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Taking on ASEAN Chairmanship in 2027

ASEAN

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What is ASEAN?

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is a regional organisation where countries work closely together to promote **security**, **economic growth**, and **socio-cultural cooperation**.





- ASEAN agreements allow Singaporeans to travel visa-free across the region and use cross-border digital payments (like PayNow / PromptPay).



- Singapore works with ASEAN members to combat transnational crimes, coordinate regional disaster relief, and manage environmental issues like transboundary haze.



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What is the ASEAN Chairmanship?

Every year, the role of ASEAN Chair rotates alphabetically among the member states. This means Singapore takes on the chairmanship role once every ~ten years!



ASEAN aims to strengthen regional unity and ensure Southeast Asia remains peaceful and prosperous. Having a stable, conflict-free region ensures a secure home and thriving economy for Singaporeans.



2027 marks the 60th Anniversary of ASEAN's founding.



As ASEAN Chair, Singapore will host a series of meetings to discuss priority areas for ASEAN members. This presents Singapore with opportunities to showcase our leadership and commitment to advancing regional cooperation.

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N.E.mation! 2027: Create an animation clip on how everyone can play their part for Singapore's role as ASEAN Chair!

Step 1: Choose a dimension

01

Strength in Unity
(Political-Security Community)

OR

02

Building Our Future
(Economic Community)

OR

03

What Borders Cannot Divide
(Socio-cultural Community)

Step 2: Show how Singaporeans can support Singapore's role as ASEAN Chair

- Explore how staying prepared gives Singapore the ability to bring our neighbours together and assist in a crisis.
- Reflect how staying adaptable and learning new skills helps us thrive together in a growing regional economy.
- Consider how strengthening our community bonds and celebrating milestones like ASEAN 60 builds regional trust.

01

Strength in Unity

- **Think about our <u>survival</u>:** Singapore is a small island nation. Why is it important to have trusted neighbours?
- **Think about <u>safety</u>:** Why do ASEAN member states need each other when faced with disasters, criminal activities or cross-border threats?
- **Think about <u>stability</u>:** How does cooperation and a peaceful ASEAN benefit our daily lives?



When the 2004 **tsunami** struck, neighboring ASEAN countries swiftly deployed personnel, equipment, and medical supplies to support rescue efforts.

AHA CENTRE
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ONE **ASEAN**
ONE **RESPONSE**



When a **super typhoon** strikes the region, ASEAN's AHA Centre coordinates relief supplies and disaster response teams, across 10 member states.



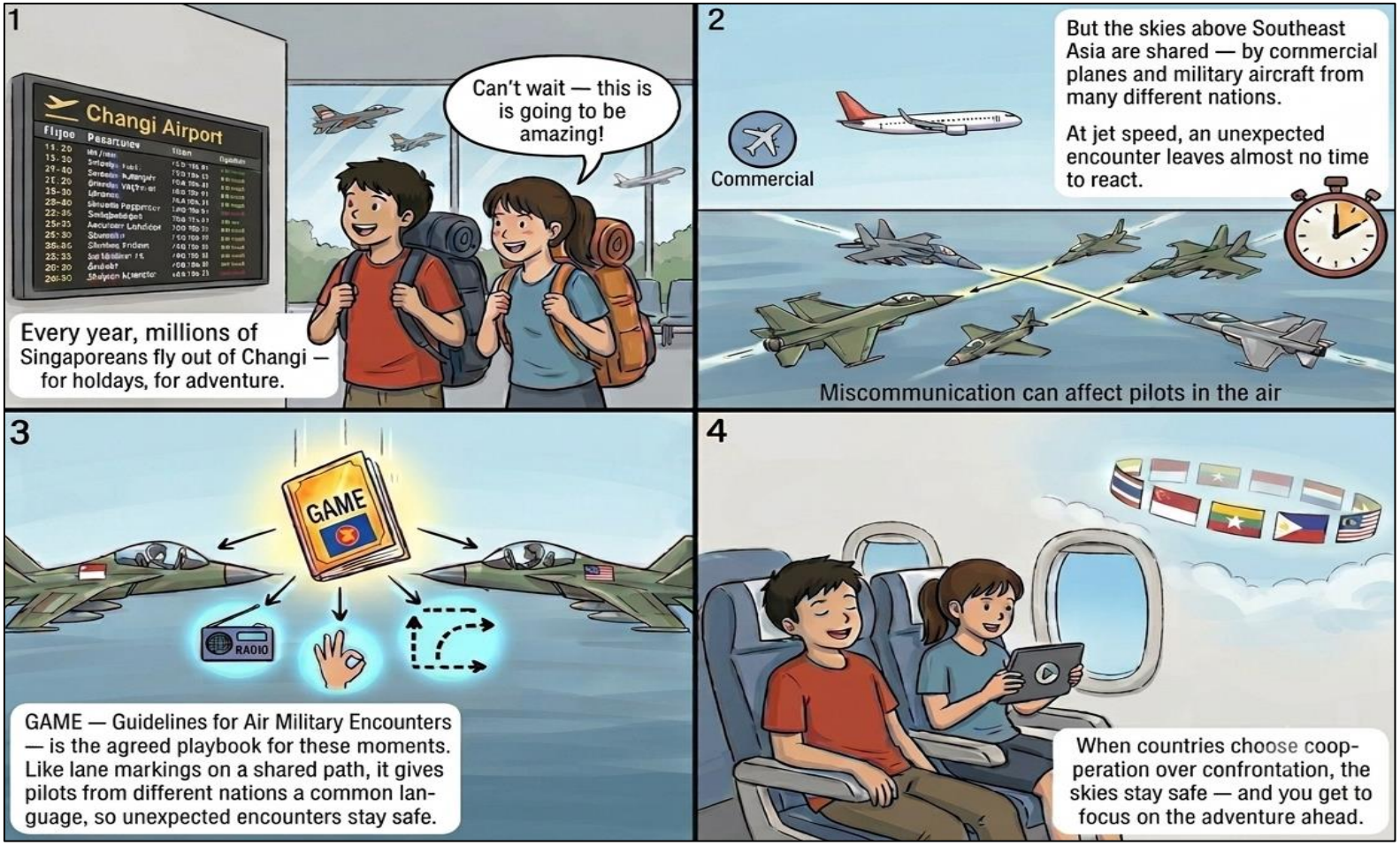
When **scam syndicates** operate across borders, police forces from different ASEAN nations alert each other to share data in real-time to protect their citizens.



Soldiers and rescue teams from all ASEAN nations train side by side so that when disaster strikes, they already know how to work together.

01 Strength in Unity

Example 1: The Playbook for Safe Skies



01 Strength in Unity

Example 2: When Crisis Hits Close To Home



02

Building Our Future

- **Think about <u>success together</u>:** Why is economic cooperation between ASEAN crucial to Singapore's success?
- **Think about <u>new opportunities</u>:** How can we lead the way within ASEAN?
- **Think about <u>innovation</u>:** How can we share new ideas and digital solutions?



Essential food – like eggs and fresh vegetables – are affordable and available in our supermarkets because of regional agreements with Malaysia



Regional travel and payment made easy as you can scan a QR code in Bangkok or Jakarta using your Singapore banking app

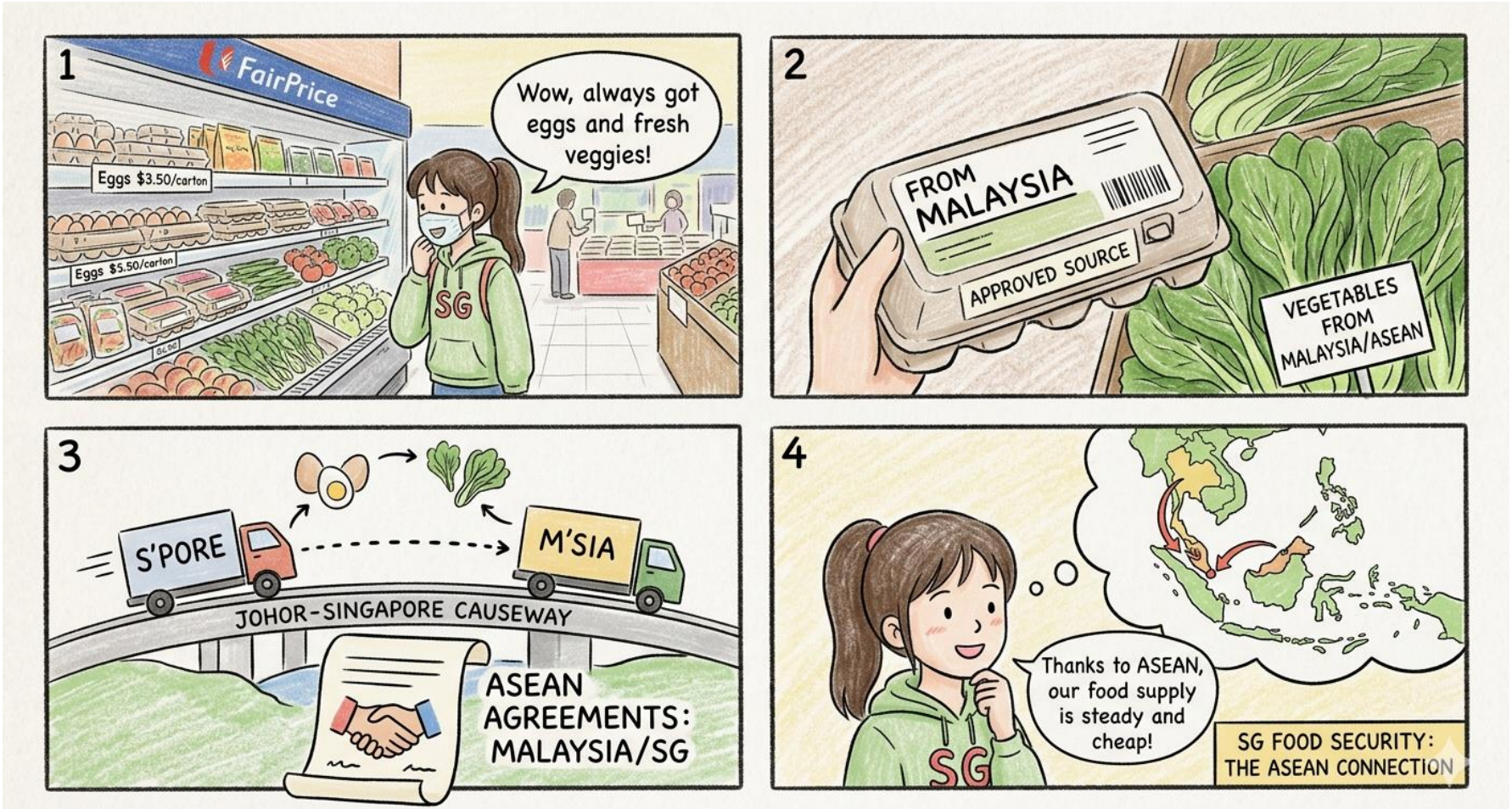


Solar and hydro energy-flow across borders, powering homes in Singapore using clean energy generated by Indonesia



Young coders and engineers across ASEAN collaborate in a Singapore lab; sharing ideas and learning from one another

Example: Egg-cellent friends from ASEAN



03

What Borders Cannot Divide

- **Think about <u>friendships</u>:** How can we welcome regional friendships in our daily lives?
- **Think about <u>understanding one another</u>:** How do we build and keep trust amongst people in ASEAN?
- **Think about <u>sense of belonging</u>:** As ASEAN turns 60, what are the stories that form this community?



As we approach ASEAN's 60th Anniversary in 2027, what does a celebration of our shared history and future look like?



Cheering for athletes during the SEA Games or ASEAN Para Games



Students from 10 different countries live together on a youth exchange ship (like SSEAYP)



Travelling to a neighbouring country to help build a village school or clean a river

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RESOURCES

For more information:

Political-Security (ADMM-Plus)
- Official ADMM Website (admm.asean.org)
- Singapore's involvement in ADMM exercises: [1], [2], [3], [4]

Economic (DEFA)
- ASEAN Digital Economy Framework Agreement: [1], [2]
- DEFA's role in facilitating regional trade: [1], [2], [3]

Socio-Cultural:
- ASEAN Youth Development Index: [1], [2]
- ASEAN Youth Exchange programmes: [1], [2]