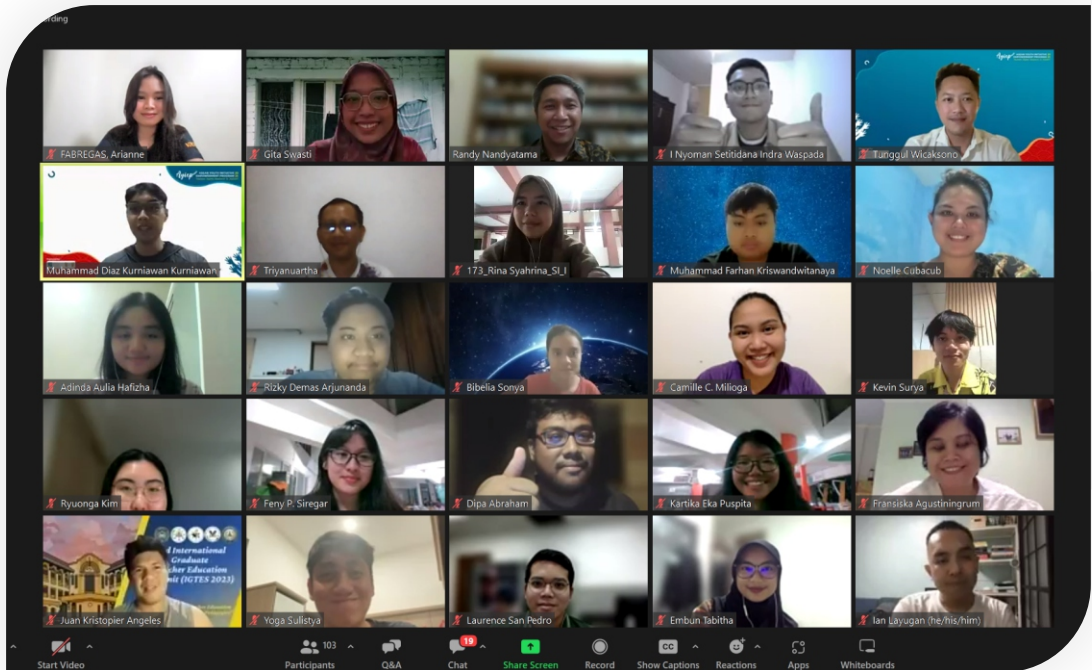
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The monograph addresses the need to enhance women's and children's resilience, identify their vulnerability's root causes, and empower them with the tools and resources necessary to overcome adversity. Women and children are the cornerstones of the communities, and their holistic development is essential for the prosperity of the nations.

Yet, they continue to face numerous challenges that hinder their full participation in economic, social, and political spheres. From gender-based discrimination and violence to lack of access to quality education and healthcare, we recognize that much work must be done to ensure that the rights and potential of women and children are fully realized. The book's release aims to enhance the awareness and resilience of women and children as it requires a multifaceted approach to promote empowerment and equality.

The 4th ASEAN Youth Initiatives Empowerment Program (AYIEP) – Human Rights Research in ASEAN



The 4th ASEAN Youth Initiatives Empowerment Program (AYIEP) on Human Rights Research in ASEAN, organized by ASEAN Studies Center UGM and SHAPE-SEA, is currently in progress. This exceptional program has seen an overwhelming response, with more than 200 enthusiastic applicants participating. The program is designed to equip young academics and researchers with practical and theoretical knowledge regarding human rights research in the ASEAN region. The participants, ranging from ages 18 to 39, represent a diverse group of higher education students, both from ASEAN and non-ASEAN countries.

The program's curriculum, delivered both synchronously and asynchronously, encompasses essential aspects of human rights research, from understanding the concept and practices of human rights to exploring methodologies and interpreting legal and political documents.

Participants are engaging in interactive sessions facilitated by experts in the field, delving into critical issues such as cultural relativism, environmentalism, democracy, and more. The participants are also focusing on completing all synchronous and asynchronous classes, culminating in the submission of a Policy Brief as their final assignment.

The learning path showcases a diverse array of topics, ensuring a well-rounded understanding of human rights in the ASEAN context. The dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by the participants bode well for the successful completion of this transformative program. As the AYIEP program progresses, the organizers are keen on enabling a conducive learning environment and providing necessary guidance to assist all participants in completing the course with excellence.



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