2026 Joint ASEAN Societies Reception

Please join us for the 9th Joint ASEAN Societies and other groups Reception sponsored by our main sponsors, Hawksford and Irwin Mitchell, and our supporting sponsor AUBF (ASEAN UK Business Forum).

Date:	**Thursday 3 December 2026**
Time:	**6.30pm to 9.30pm (with keynote speeches at 7.45pm)**
Venue:	**Cromwell Suite, Millennium Gloucester Hotel, 4-18 Harrington Gardens, South Kensington, London SW7 4LH**
Dress code:	**National dress or business attire**

In celebration of UK-ASEAN links, the reception will welcome distinguished guests, including ambassadors and senior representatives from the ASEAN Embassies and High Commissions, business leaders and owners, professionals and representatives from academia.

Keynote speakers this year will be His Excellency the Ambassador of the Philippines, Mr Teodoro Locsin Jr.; His Excellency the High Commissioner of Singapore, Mr Teck Hean Ng; and Mr Ian Gibbons OBE, the CEO of UK-ASEAN Business Council.

The invited participating Societies and groups for this year include:

- IoD ASEAN Group
- Anglo-Thai Society
- Anglo-Indonesian Society
- UK-Laos Society
- British Malaysian Society
- Singapore Business Group
- SUKA (Singapore UK Association)
- Cambodia Society in the UK
- Vietnam UK Network
- Philippine British Business Council
- AUBF (ASEAN UK Business Forum)
- Women in the Livery, a Section of City Livery Club
- MAPP (Malaysian Association of Postgraduates and Professionals)
- BriSLA (The British Sri Lankan Association)
- Vietnam International Awards Committee



Please RSVP as soon as possible **(RSVP details on next page)**

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Please RSVP as soon as possible to meisimlai@yahoo.co.uk, or WhatsApp 07903 153 793, if you would like to attend, either on your own or with guests. Mei Sim Lai will then send you the booking link and payment details.

Costs (to cover drinks, catering and entertainment)
- Specially invited VIPs and diplomatic guests – complimentary
- Other guests – £40 per person, or £20 per person for full-time students

When replying to Mei Sim Lai, please state your full name and organisation, as well as any special dietary requirements.

ORGANISERS OF 2026 EVENT:

Special thanks to **SUKA**, **Women in the Livery**, **AUBF** and **Mei Sim Lai OBE DL** for organising this year's reception.

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We're pleased to advise there will also be some stalls available for early Christmas shopping, including **Gingerlily Art** and **Pauline Wong Designer Jewellery**.

