



His Excellency  
Dr. Surin Pitsuwan  
Secretary-General of the Association  
of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)  
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Jakarta

**Dr Frank-Walter Steinmeier**  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Berlin, 11. September 2009

Excellency,

With reference to the ASEAN Charter, which entered into force on 15 December 2008 and which provides for the accreditation of non-ASEAN Member States to ASEAN, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has appointed Ambassador Dr. Norbert Baas as its plenipotentiary to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Dr. Norbert Baas will succeed Ambassador Baron Paul von Maltzahn, whose term of office ended beginning of September 2009.

The Curriculum Vitae of Ambassador Baas is enclosed herewith.

Ambassador Baas is authorized to represent the Government of Federal Republic of Germany on all organs of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and all meetings held under the auspices of ASEAN.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany would be grateful if you could render Ambassador Baas any assistance he may require in the performance of his tasks.

Accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

## Curriculum vitae

Dr. Norbert Baas, born 29 April 1947 in Hamburg,

married, two daughters

January 1967	Abitur at the Hamburg-Blankenese Gymnasium
1967-1970	Various apprenticeships in machine factories, studying engineering and economics in Hamburg and at the Technical University in Berlin
1970-1975	Economic sciences, Technical University in Berlin
1975-1976	Johns-Hopkins-University Bologna
1976-1978	Research and ph.d. (history) at the European University Institute Florence
1978	Entry into the Federal German Foreign Service, Bonn
1980-1982	German Foreign Office, Bonn, CSCE-Department
1982-1985	OECD-Mission, Paris
1985-1986	German Embassy, Baghdad
1987-1991	German Foreign Office, Bonn, private Secretary to State Minister Möllemann and State Minister Schaefer
1989	Royal College of Defence Studies, London
1991-1995	German Embassy Moscow (political dept.)
1995-1998	Ambassador to Georgia
1998-2001	German Foreign Office, Berlin, Head of Department for Central Europe
2001-2003	German Foreign Office, Berlin, Ambassador-at-large for security policy
2002-2005	Co-Chairman of the German-Polish Intergovernmental Commission on regional cooperation
May 2003	German Foreign Office, Berlin, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus
2006-2009	Ambassador to the Republic of Korea
October 2009	Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Timor-Leste and ASEAN





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Verbal Note

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to transmit the enclosed copy of a letter from H.E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, to H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations regarding the decision of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to appoint

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The Embassy herewith requests the kind assistance of the Secretary-General of ASEAN to inquire approval of the appointment from the competent ASEAN bodies at their earliest convenience, and, upon receiving approval, the advice of the ASEAN Secretariat on the scheduling for the presentation of the instrument of credential to the Secretary-General.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurance of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 24 September 2009

To the  
Secretariat of the  
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)  
Jakarta



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