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ASEAN FOOTBALL FEDERATION



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FOREWORD BY THE AFF PRESIDENT



My dear Colleagues and Esteemed Members of the ASEAN Football Family,

The year 2024 will forever be remembered as a landmark chapter in the history of ASEAN football. It was a year of triumphs, breakthroughs, and shared purpose — a year that reminded us of the strength we possess when united by the beautiful game. Together, we witnessed competitions that inspired millions, performances that thrilled us, and milestones that will shape the future of football across Southeast Asia.

Once again, our tournaments stood as proud symbols of unity and regional pride. In 2024, the AFF successfully staged seven major competitions, bringing together 1,520 players and 870 officials from across our Member Associations and participating clubs. These events were more than contests of skill — they were celebrations of excellence, friendship, and the enduring power of football to bring nations together.

Among our most defining moments was the historic launch of the ASEAN Club Championship (ACC) 2024/25, proudly supported by Shopee as title sponsor. The realisation of a long-envisioned dream, the ACC has given our domestic champions a continental stage to showcase their quality, ambition, and determination.

But the ACC is far more than a competition. It stands as a symbol of how far we have travelled together, and a promise of how much further we can go. It invites our clubs to strive for excellence, our players to test

their courage, and our supporters to believe in something greater than the final score.

Each match becomes a story of pride and perseverance. Every goal carries the heartbeat of a nation, reminding us all of our shared celebration.

The ACC is the birth of a tradition that will live far beyond this generation — a bridge between our past, our present, and the future we are building together.

With humility and hope, we raise our eyes to the horizon and share this message with the world: ASEAN football is ready to rise — united in spirit, fearless in ambition, and determined to take its place among the great footballing regions of the world.

On the international stage, the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 once again proved why it is the crown jewel of our competitions and the beating heart of our football community. Millions of passionate fans came together across Southeast Asia to celebrate their love for the game. Culminating in an unforgettable two-legged final, the tournament saw Vietnam triumph over Thailand at the iconic Rajamangala National Stadium.

I warmly congratulate the Vietnam Football Federation (VFF) and its President, Dr Trần Quốc Tuấn, on securing Vietnam's third ASEAN title, adding to their proud victories in 2008 and 2018.

This tournament not only delivered extraordinary drama on the pitch, but also achieved record-breaking reach:

- 541.5 million viewers, a 23.5% increase from 2022
- 12.7 billion video views across digital platforms
- 19.6 billion cumulative online reach

These numbers go beyond statistics — they are a testament to the passion of our supporters, the strength of our football culture, and the unifying spirit of One ASEAN.

In 2024, Futsal also reached new heights. Indonesia's victory at the ASEAN Futsal Championship highlighted their growing dominance, while Vietnam's victory in the inaugural ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship, hosted by the Philippines, marked a historic milestone. This event opened new pathways for women in futsal and inspired a new generation of young girls to dream fearlessly. My gratitude goes to the Football Association of Thailand (FAT) and the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) for their superb hosting. I also send my best wishes to the Philippines as they prepare to host the first-ever FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup 2025.

Our youth competitions also displayed the bright future of ASEAN football. The ASEAN U16 and U19 Boys' Championships showcased remarkable talent, with Australia (U16) and Indonesia (U19) emerging victorious. My congratulations to the Football Association of Indonesia (PSSI) for hosting both tournaments, which remain central to the AFF's mission of nurturing the next generation of stars.

Meanwhile, the AFF Women's Cup 2024 paved the way for the highly anticipated ASEAN Women's Championship 2025, with Indonesia, Cambodia, and Singapore securing their berths. My sincere thanks go to the Lao Football Federation (LFF) for their warm hospitality and commitment.

These tournaments are not only about results — they are about opportunity, development, and legacy. Together, they tell the story of a region that is rising, united in purpose and determined to build a stronger future for the game.

Our success in 2024 was made possible by the unwavering support of our Member Associations, partners, and the global football community.

I express my deepest gratitude to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and its President, His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, for their steadfast leadership and commitment to raising football standards across Asia. Their guidance and resources have strengthened ASEAN football and ensured we continue to grow in harmony with Asia's broader footballing ambitions.

On behalf of the AFF Council, I wish to thank Winston Lee and the entire AFF Secretariat for their tireless work, as well as our Council Members and Member Associations, for their shared vision and dedication to advancing our beautiful game.

As I reflect on this remarkable year, I am filled with pride for what we have accomplished, and even prouder of the unity, determination, and ambition that define us. The achievements of 2024 are not the end of our journey, but the beginning for an even brighter future we will see.

With continued partnership, innovation, and collective will, I am confident that ASEAN football will rise even higher — stronger, more competitive, and more inspiring than ever before.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, let us carry this momentum forward, united in purpose, committed to excellence, and dedicated to writing the next great chapter of ASEAN football.



Major General Khiev Sameth
President, ASEAN Football Federation

FOREWORD BY THE AFF GENERAL SECRETARY

The year 2024 stands as a defining chapter in the evolution of ASEAN football. It was a year in which we not only celebrated thrilling matches and inspiring performances but also strengthened the very foundations upon which our game continues to grow.

As General Secretary, I take deep pride in what we have accomplished together. The AFF Council, Member Associations, Secretariat, partners, and stakeholders have worked as one team with a shared purpose. Our mission is clear: we are raising the standards of football management, competitions, and infrastructure across Southeast Asia, while ensuring we remain rooted in the unique spirit and identity of our region.

One of the most significant milestones of the past year was the phased implementation of Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology across AFF tournaments. This achievement reflects our unwavering commitment to fairness, accuracy, and integrity. From the ASEAN U16 and U19 Boys' Championships, to the ASEAN Club Championship (ACC), and the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™, VAR has aligned ASEAN football with global best practice and given players, coaches, and supporters the confidence that every match is decided on merit.

Behind this progress has been a comprehensive programme of capacity building. Through the AFF Referee Assessor Workshop and the VAR Technology Officer Workshop, we have equipped our referees, assessors, and technical officials with the skills and knowledge required to operate at the highest level. These investments are more than just about today's matches, they safeguard the long-term credibility of ASEAN football for the next generation.



Beyond officiating, we have worked to elevate the professionalism and competitiveness of our clubs and competitions. The inaugural ACC Teams Workshop brought together participating clubs to prepare them for a tournament that is built on more than results alone. It was a platform to exchange ideas, adopt best practices, and set a new benchmark for technical operations, matchday organisation, media engagement, and commercial delivery. This is how we build a sustainable ecosystem — one that empowers our clubs, inspires our fans, and attracts new partners.

We have also continued to strengthen our organisational structure and harmonise our tournament regulations with those of FIFA and the AFC. These reforms are not merely administrative exercises but reinforce transparency, accountability, and operational excellence. They ensure that every competition we stage is credible, consistent, and world-class.

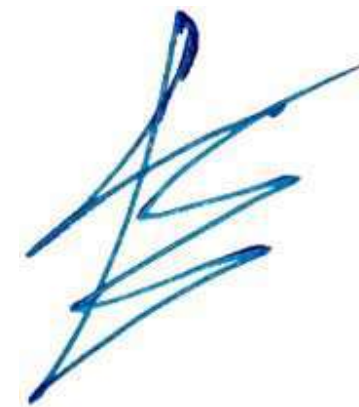
Equally significant has been the impact of the AFF Stadium Enhancement Fund (SEF), which has delivered tangible improvements to venues across the region. These upgrades go beyond bricks and mortar, they are investments in community pride, player welfare, and the matchday experience for every supporter who steps through the gates.

Together, these achievements represent a powerful truth: the future of ASEAN football will be measured not only by the trophies we lift but by the systems we build, the people we empower, and the legacy we leave behind.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to AFF President, Major General Khiev Sameth, whose vision and leadership continue to guide us with clarity and courage. I also thank the AFF Council for its wisdom and steady governance, our Member Associations for their unwavering commitment, and the AFF Secretariat staff for their tireless dedication.

As we look to the future, we walk with confidence, unity, and renewed ambition. Together, we will continue to raise standards, create opportunities, and ensure that ASEAN football takes its rightful place on the continental and global stage.

Let us move forward not just as administrators or competitors but as stewards of a game that has the power to inspire generations.



Winston Lee
General Secretary, ASEAN Football Federation



Uniting Southeast Asia Through Football -

Passion, Rivalry, and Victory

The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) continues to be at the forefront of shaping the football landscape in Southeast Asia, bringing together Member Associations, players, and fans under the One ASEAN Spirit. In 2024, AFF successfully hosted seven major tournaments across the region, showcasing the passion, competitiveness, and rising talent of ASEAN football.

These competitions not only provided a platform for emerging stars and established athletes to shine but also strengthened regional collaboration and elevated the profile of Southeast Asian football on the continental stage. From intense rivalries to unforgettable moments of triumph, AFF tournaments embody the unifying power of sport and the federation's commitment to developing football at all levels.



ASEAN U16 BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Australia Clinches Third Regional Title in Surakarta

21 JUNE 2024

03 JULY 2024

SURAKARTA,
INDONESIA

The ASEAN U16 Boys' Championship 2024 was the 19th edition of the Under-16 tournament organised by the ASEAN Football Federation. This edition was held from 21 June until 03 July 2024 in Surakarta, Indonesia, with matches played at Manahan Stadium, which was also the venue of the FIFA U17 World Cup™ 2023 final, and Sriwedari Stadium.

All 12 AFF Member Associations competed in the tournament, led by hosts Indonesia, along with Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. The 12 participating teams were grouped into three groups of four teams each, with the group winners and the best second-placed team advancing to the knockout stage.



Group A

Hosts Indonesia takes the top spot

Tournament hosts Indonesia looked to make an impression on home soil and delivered by finishing at the top of Group A with nine points, winning their matches against Singapore (3-0), Philippines (3-0) and Laos (6-1).

Laos finished in second place with six points, notching wins over Philippines and Singapore. Singapore came in third with a win over the Philippines which finished in fourth place.

Group B

Vietnam through on goal difference

Vietnam scored a total of 21 goals to take the knockout spot at the expense of Cambodia in Group B. With high scoring wins over Brunei Darussalam (15-0) and Myanmar (5-1), Vietnam's 1-1 draw with Cambodia was more than enough to send them through to the next round.

Cambodia finished in second place with seven points, level on points with Vietnam but with an inferior goal difference. Myanmar finished third followed by Brunei Darussalam in fourth place.

Group C

Australia and Thailand claim the final two knockout spots

Over in Group C, it was Australia and Thailand that claimed the top two spots to advance to the knockout stages. Australia advanced as the group winners with two wins and one draw, while Thailand went through as the best second placed team with two wins, one draw and a better goal differential of +8 over Cambodia, which had a +7 goal difference.



Semifinals and 3rd - 4th Playoff

Australia and Thailand through to the final

Thailand advanced to the ASEAN U16 Championship 2024 final with a 2-1 win over Vietnam in the first semifinal.

Vietnam scored first from a Dau Hong Phong penalty in the 52nd minute, but Thailand equalised in the 61st minute from a Phuriphan Phothong strike. With time winding down, Chaiwat Ngoenma struck for Thailand in the third minute of stoppage time to send them through.

The other semifinal saw Australia beating hosts Indonesia 5-3. Zahaby Gholy struck first for the hosts in the third minute, but Amlani Tatu drew level for the Australians in the 23rd minute and Quinn MacNicol made it 2-1 for the Australians in the 45th + 2' minute. Gholy put Indonesia back ahead right before the end of the first half to even things out at 2-2. Australia made a swift reply in the second half with Tatu scoring his second in the 66th minute before Anthony Didulica scored twice in the 70th and 86th minutes to make the score 5-2. Josh Holong scored a consolation goal for Indonesia but any late fight back was denied as Australia clinched a spot in the final.

As losing semifinalists, Vietnam faced hosts Indonesia in the 3rd - 4th Playoff. Indonesia came out looking to redeem themselves in front of the home town crowd and duly delivered a 5-0 win with Gholy and Daniel Alfrido scoring twice along with a goal from Dafa Zaidan.



Final

Australia wins ASEAN U16 title on penalties

Australia clinched its third ASEAN title after a thrilling final against Thailand, which finished 8-7 on penalties after it ended 1-1 at the end of extra-time.

Poramet Laoongdi put Thailand ahead in the 33rd minute but Quinn MacNicol equalised in the third minute of first-half stoppage time, making it 1-1 at halftime.

With neither team finding the back of the net at the end of 90 minutes, extra-time loomed. Both teams were still unable to break the deadlock, forcing a penalty shootout to decide the champions of the tournament.

In the penalty shootout, Poramet and MacNicol missed their attempts, ensuing sudden death. Chatchawat Sahanunchaichid missed his spot kick, allowing Australian skipper Jayden Necovski to convert the winning penalty and clinch the championship.



Tournament Standings and Individual Awardees

AWARDEE	PMA	AWARD
Supakorn Poonpol	THAILAND	Best Goalkeeper
Anthony Didulica Quinn MacNicol	AUSTRALIA	Top Goal Scorers
Zahaby Gholy	INDONESIA	Most Valuable Player

PMA	RANK
AUSTRALIA	CHAMPIONS
THAILAND	RUNNERS-UP
INDONESIA	3 RD PLACE
VIETNAM	4 TH PLACE
CAMBODIA	5 TH PLACE
LAOS	6 TH PLACE
MYANMAR	7 TH PLACE
MALAYSIA	8 TH PLACE
SINGAPORE	9 TH PLACE
PHILIPPINES	10 TH PLACE
TIMOR-LESTE	11 TH PLACE
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	12 TH PLACE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
INDONESIA	3	3	0	0	12	1	+11	9
LAOS	3	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6
SINGAPORE	3	1	0	2	5	5	0	3
PHILIPPINES	3	0	0	3	0	10	-10	0

DATE	SCORE
21-JUN-2024	INDONESIA 3 - 0 SINGAPORE
21-JUN-2024	LAOS 3 - 0 PHILIPPINES
24-JUN-2024	SINGAPORE 1 - 2 LAOS
24-JUN-2024	PHILIPPINES 0 - 3 INDONESIA
27-JUN-2024	INDONESIA 6 - 1 LAOS
27-JUN-2024	PHILIPPINES 0 - 4 SINGAPORE

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	3	2	1	0	21	2	+19	7
CAMBODIA	3	2	1	0	9	2	+7	7
MYANMAR	3	1	0	2	10	8	+2	3
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	3	0	0	3	1	29	-28	0

DATE	SCORE
22-JUN-2024	VIETNAM 15 - 0 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
22-JUN-2024	MYANMAR 1 - 2 CAMBODIA
25-JUN-2024	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM 1 - 8 MYANMAR
25-JUN-2024	CAMBODIA 1 - 1 VIETNAM
28-JUN-2024	VIETNAM 5 - 1 MYANMAR
28-JUN-2024	CAMBODIA 6 - 0 BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	3	2	1	0	14	0	+14	7
THAILAND	3	2	1	1	9	1	+8	7
MALAYSIA	3	1	0	2	6	5	+1	3
TIMOR-LESTE	3	0	0	3	0	23	-23	0

DATE	SCORE
23-JUN-2024	THAILAND 0 - 0 AUSTRALIA
23-JUN-2024	MALAYSIA 5 - 0 TIMOR-LESTE
26-JUN-2024	AUSTRALIA 2 - 0 MALAYSIA
26-JUN-2024	TIMOR-LESTE 0 - 6 THAILAND
29-JUN-2024	THAILAND 3 - 1 MALAYSIA
29-JUN-2024	TIMOR-LESTE 0 - 12 AUSTRALIA



DATE	SCORE
01-JUL-2024	VIETNAM 1 - 2 THAILAND
01-JUL-2024	INDONESIA 3 - 5 AUSTRALIA
03-JUL-2024	VIETNAM 0 - 5 INDONESIA
03-JUL-2024	THAILAND 1 - 1 (PSO 7 - 8) AUSTRALIA





ASEAN U19 BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Indonesia Crowned Champions After Historic Win on Home Soil

17 JULY 2024

29 JULY 2024

SURABAYA,
INDONESIA



Group A Indonesia spotless

Hosts Indonesia breezed through the competition in Group A, posting wins over Philippines (6-0), Cambodia (2-0) and Timor-Leste (6-2) to take the knockout spot.

Cambodia, Timor-Leste and Philippines finished the group stages with three points each, with only goal difference and goals scored determining the rankings.

Group B Australia fends off tough challenge

Australia finished as group winners in Group B, with nine points after beating Laos (6-0), Vietnam (6-2) and Myanmar (1-0).

Vietnam finished second but missed out on a knockout spot, followed by Myanmar in third and Laos in fourth.

The ASEAN U19 Boys' Championship 2024, held from 17 to 29 July 2024, was the 19th edition of the tournament organised by the ASEAN Football Federation. Matches were played at the Gelora Bung Tomo Stadium and Gelora 10 November Stadium in Surabaya, Indonesia.

All 12 AFF Member Associations, namely, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, competed in the tournament led by hosts Indonesia. The participating teams were drawn into three groups of four teams each, with the group winners along with the best second-placed team advancing to the knockout stages.

Group C

Malaysia and Thailand advance

Defending champions Malaysia and Thailand were the two teams to advance to the semifinals in Group B, with identical two wins and one draw records.

Malaysia won over Brunei Darussalam (11-0) and Singapore (5-0), while Thailand won its matches against Singapore (2-1) and Brunei Darussalam (6-0). Their meeting at the final matchday saw both teams carve out a 1-1 draw.

With the most points among the second-placed teams, Thailand advanced to the knockout stage as the best second-placed team.

Semifinals and 3rd - 4th Playoff

Indonesia, Thailand to meet in final

Thailand and Indonesia posted similar 1-0 wins to advance to the final of the ASEAN U19 Boys' Championship 2024.

Thailand leaned on Dylan Leonard's own goal in the 13th minute to see off Australia, meanwhile Indonesia dethroned defending champions Malaysia with a 78th minute strike from Alfharezzi Buffon.

Australia and Malaysia met in the 3rd-4th Playoff. Australia came away with a 5-3 penalty shoot-out win after it ended 1-1 following extra-time.



Final

Indonesia wins on home soil

Indonesia clinched the ASEAN U19 Boys' Championship 2024 after a 1-0 win over Thailand in the final held at the Gelora Bung Tomo Stadium.

Jens Raven scored the decisive goal in the 17th minute as Indonesia withstood Thailand's attack on goal.

This was Indonesia's second AFF U19 title after winning their first in 2013.



GROUP A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
INDONESIA	3	3	0	0	14	2	12	9
PHILIPPINES	3	1	0	2	2	7	-5	3
CAMBODIA	3	1	0	2	3	5	-2	3
TIMOR-LESTE	3	1	0	2	5	10	-5	3

DATE	SCORE		
17-JUL-2024	INDONESIA	6 - 0	PHILIPPINES
17-JUL-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	3 - 2	CAMBODIA
20-JUL-2024	PHILIPPINES	2 - 0	TIMOR-LESTE
20-JUL-2024	CAMBODIA	0 - 2	INDONESIA
23-JUL-2024	INDONESIA	6 - 2	TIMOR-LESTE
23-JUL-2024	CAMBODIA	1 - 0	PHILIPPINES



GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
AUSTRALIA	3	3	0	0	13	2	11	9
VIETNAM	3	1	1	1	7	8	-1	4
MYANMAR	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
LAOS	3	0	1	2	2	11	-9	1

DATE	SCORE		
18-JUL-2024	LAOS	0 - 6	AUSTRALIA
18-JUL-2024	VIETNAM	1 - 1	MYANMAR
21-JUL-2024	AUSTRALIA	6 - 2	VIETNAM
21-JUL-2024	MYANMAR	1 - 1	LAOS
24-JUL-2024	LAOS	1 - 4	VIETNAM
24-JUL-2024	MYANMAR	0 - 1	AUSTRALIA



GROUP C	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
MALAYSIA	3	2	1	0	17	1	16	7
THAILAND	3	2	1	0	9	2	7	7
SINGAPORE	3	1	0	2	3	7	-4	3
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	3	0	0	3	0	19	-19	0

DATE	SCORE		
19-JUL-2024	MALAYSIA	11 - 0	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
19-JUL-2024	THAILAND	2 - 1	SINGAPORE
22-JUL-2024	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0 - 6	THAILAND
22-JUL-2024	SINGAPORE	0 - 5	MALAYSIA
25-JUL-2024	MALAYSIA	1 - 1	THAILAND
25-JUL-2024	SINGAPORE	2 - 0	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



DATE	SCORE		
27-JUL-2024	AUSTRALIA	0 - 1	THAILAND
27-JUL-2024	INDONESIA	1 - 0	MALAYSIA
29-JUL-2024	AUSTRALIA	1 - 1	MALAYSIA
29-JUL-2024	THAILAND	0 - 1	INDONESIA



Tournament Standings and Individual Awardees



PMA	RANK
INDONESIA	CHAMPIONS
THAILAND	RUNNERS-UP
AUSTRALIA	3 RD PLACE
MALAYSIA	4 TH PLACE
VIETNAM	5 TH PLACE
CAMBODIA	6 TH PLACE
SINGAPORE	7 TH PLACE
TIMOR-LESTE	8 TH PLACE
PHILIPPINES	9 TH PLACE
MYANMAR	10 TH PLACE
LAOS	11 TH PLACE
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	12 TH PLACE

AWARDEE	PMA	AWARD
Ikram Algiffari	INDONESIA	Best Goalkeeper
Jake Najdovski	AUSTRALIA	Top Goal Scorer
Dony Tri Pamungkas	INDONESIA	Most Valuable Player





ASEAN FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Indonesia Clinches Second ASEAN Futsal Crown

02 NOV 2024

10 NOV 2024

NAKHON
RATCHASIMA,
THAILAND

The ASEAN Futsal Championship 2024, the 18th edition of the region's futsal tournament, was held at Terminal 21 Korat in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand.

Nine teams, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia and Timor-Leste, led by the 16-time champions, Thailand participated in the tournament.



Group A

Vietnam and Thailand go to the knockout stages

In a twist in the campaign, it was Vietnam that finished the group stages at the top of Group A, ahead of second-placed Thailand.

Vietnam was perfect in the group stages with 12 points, winning all four of its matches, culminating in a 3-2 win over Thailand in their last group match.

Thailand finished second with nine points, while Malaysia, Timor-Leste and Brunei Darussalam round up the standings.

Group B

Indonesia and Australia advance

Indonesia had an unbeaten run in the group stage, winning all three of its matches, scoring 17 goals in the process.

Australia followed suit with one win, one draw and one loss to edge Myanmar on goal difference, while Cambodia was winless in the campaign.

Semifinals and 3rd - 4th Playoff

Vietnam nips Australia; Indonesia upsets Thailand

Vietnam needed extra time to fend off Australia in a 5-4 thriller to advance to the final. Australia scored thrice in the sixth, 20th and 36th minutes, but Vietnam found their form to score three goals in the second half (31st, 36th and 38th minutes) to force extra time. In extra time, Vietnam scored first in the 46th minute but Australia drew level once more in the 49th minute. Vietnam had the last laugh with a late goal in the 50th minute to send them to the final.

The other semifinal saw Indonesia denied hosts Thailand the opportunity to fight for a 17th trophy after a 5-1 win. Indonesia scored four unanswered goals in the eight, 22nd, 27th and 33rd minutes before Thailand pulled one back in the 37th minute, Indonesia added a fifth goal a minute after the restart to complete the rout.

Thailand and Australia battle in the 3rd and 4th Playoff with Thailand shutting out Australia, 4-0.



Final

Indonesia claims second futsal title

Vietnam and Indonesia met in the final of the ASEAN Futsal Championship 2024, with Vietnam seeking their first title, while Indonesia were looking to add a second trophy.

Muhammad Syaifullah put Indonesia ahead in the eighth minute as they held on to preserve the lead before adding a second goal from Rizki Xavier right before the full-time whistle to crown Indonesia their second title.



GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	4	4	0	0	23	3	20	12
THAILAND	4	3	0	1	25	5	20	9
MALAYSIA	4	2	0	2	14	5	9	6
TIMOR-LESTE	4	1	0	3	7	16	-9	3
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	4	0	0	4	3	43	-40	0

DATE	SCORE		
02-NOV-2024	VIETNAM	4 - 1	TIMOR-LESTE
02-NOV-2024	THAILAND	13 - 0	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
03-NOV-2024	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0 - 11	MALAYSIA
03-NOV-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	1 - 7	THAILAND
04-NOV-2024	MALAYSIA	0 - 2	VIETNAM
04-NOV-2024	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	3 - 5	TIMOR-LESTE
05-NOV-2024	VIETNAM	14 - 0	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
05-NOV-2024	MALAYSIA	1 - 3	THAILAND
06-NOV-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	0 - 2	MALAYSIA
06-NOV-2024	THAILAND	2 - 3	VIETNAM



GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
INDONESIA	3	3	0	0	17	2	15	9
AUSTRALIA	3	1	1	1	13	8	5	4
MYANMAR	3	1	1	1	9	12	-3	4
CAMBODIA	3	0	0	3	6	23	-17	0

DATE	SCORE		
04-NOV-2024	MYANMAR	3 - 3	AUSTRALIA
04-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	9 - 0	CAMBODIA
05-NOV-2024	CAMBODIA	4 - 5	MYANMAR
05-NOV-2024	AUSTRALIA	1 - 3	INDONESIA
06-NOV-2024	AUSTRALIA	9 - 2	CAMBODIA
06-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	5 - 1	MYANMAR



DATE	SCORE		
08-NOV-2024	VIETNAM	5 - 4	AUSTRALIA
08-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	5 - 1	THAILAND
10-NOV-2024	AUSTRALIA	0 - 4	THAILAND
10-NOV-2024	VIETNAM	0 - 2	INDONESIA



Tournament Standings and Individual Awardees



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AWARDEE	PMA	AWARD
Charoenphong Pranansat	THAILAND	Best Goalkeeper
Thanawat Koedbangrachan	THAILAND	Top Goal Scorer
Wendy Brian Ick	INDONESIA	Most Valuable Player
Thailand	THAILAND	Fair Play Award





ASEAN WOMEN'S FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Indonesia Clinches Second ASEAN Futsal Crown

16 NOV 2024

21 NOV 2024

MANILA,
PHILIPPINES

The ASEAN Football Federation piloted the inaugural ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship 2024 in the Philippines, ahead of the country's hosting of the first-ever FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup to be held in 2025.

Five AFF Member Associations, namely, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, and the hosts, the Philippines, participated in the maiden competition, with matches held at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines.



Group Stage

Thailand, Vietnam through to the final

Favourites Thailand and Vietnam led the group and clinched the top two spots in the finals.

Five-time SEA Games gold medallists Thailand amassed 13 goals during the group stages with wins over Indonesia (1-0), Philippines (7-0), Myanmar (2-1) and Vietnam (3-0).

Second-placed Vietnam, meanwhile, won three out of four matches in the group stage against Myanmar (5-2), Indonesia (5-0) and Philippines (6-1) to finish as runners-up.

Indonesia finished in third place with two wins against Myanmar and Philippines, while Myanmar were in fourth, edging hosts Philippines on goal difference.

3rd and 4th Playoff
Indonesia edges Myanmar

Indonesia secured a podium finish after a 4-1 win over Myanmar in the 3rd and 4th Playoff.

An own goal from Myanmar in the second minute put Indonesia in the driver's seat and it never looked back as Dinar Kartika Sari (7') and Fitri Rosdiana (25') poured in the goals.

Wutt Yee Lwin gave Myanmar a lifeline, but a fourth goal from Carmen Karath sealed the match for Indonesia.

Final
Vietnam finishes off Thailand in extra-time thriller

Vietnam were crowned champions after going the distance against Thailand in a match that needed extra time.

With both sides unable to take the initiative in normal time, it was a brace from Nguyen Phuong Anh which decided the match.

Nguyen broke the deadlock in the 43rd minute before Vietnam conceded an own goal three minutes later. However, Nguyen answered right back, scoring the winner right after kickoff to crown Vietnam as the tournament's maiden champions.



FUTSAL WOMEN'S	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
THAILAND	4	4	0	0	13	1	12	12
VIETNAM	4	3	0	1	16	6	10	9
INDONESIA	4	2	0	2	9	7	2	6
MYANMAR	4	0	1	3	5	16	-11	1
PHILIPPINES	4	0	1	3	4	17	-13	1

DATE	SCORE		
16-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	0 - 1	THAILAND
16-NOV-2024	PHILIPPINES	2 - 2	MYANMAR
17-NOV-2024	MYANMAR	2 - 5	VIETNAM
17-NOV-2024	THAILAND	7 - 0	PHILIPPINES
18-NOV-2024	VIETNAM	5 - 0	INDONESIA
18-NOV-2024	MYANMAR	1 - 2	THAILAND
19-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	7 - 0	MYANMAR
19-NOV-2024	VIETNAM	6 - 1	PHILIPPINES
20-NOV-2024	THAILAND	3 - 0	VIETNAM
20-NOV-2024	PHILIPPINES	1 - 2	INDONESIA



DATE	SCORE		
21-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	4 - 1	MYANMAR
21-NOV-2024	THAILAND	1 - 2	VIETNAM



Tournament Standings and Individual Awardees



PMA	RANK
VIETNAM	CHAMPIONS
THAILAND	RUNNERS-UP
INDONESIA	3 RD PLACE
MYANMAR	4 TH PLACE
PHILIPPINES	5 TH PLACE

AWARDEE	PMA	AWARD
Chaw Sandi Aung	MYANMAR	Best Goalkeeper
Phurong Anh	VIETNAM	Top Goal Scorer
TN Thanh Hang	VIETNAM	Most Valuable Player



AFF WOMEN'S CUP 2024: Making HERstory

Indonesia Makes History with First-Ever AFF Women's Cup Victory

23 NOV 2024

05 DEC 2024

VIENTIANE,
LAOS

In a bid to raise the level of women's football in the region, the ASEAN Football Federation launched the AFF Women's Cup, which serves as the qualification round of the ASEAN Women's Championship, which will be held in 2025.

Six AFF Member Associations participated in the tournament, namely, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Timor-Leste, led by hosts Laos, were drawn into two groups of three teams each.

Matches were played at the Lao National Stadium KM16 and Laos Reserve Field, both in Vientiane, Laos.



Group A Singapore, Timor-Leste advance

Group A, consisting of hosts Laos, Singapore and Timor-Leste, saw the hosts miss out on a knockout spot after a draw against Timor-Leste and losing 0-1 to group winners Singapore.

The meeting between Singapore and Timor-Leste ended in a 1-1 draw, with Timor-Leste needing a late equaliser to keep their semifinal bid alive.

Group B Cambodia, Indonesia through

Group B's cast of Cambodia, Indonesia and Malaysia saw Cambodia and Indonesia as the top two teams in the group.

After their scoreless draw against each other in the first match, both Indonesia and Cambodia notched wins over Malaysia to claim the knockout spots.

Semifinals and 3rd - 4th Playoff **Indonesia and Cambodia through;** **Singapore as third placers**

Cambodia fended off Timor-Leste with a 3-0 win to advance to the final of the AFF Women's Cup. Soeurn Vipha struck from the penalty spot in the first half, followed by two goals from Poeurn Kuentha in the second half.

In the other semifinal, Indonesia routed Singapore, 3-0, with goals from Claudia Scheuneman, Reva Octaviani and Octavianti Dwi Nurmalita to also advance to the final.

Meanwhile, the third place went to Singapore after besting Timor-Leste in the 3rd-4th Playoff with a 1-0 scoreline. Putri Syaliza Sazali scored the marginal goal to give the Lionesses their podium finish in the tournament.

Final **Indonesia crowned maiden AFF Women's Cup champions**

The much-anticipated inaugural AFF Women's Cup final between Indonesia and Cambodia saw the Garuda Pertiwi clinch the title after a 3-1 win over Cambodia.

Reva Octaviani broke the deadlock for Indonesia in the 24th minute, but Cambodia drew level in the 32nd minute from Hok Saody. However, Sydney Hopper answered three minutes later to put Indonesia ahead



once again, before Octaviani finished off the tie in the 57th minute to give Indonesia its first championship in women's football.

As finalists of the AFF Women's Cup, both Indonesia and Cambodia have qualified for the ASEAN Women's Championship 2025 along with Singapore which finished in third place.



GROUP A	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
SINGAPORE WOMEN'S	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
TIMOR-LESTE WOMEN'S	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2
LAOS WOMEN'S	2	0	1	1	0	1	-1	1

DATE	SCORE			
23-NOV-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	0 - 0	LAOS	
26-NOV-2024	SINGAPORE	1 - 1	TIMOR-LESTE	
29-NOV-2024	LAOS	0 - 1	SINGAPORE	

GROUP B	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
CAMBODIA WOMEN'S	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	4
INDONESIA WOMEN'S	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	4
MALAYSIA WOMEN'S	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0

DATE	SCORE			
23-NOV-2024	INDONESIA	0 - 0	CAMBODIA	
26-NOV-2024	MALAYSIA	0 - 1	INDONESIA	
29-NOV-2024	CAMBODIA	2 - 0	MALAYSIA	

DATE	SCORE			
02-DEC-2024	CAMBODIA	3 - 0	TIMOR-LESTE	
02-DEC-2024	SINGAPORE	0 - 3	INDONESIA	
05-DEC-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	0 - 1	SINGAPORE	
05-DEC-2024	CAMBODIA	1 - 3	INDONESIA	

 Tournament Standings and Individual Awardees

AWARDEE	PMA	AWARD
Laita Roati	INDONESIA	Best Goalkeeper
Poeurn Kunthea	CAMBODIA	Top Goal Scorers
Reva Octaviani	INDONESIA	
Reva Octaviani	INDONESIA	Most Valuable Player

PMA	RANK
INDONESIA	CHAMPIONS
CAMBODIA	RUNNERS-UP
SINGAPORE	3 RD PLACE
TIMOR-LESTE	4 TH PLACE
LAOS	5 TH PLACE
MALAYSIA	6 TH PLACE





ASEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

*Vietnam Crowned Champions
as AFF Concludes Historic AMEC™ 2024*

08 DEC 2024

05 JAN 2025



The 15th edition of the ASEAN Championship, better known as AMEC™ 2024, delivered another memorable season brought on by the emergence of top talents and the thrilling matches played from 08 December 2024 until 05 January 2025.

A total of 11 AFF Member Associations competed in the region's showpiece competition. This included seven-time champions Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Cambodia, Philippines, Myanmar and Laos. On the other hand, Timor-Leste and Brunei Darussalam competed in the Qualifying round to determine the 10th and final team in the group stages.

As the third ASEAN Championship to be competed using the home-or-away format and the very first ASEAN Championship to feature the Video Assistant Referee (VAR), the matches were played across 11 venues in the region, with the Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand hosting the finals second leg tie, where Vietnam clinched their third ASEAN championship in style after besting Thailand, 5-3 on aggregate.



Qualification Round

Timor-Leste makes its return to the group stage

To determine the 10th team in the group stages, Brunei Darussalam and Timor-Leste battled it out in the qualification round on 08 and 15 October 2024.

The first leg was played at the Hassanal Bolkiah National Stadium in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam where Timor-Leste came away with a 1-0 win, courtesy of Gail Fretas' 47th minute strike.

The second leg, which was Timor-Leste's home fixture, was played at Chonburi Stadium, Chonburi, Thailand and ended in a scoreless draw, securing Timor-Leste's passage to the group stages for the fourth time.

Group A

Thailand, Singapore claim knockout spots

Seven-time champions Thailand did not hold back in its group A assignment together with Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia and Timor-Leste.

With an unbeaten slate with four straight wins and racking their goal tally to 18 goals, Thailand clinched the top spot in Group A with 12 points.

Singapore, meanwhile, had to fend off a resilient Malaysian side in their Causeway Derby on the final matchday, which ended in a scoreless draw. The result was enough for Singapore to advance to the knockout stage with seven points from two wins, one draw, and one loss.



Group B

Vietnam unbeaten, Philippines needed final matchday magic to advance

Two-time champions Vietnam remained the favourites to advance to the knockout stage, with a stacked cast in Group B, which included perennial finalists Indonesia, dark horse Philippines, Myanmar and Laos.

Vietnam made quick work of their opponents, but had to settle for a 1-1 draw against the Philippines in Manila to advance as the top team in Group B with 10 points.

The Philippines, however, had to battle inconsistencies at the start with three straight draws against Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam before finally coming to life to dispatch Indonesia with a Bjorn Kristensen strike in the final matchday to finish as runners-up.

Semifinals

Vietnam coasts past Singapore; Thailand survives thriller with Philippines.

Vietnam made quick work of Singapore in their semifinal assignment over two legs. In the first leg, Vietnam banked on two late goals in added time from Nguyen Tien Linh and Nguyen Xuan Son to take a 2-0 win in the first leg.

Singapore showed fight in the second leg but were ultimately ousted by Vietnam in a 3-1 win to advance to their fifth final.

In the other semifinal tie, a retooled Philippines side claimed their first semifinal win after a late strike from Enrique Linares in Manila for a 2-1 win and one step closer to their maiden appearance in the final.

However, Thailand showed the Philippines why they were the defending champions in the second leg in Bangkok. Thailand raced to a 2-0 lead early in the second half, but the Philippines pulled one back late in the match to force extra time. With penalty shootout looming, Suphanat Muenta rose to the occasion to snatch the winning goal and break Filipino hearts as Thailand went on to their 11th final.

Finals

Vietnam denies Thailand's eighth championship

The exciting final between Vietnam and Thailand lived up to the hype as both teams were eager to clinch another regional title for their cabinet.

Playing in the first leg at the Viet Tri Stadium, Nguyen Xuan Son showed his ability up front, scoring twice in the second half in a 2-1 win with Chalerm Sak Aukkee pulling one goal back to ensure a tight affair in the second leg.



With Thailand looking to clinch an eighth ASEAN championship on home soil, Vietnam came to spoil the party as Pham Tuan Hai broke the deadlock in the eighth minute, but Ben Davies replied for the hosts 20 minutes later. Concerns mounted for Vietnam as Xuan Son was brought down in the 34th minute and was replaced by Nguyen Tien Linh.

With Thailand looking to turn the tie around, Supachok Sarachat knocked the defending champions' second goal of the night to take a 3-3 aggregate score. However, Vietnam took the offensive, scoring two goals in the 82nd minute, courtesy of a Pansa Hemviboon own goal and a late strike from Nguyen Hai Long to complete the rout and crown Vietnam as ASEAN champions for the third time.



Tournament Standings and Individual Awardees

AWARDEE	PMA	AWARD
Dinh Trieu Nguyen	VIETNAM	Best Goalkeeper
Xuan Son Nguyen	VIETNAM	Top Goal Scorer
Suphanat Mueanta	THAILAND	Adidas Rising Star
Xuan Son Nguyen	VIETNAM	Most Valuable Player

PMA	RANK
VIETNAM	CHAMPIONS
THAILAND	RUNNERS-UP
PHILIPPINES	3 RD PLACE
SINGAPORE	4 TH PLACE
MALAYSIA	5 TH PLACE
CAMBODIA	6 TH PLACE
INDONESIA	7 TH PLACE
MYANMAR	8 TH PLACE
LAOS	9 TH PLACE
TIMOR-LESTE	10 TH PLACE
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	11 TH PLACE

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
THAILAND	4	4	0	0	18	4	14	12
SINGAPORE	4	2	1	1	7	5	2	7
MALAYSIA	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
CAMBODIA	4	1	1	2	7	8	-1	4
TIMOR-LESTE	4	0	0	4	3	18	-15	0

DATE	SCORE		
08-DEC-2024	CAMBODIA	2 - 2	MALAYSIA
08-DEC-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	0 - 10	THAILAND
11-DEC-2024	MALAYSIA	3 - 2	TIMOR-LESTE
11-DEC-2024	SINGAPORE	2 - 1	CAMBODIA
14-DEC-2024	TIMOR-LESTE	0 - 3	SINGAPORE
14-DEC-2024	THAILAND	1 - 0	MALAYSIA
17-DEC-2024	SINGAPORE	2 - 4	THAILAND
17-DEC-2024	CAMBODIA	2 - 1	TIMOR-LESTE
20-DEC-2024	THAILAND	3 - 2	CAMBODIA
20-DEC-2024	MALAYSIA	0 - 0	SINGAPORE

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
VIETNAM	4	3	1	0	11	2	9	10
PHILIPPINES	4	1	3	0	4	3	1	6
INDONESIA	4	1	1	2	4	5	-1	4
MYANMAR	4	1	1	2	4	9	-5	4
LAOS	4	0	2	2	7	11	-4	2

DATE	SCORE		
09-DEC-2024	MYANMAR	0 - 1	INDONESIA
09-DEC-2024	LAOS	1 - 4	VIETNAM
12-DEC-2024	INDONESIA	3 - 3	LAOS
12-DEC-2024	PHILIPPINES	1 - 1	MYANMAR
15-DEC-2024	LAOS	1 - 1	PHILIPPINES
15-DEC-2024	VIETNAM	1 - 0	INDONESIA
18-DEC-2024	PHILIPPINES	1 - 1	VIETNAM
18-DEC-2024	MYANMAR	3 - 2	LAOS
21-DEC-2024	VIETNAM	5 - 0	MYANMAR
21-DEC-2024	INDONESIA	0 - 1	PHILIPPINES

DATE	SCORE		
26-DEC-2024	SINGAPORE	0 - 2	VIETNAM
27-DEC-2024	PHILIPPINES	2 - 1	THAILAND
29-DEC-2024	VIETNAM	3 - 1	SINGAPORE
30-DEC-2024	THAILAND	3 - 1	PHILIPPINES
02-JAN-2025	VIETNAM	2 - 1	THAILAND
05-JAN-2025	THAILAND	2 - 3	VIETNAM





ASEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Inaugural Shopee Cup™ 2024/2025 Kicks Off as ASEAN's Finest Clubs Take the Regional Stage

21 AUG 2024

Following years of anticipation, the ASEAN Football Federation launched the ASEAN Club Championship as the region's top flight championship for clubs under the jurisdiction of AFF.

Launched in April 2024, the Shopee Cup™, as it is popularly known, featured 14 participating clubs from 10 AFF Member Associations.

The qualifying playoff was played on 17 and 24 July 2024, while the Group Stages commenced on 21 August 2024.



Qualification Round

Svay Rieng and Shan United qualify for the group stages

Four teams were drawn into two pairings to determine the last two teams to qualify for the group stages. Myanmar's Shan United faced Kasuka of Brunei Darussalam while Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng of Cambodia took on Young Elephants FC of Laos.

Both ties were played over two legs. Svay Rieng won their both legs, 3-2 and 5-1 respectively, to win the tie, 8-3, on aggregate. On the other hand, Shan United drew their first leg meeting against Kasuka, 1-1, but turned things around with a 3-1 win in the return leg to send Shan United to the group stages with a 4-2 aggregate win.

Group A
BG Pathum United and PSM Makassar set the pace

Thailand’s BG Pathum United and Indonesia’s PSM Makassar had the ascendancy after two match dates in Group A.

After both sides battled it out in a scoreless draw on Matchday 1, BG Pathum United edged PKR Svay Rieng, 2-1, while PSM Makassar had a seven-goal thriller in the win over Shan United.

Terengganu FC of Malaysia had a tough start to its campaign with one draw and one loss in Group A as Dong A Thanh Hoa FC of Vietnam had one win and one draw.

Group B
Stacked group but Cong An Ha Noi and Buriram United remain favourites

Group B had been considered to be the group of death as top sides Cong An Ha Noi of Vietnam and Thai League winners Buriram United were grouped alongside Kuala Lumpur City FC of Malaysia, Lion City Sailors of Singapore, Borneo FC Samarinda of Indonesia and Kaya FC-Iloilo of the Philippines.

Cong An Ha Noi had the better of Buriram United on Matchday 1 with a 2-1 win but the Thai side bounced back in style with a 7-0 win over the Philippines’ Kaya Iloilo.

Kuala Lumpur City FC also had a bright start in its campaign, posting wins over Kaya and Borneo Samarinda to go up six points after the first two matches, while Singapore’s Lion City Sailors, like Kaya, had rough starts, dropping their fixtures.

The Shopee Cup™ 2024/25 continues in 2025 with the remainder of the Group and Knockout Stages.



GROUP A		GROUP B	
A1	BG Pathum United FC (THA)	B1	Buriram United FC (THA)
A2	Terengganu FC (MAS)	B2	Kuala Lumpur City FC (MAS)
A3	PSM Makassar (IDN)	B3	Công An Hà Nội FC (VIE)
A4	Đồng Á Thanh Hóa FC (VIE)	B4	Borneo FC Samarinda (IDN)
A5	Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng FC (CAM)	B5	Kaya FC - Iloilo (PHI)
A6	Shan United FC (MYA)	B6	Lion City Sailors FC (SGP)

Group A

DATE		SCORE	
21-AUG-2024	PSM Makassar (IDN)	0 - 0	BG Pathum United FC (THA)
21-AUG-2024	Đồng Á Thanh Hóa FC (VIE)	3 - 1	Shan United FC (MYA)
21-AUG-2024	Terengganu FC (MAS)	2 - 3	Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng FC (CAM)
25-SEPT-2024	BG Pathum United FC (THA)	2 - 1	Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng FC (CAM)
25-SEPT-2024	Terengganu FC (MAS)	2 - 2	Đồng Á Thanh Hóa FC (VIE)
25-SEPT-2024	PSM Makassar (IDN)	4 - 3	Shan United FC (MYA)

Group B

DATE		SCORE	
22-AUG-2024	Công An Hà Nội FC (VIE)	2 - 1	Buriram United FC (THA)
22-AUG-2024	Borneo FC Samarinda (IDN)	3 - 0	Lion City Sailors FC (SGP)
22-AUG-2024	Kuala Lumpur City FC (MAS)	1 - 0	Kaya FC - Iloilo (PHI)
26-SEPT-2024	Buriram United FC (THA)	7 - 0	Kaya FC - Iloilo (PHI)
26-SEPT-2024	Kuala Lumpur City FC (MAS)	1 - 0	Borneo FC Samarinda (IDN)
26-SEPT-2024	Công An Hà Nội FC (VIE)	5 - 0	Lion City Sailors FC (SGP)

AFF Introduces Centralised VAR System in Landmark Regional Competitions



The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) has taken a major step in advancing officiating standards across Southeast Asia by implementing the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system in its flagship competitions, one of the first Asian organisations to implement the system.

For the first time, the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2024 adopted a centralised VAR model, where all matches were supported by a dedicated operations hub to ensure consistency and accuracy in decision-making. The system was deployed from the group stage through to the finals, strengthening match integrity and aligning the tournament with global best practices.

Building on this milestone, the ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup 2024/25 also integrated the centralised VAR system across its fixtures. With the tournament bringing together 12 elite clubs from around the region, VAR played a crucial role in ensuring fair play in tightly contested matches.

The adoption of VAR reflects AFF's commitment to integrity, transparency, and professionalism. By working with technology partners and regional refereeing bodies, AFF continues to elevate the standard of competition while preparing Southeast Asian match officials for broader participation in continental and global tournaments.

This landmark implementation underscores the AFF's vision of creating world-class football experiences for players, referees, and fans, ensuring that Southeast Asia remains at the forefront of innovation in the game.



Driving Football Growth and Regional Innovation

Beyond the excitement on the pitch, the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) continues to drive transformational initiatives that strengthen football development, governance, and innovation across the region.

From organising the AFF Congress and tournament draws to conducting capacity-building workshops and investing in infrastructure projects such as the Stadium Enhancement Fund (SEF) and the Member Association Development Programme Fund (MADPF), AFF remains committed to elevating the standard of the game at every level.

These initiatives represent AFF's broader mission: to build a sustainable football ecosystem, foster collaboration among its Member Associations, and create opportunities for growth on and off the field.

AFF Congress Showcases Regional Growth and Global Collaboration



The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) held its 31st Congress on 29 November 2024 in Vientiane, Laos, with all 12 Member Associations present alongside representatives from FIFA, AFC, EAFF, and AFF's commercial partner SPORTFIVE.

Key decisions in the Congress include the approval of the 2023 General Secretary's report and financial report, the appointment of Das & Co as external auditors for 2025-2026 and the election of Mr. Pye Phyo Tay Za of Myanmar to the AFF Council by way of acclamation.

In his address, AFF President Major General Khiev Sameth celebrated record-breaking achievements, including 438 million viewers and 4.2 billion digital impressions from the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup 2022, where Thailand claimed a historic seventh title.

He also highlighted regional milestones such as Australia's fourth-place finish at the FIFA Women's World Cup, the Philippines' first-ever win in the Women's World Cup and Indonesia's successful hosting of the FIFA U17 World Cup.



The Congress underscored AFF's commitment to development through the Member Associations Development Programme Fund and Community Fund, while confirming the extension of its partnership with SPORTFIVE through 2032.

Global leaders reaffirmed ASEAN's rising influence. AFC Deputy General Secretary Vahid Kardany commended ASEAN's growing leadership in international football. ASEAN now holds 3 FIFA Council seats and 7 AFC committee chairmanships, strengthening its global influence.

Meanwhile, FIFA president Gianni Infantino, through a video message to the AFF Member Associations, reaffirmed FIFA's support through the FIFA Forward Development Programme, enabling ASEAN Member Associations to access up to USD 8 million and Regional Associations up to USD 5 million by 2026. He praised ASEAN's progress in women's football, futsal, and grassroots programmes such as Football for Schools, which has reached nearly two million children in the region.

AFF President Major General Khiev Sameth thanked delegates, partners, and stakeholders for their support and reiterated AFF's commitment to unity and progress, saying: "Together with our Council and Member Associations, we will continue to elevate ASEAN football and ensure the game thrives at every level of our region."



AFF Council Celebrates ASEAN Football Growth, Launches New Initiatives

The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) highlighted regional progress and rolled out new programmes during the 5th AFF Council Meeting led by AFF President Major General Khiev Sameth on 21 May 2024 in Hanoi, Vietnam, which served as the backdrop to the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024 Draw Ceremony.

ASEAN teams were praised for strong showings at the AFC Asian Cup 2023 and AFC U23 Asian Cup 2024, with standout runs from Australia, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia. In futsal, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, and Australia earned AFC Futsal Asian Cup spots, with Thailand also booking a place in the FIFA Futsal World Cup.

The Council also marked the launch of the ASEAN Club Championship (ACC) 2024-2025 with Shopee coming in as title sponsor. Video Assistant Referee (VAR) will be phased in for the tournament, with SPORTFIVE covering implementation costs.

To support club infrastructure, AFF introduced the Stadium Enhancement Fund, which grants USD 50,000 to each ACC participating club in the group stage, and is managed by the Ad Hoc AFF MADPF Committee.



AFF Council Pushes VAR Expansion, Prepares for Major Tournaments

The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) held its 6th Council Meeting on 15 November 2024, chaired by AFF President Major General Khiev Sameth, spotlighting competition milestones and officiating innovations.

The Council celebrated the launch of the ASEAN Club Championship (ACC) 2024/25, Indonesia's ASEAN Futsal Championship win, and the inaugural ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship hosted by the Philippines. Final preparations were also underway for the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup™ 2024.

A major highlight for AFF was the rollout of VAR technology across three tournaments, including the AFF U16 and U19 Boys' Championships and the ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup group stages. Quality Media Producciones SL will serve as the official VAR provider for the Mitsubishi Electric Cup's final stages.

The Council also recognised standout performances on the international stage. Australia and Indonesia advanced to the third round of the FIFA World Cup 2026 Asian Qualifiers, while both nations, along with Vietnam, secured spots in the AFC U20 and U17 Asian Cups 2025. Thailand was commended for reaching the Round of 16 at the FIFA Futsal World Cup 2024, and the Philippines was applauded both for hosting the first ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship and preparing to host the FIFA Women's Futsal World Cup™ 2025.

Additionally, the Council ratified key decisions from the AFF Competitions Committee, the Ad Hoc Member Associations Development Programme Fund (MADPF) Committee, and the AFF Finance Committee—further underscoring AFF's commitment to strengthening football across the region.



ASEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



A New Era for ASEAN Football: AFF Launches First-Ever Regional Club Competition



The ASEAN Football Federation, together with commercial partner SPORTFIVE, launched the ASEAN Club Championship on 4 April 2024 in Singapore.

Driven by the passion for club football in Southeast Asia, the ASEAN Club Championship is the region's first-ever competition to crown an ASEAN Club Champion.

The tournament will be played in a league format with qualifying play-offs and a group stage featuring 14 ASEAN clubs composed of the National League Champions and designated Cup winners of Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam (two teams each), and Philippines and Singapore (one team each), as well as the National League Champions of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar.

To further boost the profile of the tournament, the AFF announced that Shopee had come onboard as the title partner, and the ASEAN Club Championship will be named Shopee Cup™.

AFF president Major General Khiev Sameth and Shopee Chief Commercial Officer Zhou Jun Jie were in attendance during the official launch.

"The Shopee Cup™ will be pivotal in creating an exciting future for ASEAN club football and transforming the game in the region. This landmark tournament will nurture the aspiration for the region's leading clubs to become the ASEAN champion and to perform successfully in Asia," said Sameth. "We are very proud to partner with Shopee, a homegrown ASEAN company of global renown and the ASEAN Club Championship's first title partner. Together, we are making history as we shape and accelerate the development of ASEAN club football."

The tournament will run from 17 July 2024 until 21 May 2025.

ASEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Shopee Cup™ 2024 Draw Reveals High-Stakes Battles as Clubs Gear Up for Glory

The fate of the 14 participating teams was determined in the ASEAN Shopee Cup draw held on 09 May 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

14 clubs from 10 AFF Member Associations competed in the tournament, with 12 teams featuring in the group stage.

Young Elephants FC from Laos faced Cambodia's Svay Rieng FC while Kasuka FC of Brunei Darussalam took on Myanmar side Shan United in the home and away playoffs that were played on 14 and 24 July 2024.

Two groups of six teams each faced off across five matchdays in a single round-robin group stage, with the top two teams advancing to the knockout stages.

Group A consisted of BG Pathum United of Thailand, Dong A Thanh Hoa of Vietnam, Terengganu FC of Malaysia, PSM Makassar of Indonesia and the two winners of the playoff fixtures.

Group B was composed of Buriram United of Thailand, Cong An Ha Noi FC of Vietnam, Kuala Lumpur City FC of Malaysia, Borneo FC Samarinda of Indonesia, Kaya FC-Iloilo of Philippines and Lion City Sailors of Singapore.

The group stage officially kicked off on 21 August 2024. Ahead of the tournament, the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) organised a comprehensive workshop on the same day as the draw to ensure all 14



participating clubs were fully prepared for the competition. During the workshop, AFF officials, together with SPORTFIVE representatives, briefed club delegates on critical aspects of the tournament, including competition regulations, matchday operations, broadcasting protocols, commercial and branding requirements, and disciplinary procedures.

The session also provided an opportunity for participating clubs to clarify key issues, align on operational expectations, and receive important updates to ensure smooth coordination throughout the tournament. This proactive engagement reflects AFF's commitment to delivering a professional, well-organised, and world-class club competition for Southeast Asia.

Road to Regional Glory:

AMEC™ 2024 Draw Sets the Stage for Southeast Asia's Biggest Football Battle



The highly anticipated AMEC™ 2024 officially kicked off its journey to footballing glory, with the tournament draw ceremony held on 21 May 2024 at the luxurious InterContinental Hanoi Landmark72 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

As the region's premier national team competition, the draw set the stage for what promises to be another thrilling edition of Southeast Asia's most prestigious football event. The tournament brings together 11 ASEAN Member Associations, including powerhouse nations Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, alongside the Philippines, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and the winner of the qualification playoff between Brunei Darussalam and Timor-Leste.

This year's draw ceremony attracted representatives from all participating nations, sponsors, and media partners, underscoring the growing popularity and competitiveness of the AMEC™ across the region. The draw determined the paths each nation must take on their journey to regional supremacy, ensuring an exciting blend of rivalries, rematches, and fresh challenges for fans to look forward to.

Group Allocations

The official draw resulted in the following groupings:

Group A: Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Cambodia, and the winner of the qualification playoff between Brunei Darussalam and Timor-Leste.

Group B: Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines, Myanmar, and Laos.

Qualification Playoff Drama

Before the group stage, a decisive qualification playoff was held on 8 and 15 October 2024 to determine the final team in Group A. In a tightly contested two-legged tie, Timor-Leste edged out Brunei Darussalam with a 1-0 aggregate victory, securing their spot in the group stage and setting the stage for their return to the region's most prestigious tournament.

What Lies Ahead

With the groups finalised, attention turned to the home-or-away group stage format, where rivalries will reignite and new heroes will emerge. This year's edition also continued to feature Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology, further raising the standards of officiating and competition across Southeast Asia.

AMEC™ 2024

Trophy Tour Brings Football Fever to Southeast Asia

The AMEC™ 2024 Trophy Tour united fans across the region in the lead-up to the 15th edition of Southeast Asia's most prestigious national team competition.

The journey kicked off in Bangkok before making stops in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Hanoi, Jakarta, and Manila, giving thousands of supporters the chance to see the coveted trophy up close. Fans enjoyed interactive experiences, met football legends, and celebrated the spirit of the game in vibrant citywide events.

Each stop also featured youth football clinics organised in partnership with Japan's FC Imabari, introducing the "Okada Method" of training. These sessions provided aspiring young players with professional guidance while reinforcing the tournament's commitment to grassroots development across the region.

The Trophy Tour showcased tournament title sponsor Mitsubishi Electric's dedication to community engagement, connecting football culture with entertainment, education, and fan participation. It brought together people of all ages and backgrounds, strengthening the sense of unity that defines ASEAN football.

The celebration built anticipation for the tournament itself, which concluded with Vietnam lifting their third ASEAN title after overcoming Thailand in the final, capping an unforgettable edition of the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup.



ASEAN Club Championship

Shopee Cup™ Trophy Tour Unites ASEAN Football Fans Ahead of Historic Club Competition



The ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup™ Trophy Tour successfully concluded after a five-city journey that brought Southeast Asia's newest club football prize closer to fans across the region.

Launched in Hanoi, the Trophy Tour travelled through Bangkok, Jakarta, Singapore, and Kuala Lumpur, giving thousands of supporters the opportunity to see the handcrafted Shopee Cup™ trophy up close, meet local stars, and take part in interactive fan experiences.

At every stop, national icons and club heroes, including Chanathip Songkrasin in Bangkok, Stefano Lilipaly in Jakarta, and Safawi Rasid in Kuala Lumpur, joined fans for a meet-and-greet, stage games, and photo sessions. Each event also featured live entertainment, merchandise giveaways, and exclusive digital activations through ASEAN United FC and Shopee platforms.

Designed by world-renowned silversmiths Thomas Lyte, the Shopee Cup™ trophy symbolises regional unity and competitive spirit. Weighing nearly 13 kilogrammes, it reflects ASEAN's rich traditions while heralding a new era for club football in Southeast Asia.

The Trophy Tour amplified excitement for the inaugural Shopee Cup™, the ASEAN Club Championship 2024/25, which brought together the region's top 12 clubs in a landmark competition that concluded in May 2025 with Buriram United crowned as the first champions.



AirAsia Takes Flight with ASEAN Football Federation

The ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) has named AirAsia the exclusive Official Travel Partner of its biggest tournaments under the ASEAN United FC banner: the AMEC™, the ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup™, the ASEAN Women's Championship, and the ASEAN U23 Championship.

It's a partnership rooted in shared values, unity, perseverance, and pride in ASEAN identity. "At AirAsia, we believe in the power of sport to unite and inspire, just as we have spent over two decades connecting people and cultures across ASEAN. As a brand built for and by ASEAN, we are thrilled to join forces with ASEAN United FC to celebrate the region's unique talents and shared passion for football. With ABC driving the evolution of the AirAsia brand, we look forward to strengthening connections across ASEAN and inspiring future generations to dream bigger, reach further, and achieve greatness together. Just like our mantra, Dare to Dream!" said Rudy Khaw, CEO of AirAsia brand co.

For AFF President Major General Khiev Sameth, the collaboration is more than corporate branding, it is a statement of ASEAN strength. "We are delighted to add another distinct homegrown ASEAN company – AirAsia, to our family of dynamic partners. AirAsia has been a tremendous advocate of ASEAN's unity, strength and prosperity, and we are proud to now have them on our team as a champion of ASEAN football. Our partnership is founded on our shared belief in ASEAN

football's unifying force and its potential to achieve excellence at every level.

We look forward to partnering with AirAsia and the ASEAN football community to elevate the game across the region even further."

Seamus O'Brien, President and Chairman of the Board, APAC, SPORTFIVE said: "As a brand that is synonymous with ASEAN, AirAsia's partnership with ASEAN football through its four leading events –is a perfect alignment. There is no better way to build meaningful relationships with ASEAN consumers than through the only sport which transcends borders and unites them, and the competitions which ignite their passion and strongly appeal to their national pride. With the rise of ASEAN football on pace with Southeast Asia's emergence as one of the world's fastest growing consumer and travel markets, the ASEAN United FC platform and ASEAN football fans will undoubtedly support AirAsia's goal to continue strengthening its dominance in the region."

With SPORTFIVE brokering the deal, the move is perfectly timed. Southeast Asia's football scene is on the rise, and AirAsia is positioning itself not just as a travel leader but as a unifying force for millions of fans across the region.

From airports to stadiums, AirAsia is proving that football, like flight, can take ASEAN higher together.

Empowering Clubs, Elevating Standards:

AFF Hosts ASEAN Club Championship Second Teams Workshop

As part of its commitment to delivering a world-class tournament experience, the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) organised the ASEAN Club Championship (ACC) Teams Workshop, designed to ensure that all participating clubs and Member Associations are fully prepared for the competition both on and off the pitch.

Following the successful in-person workshop held on 9 May 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, the AFF conducted a second Teams Workshop virtually on 2 July 2024 to provide additional updates and guidance ahead of the tournament.

The online session was well-attended, bringing together representatives from the 10 participating Member Associations and 14 participating clubs, underlining the collaborative spirit that defines the ACC.



A wide range of key operational and strategic topics were covered during the session, including:

- Commercial and Logistics Management – Ensuring clubs understand the organisational framework, travel requirements, and commercial guidelines necessary for smooth tournament delivery.
- Integrity Management – Reinforcing AFF’s commitment to fair play, anti-match-fixing measures, and safeguarding the credibility of the competition.
- VAR Implementation – Preparing clubs and officials for the integration of Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology, a first for the ACC, with detailed insights on protocols and operations.
- Media Operations – Equipping teams with knowledge on broadcast coordination, media engagement, and content standards to enhance the visibility and professionalism of the competition.

The workshop featured expert presentations from AFF, SPORTFIVE, FIFA, and Quality Media, ensuring that participants received guidance directly from industry leaders and governing bodies.

By hosting these workshops, AFF reaffirmed its vision of the ASEAN Club Championship as more than just a tournament—it is a platform to elevate professional standards, strengthen regional collaboration, and showcase ASEAN football on the global stage. The series of workshops played a vital role in equipping clubs and officials with the knowledge, tools, and support they need to deliver a successful and memorable competition.

Empowering Precision:

AFF Trains First Wave of Certified VAR Technology Officers

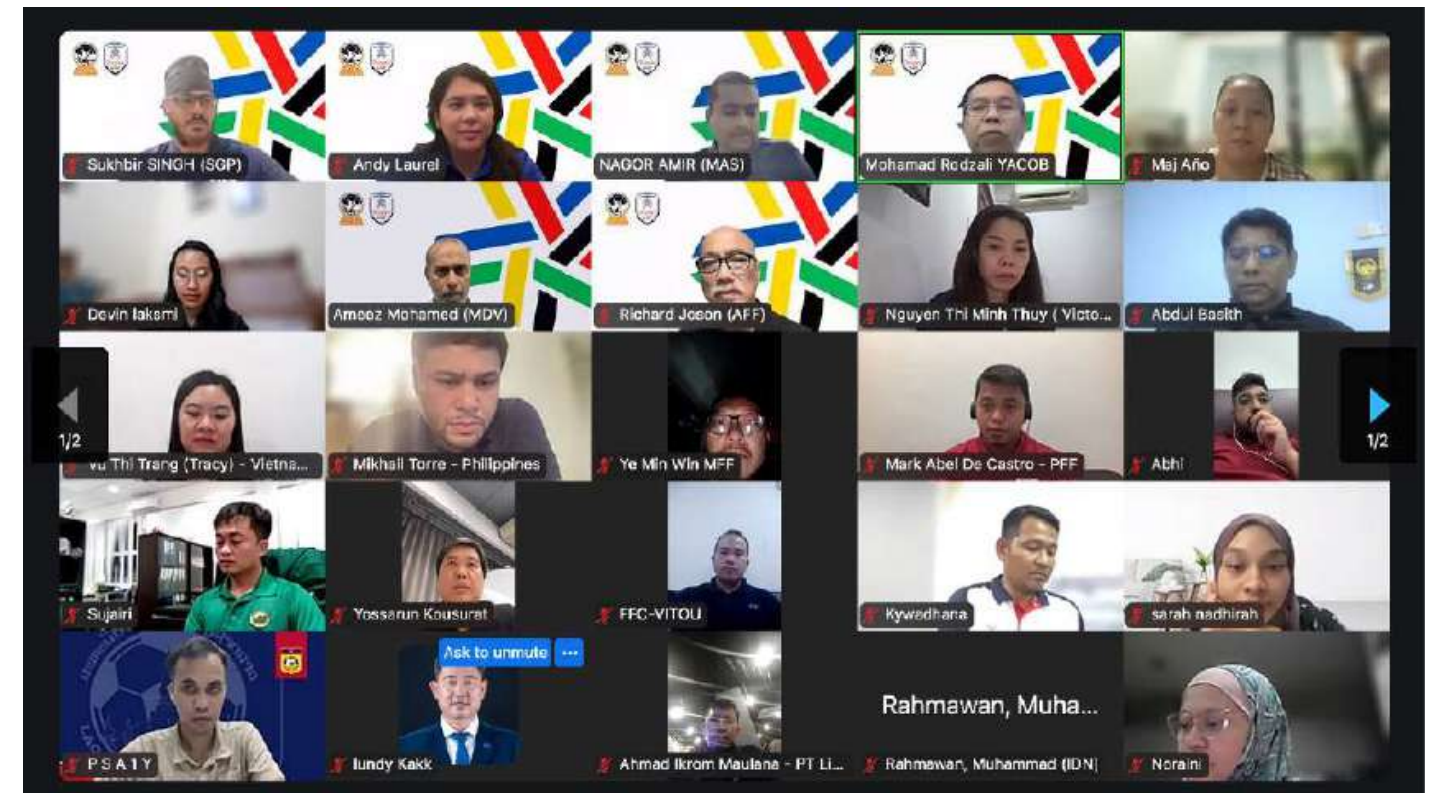
From 8 to 10 August 2024, the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) successfully conducted the VAR Technology Officer (VTO) Workshop. This key initiative supported the implementation and standardisation of Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology across AFF competitions, including the ASEAN Club Championship (ACC) and other regional tournaments.

Recognising the increasing role of VAR in ensuring fair play and accurate officiating, AFF designed the workshop to build a pool of qualified and well-trained VAR Technology Officers within the region. These officers play a vital role in the smooth operation of VAR systems, bridging technical requirements with match officiating protocols.

To ensure broad representation, each participating Member Association was invited to nominate at least two candidates, guided by criteria set by AFF that emphasised both technical proficiency and familiarity with football operations. After a rigorous review of the nominations, the AFF carefully selected the most suitable candidates and formally invited them to take part in the online training sessions.

The three-day workshop featured expert presentations and practical insights delivered by FIFA specialists and the AFF VAR Project Team, covering areas such as:

- The technical infrastructure and operational setup of VAR systems;
- Roles and responsibilities of VAR Technology Officers during match operations;
- Troubleshooting and contingency management;
- Integration of VAR technology with match officials and competition management.



The workshop also incorporated interactive sessions, case studies, and simulations designed to prepare participants for real match scenarios. To ensure the highest standards, candidates were required to pass a series of assessments at the end of the programme. Only those who successfully completed these evaluations would be officially certified and appointed as VAR Technology Officers for 2024.

Through the VTO Workshop, the AFF not only advanced its capacity to implement VAR in major competitions but also laid the foundation for the long-term professionalisation of match officiating in ASEAN football. By equipping Member Associations with skilled technical officers, AFF ensures that VAR operations are consistent, reliable, and aligned with international best practices—further strengthening the integrity of the game across the region.

Raising the Bar:

AFF Referee Assessor Course Strengthens Southeast Asia's Match Officiating Standards

The Vietnam Football Federation (VFF) hosted the AFF Referee Assessor Course from 4-9 March 2024 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The course was specially organised to prepare the officials for the ASEAN Club Championship Shopee Cup as well as other competitions such as ASEAN Futsal Championship, ASEAN U16 Championship, ASEAN U19 Championship, ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship and the ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup.

This important course was conducted by experienced and knowledgeable instructors who handled the 25 attending participants representing 11 countries. The instructors were Mohamad Rodzali Yacob, FIFA Referee Development Officer, along with John Chia Eng Wah and Widiya Habibah Shamsuri.



28 Referee Assessors from the 11 Member Associations participated in the course which focused on the updated IFAB Laws of the Game, the role of the referee assessor, skills to handle key situations on the field as well as basic knowledge on the implementation of Video Assistant Referee (VAR).

"This course will be an opportunity for us to improve football in general. As you all know, referees play an important role in football. Therefore, referee assessor courses are also expected to help improve arbitration globally," said Rodzali. "We want to focus on FIFA male referees (Non-AFC Elite) and FIFA female referees (Elite & Non-Elite) towards the AFF Championship, ASEAN Club Championship, and ASEAN Mitsubishi Electric Cup tournaments which will be handled by the Southeast Asian referee assessors. Meanwhile, female referee assessors in Southeast Asia are still doing a good job at AFF and AFC tournaments. Once again, I would like to emphasise that our goal is to have the best referees in all member federations in Southeast Asia ready to serve at AFC and FIFA tournaments."

"I hope everyone will see this as a good opportunity and understand what they have to do for the upcoming tournaments in Southeast Asia," added Chia Eng Wah. "In this course, let's discuss with the instructor and the rest of the trainees, working together for a strongly developed Southeast Asian referee unit."

Raising the Bar:

AFF Equips Referee Assessors to Drive VAR Excellence Across ASEAN

The AFF Referee Assessors Workshop was conducted as part of the ASEAN Football Federation's ongoing efforts to strengthen officiating standards and to prepare referee assessors for their critical roles in supporting the implementation of the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system across AFF tournaments.

As VAR technology becomes an integral part of modern football, referee assessors are tasked not only with evaluating referee performance on the field but also with ensuring that match officials are able to apply VAR protocols correctly, consistently, and in line with international best practices.

During the workshop, participants engaged in in-depth discussions and training in key areas essential to the success of VAR operations, including:

- AFF Protocol for VAR System Malfunction – Procedures and contingency plans to ensure matches continue smoothly in case of technical disruptions.
- Technical Aspects of VAR – Familiarisation with camera plans, broadcast coordination, and integration with competition operations.
- Centralised Remote VAR Setup – Understanding the structure, advantages, and operational requirements of using a centralised remote hub for VAR support in AFF competitions.



The workshop was led by Mr. Rodzali Yacob, AFF Head of Referees, who shared valuable expertise and practical guidance drawn from both AFF's experience and global VAR implementation standards.

By providing referee assessors with specialised knowledge and updated tools, the AFF aims to create a robust network of assessors capable of upholding fairness, consistency, and accuracy in officiating across all competitions. The workshop further underscores AFF's commitment to aligning regional refereeing standards with the global game, ensuring that ASEAN football continues to move forward with credibility and professionalism.

Building Stronger Foundations:

AFF Member Associations Development Programme Fund (MADPF) Powers Infrastructure and Grassroots Success



Launched in 2023, the AFF Member Associations Development Programme Fund is one of the ASEAN Football Federation's newest initiatives designed to strengthen football across the region. The programme provides financial support to Member Associations to enhance infrastructure, facilities, and grassroots development at the national level, ensuring that football continues to grow both on and off the pitch.

As part of this initiative, the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) was granted funds for the procurement of specialised futsal flooring. This investment has already made a significant impact, as the flooring was used in the ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship 2024, providing athletes with a world-class playing surface that meets international standards.

Beyond this milestone, the same flooring will play a crucial role when the Philippines hosts the inaugural FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup from 21 November to 7 December 2025. By leveraging the AFF Development Fund, the PFF is not only improving facilities for local and regional competitions but also helping the country establish itself as a premier destination for major international futsal events.

This initiative reflects AFF's broader vision: empowering its Member Associations with resources that elevate the quality of football, inspire athletes, and leave a lasting legacy for the next generation.

Elevating the Matchday Experience:

AFF Stadium Enhancement Fund (SEF) Transforms ASEAN Venues

A total of nine (9) clubs competing in the ASEAN Club Championships 2024–25 submitted proposals, all of which were carefully reviewed and approved by the Ad Hoc AFF Member Associations Development Programme Fund Committee.

Each approved project was awarded up to USD 50,000 per application, demonstrating AFF's commitment to providing tangible and impactful support to its Member Associations and their clubs.



The approved projects highlight the diversity of improvements being made across the region:

- Cong An Ha Noi FC (Vietnam) – The Vietnamese side directed their SEF allocation towards the installation of a modern LED scoreboard, upgraded lighting systems, and improvements to functional rooms at Hang Day Stadium in Hanoi, ensuring the facility meets higher technical and spectator standards.
- Dong A Thanh Hoa FC (Vietnam) – Thanh Hoa FC utilised their SEF funding for the upgrade of teams' and referees' dressing rooms and essential field maintenance at their home stadium, improving overall facilities and matchday standards.
- BG Pathum United (Thailand) – With the support of the SEF, BG Pathum United constructed a dedicated VIP box for supporters, branded as "Club 114", providing fans with a premium viewing experience and strengthening the club's engagement with its community.
- Buriram United (Thailand) – Buriram United invested its SEF funding in a comprehensive upgrade of the stadium sound system at Buriram Stadium, improving the atmosphere during matches and enhancing fan enjoyment.

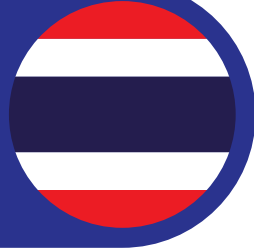
- Kaya FC–Iloilo (Philippines) – Kaya FC–Iloilo utilised the funds for the upgrading of stadium seats at the historic Rizal Memorial Football Stadium in Manila. The project included the installation of brand-new seating in the VIP and VVIP sections, enhancing comfort and elevating the matchday experience for supporters and dignitaries alike.
- Kuala Lumpur City FC (Malaysia) – Kuala Lumpur City utilised the funds for the replacement of team benches and canopy at Stadium Bola Sepak Kuala Lumpur, improving comfort and functionality for players and officials.
- Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng FC (Cambodia) – The Cambodian club utilised its SEF funding to upgrade the floodlight system at its home ground, Svay Rieng Stadium in Krong Svay Rieng, Cambodia, enhancing visibility and improving matchday conditions for players and spectators alike.
- Shan United FC (Myanmar) – Shan United utilised its SEF funding for the installation of a new P5 LED scoreboard at Thuwunna Stadium, enhancing the matchday experience for both players and fans.
- Terengganu FC (Malaysia) – The Malaysian club applied its SEF allocation for the upgrade of the stadium’s LED scoreboard at the Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin Stadium, ensuring continued reliability and quality in the delivery of live match information and entertainment.



Through these projects, the AFF Stadium Enhancement Fund Programme not only addresses immediate infrastructural needs but also contributes to the sustainable growth of football in ASEAN. By providing clubs with the resources to improve their facilities, the AFF ensures that football in the region continues to evolve in line with international standards, creating a stronger foundation for players, fans, and the broader football community.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS SPOTLIGHT

Thailand



Football Association of Thailand elects Mrs Nualphan Lamsam as first female president

The Football Association of Thailand conducted its election during its congress on 8 February 2024. Mrs Nualphan Lamsam, better known as Madam Pang, was elected as the 18th FAT President, winning 68 out of 73 votes.

Mrs Lamsam is the first female president of the FAT and is also the first female president of a football association in Asia. Prior to her election as FAT President, Mrs Lamsam was the team manager of Thailand's Women's National Team, which qualified to the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2015 and 2019, and the Men's National Team, which also coincided with the Changseuk's title-winning campaigns in the ASEAN Championship in 2020 and 2022.



Myanmar

Dato' Sri Zaw Zaw re-elected as Myanmar Football Federation president

The Myanmar Football Federation re-elected Dato' Sri Zaw Zaw as president for the 2024-2028 term during the MFF Elective Congress held in Yangon, Myanmar on 30 March 2024.

As MFF president, Zaw Zaw saw unprecedented development in Myanmar football with the emergence of the Men's and Women's National Teams regularly competing in international tournaments and his support for the development of the sport. In addition, he was also elected as AFC Vice President and recognised for his efforts when he was awarded the AFC Distinguished Service award in 2024.