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**Excellency,**

In accordance with the ASEAN Charter which envisages the appointment and accreditation of Ambassadors to ASEAN by non-ASEAN member States, I have great pleasure in conveying that the Government of India have decided to appoint and accredit. H.E. Mr. Gurjit Singh, Ambassador of India to Indonesia, as India's Ambassador to ASEAN, in succession to H.E. Mr. Biren Nanda. His curriculum vitae is enclosed.

Ambassador Gurjit Singh has a distinguished record in the Indian Foreign Service. He has rich and varied diplomatic experience and has contributed to promoting India's relations with countries in Africa and Europe. In view of the intensification of ASEAN-India relations in this Commemorative Year, I am confident that his assignment as India's Ambassador to ASEAN will have a catalytic effect on our ongoing efforts.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
(S. M. Krishna)

**H.E. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan,**  
Secretary General of ASEAN,  
ASEAN Secretariat,  
Jakarta, INDONESIA.



### **Brief Bio-profile of Ambassador Gurjit Singh**

Mr Gurjit Singh schooled at the prestigious Mayo College, Ajmer and obtained his Bachelor's Degree with Honours in Politics at the St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. He is a Post Graduate in International Studies from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has also attended programmes at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Indian Institute of Mass Communications and the Indian School of Business.

Appointed to the Indian Foreign Service in 1980, he has served in Indian Missions in Tokyo (twice), Colombo, Nairobi, Rome and was the Ambassador of India to Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Representative of India to the African Union, the Economic Commission for Africa and IGAD. His last assignment was Additional Secretary in charge of Africa at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. He was the sherpa for the India-Africa Forum Summits. He is the Ambassador of India to Indonesia, Timor-Leste and ASEAN.

He is proficient in Japanese and has published "The Abalone Factor – An overview of India-Japan Business Relations" in 1997 which also won him the Bimal Sanyal Award for Research by a Foreign Service officer. His paper "India and Africa : A Response to African Institutionalisation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was published in November 2006 in the book "Indian Foreign Policy: Challenges and Opportunities". He also had a column on African issues in Global Vistas a journal covering trade and economic issues in India. His last book, "The Injera and the Parantha : Enhancing the Ethio-India Relationship" was released by the Prime Minister of Ethiopia in August 2009. He has frequently contributed on economic, developmental and trade issues to various journals and books. He has an abiding interest in developmental economics and issues of sustainable development. While in Nairobi, he was the Deputy Permanent Representative of India to UNEP and UN-HABITAT and later while in Addis Ababa, was instrumental in the signing of the MoU between The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and the UNECA pertaining to the support for the Africa Climate Policy Centre.

Mr Gurjit Singh is an avowed cinema buff and is extremely fond of cricket. He is a qualified umpire from the Kenya Cricket Association. He enjoys travelling, learning about different cultures and trying out new cuisines.

He is married and has two children.

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