

# Secretary-General of ASEAN

## H.E. LE LUONG MINH



H.E. Le Luong Minh was born on 1 September 1952. He is a native of Thanh Hoa, Viet Nam.

Before assuming his post as ASEAN Secretary-General, His Excellency Le Luong Minh was Viet Nam's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs. He was nominated by the Government of Viet Nam. The ASEAN Leaders endorsed him as ASEAN Secretary-General for 2013-2017.

From 2004 to 2011, Mr. Minh was Viet Nam's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative to the United Nations. From August 2007 to December 2008, he was concurrently Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and from December 2008 till the end of his tenure in June 2011 concurrently Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr Minh has had a long career in Viet Nam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which began in 1975. He was appointed Deputy Director-General for International Organizations in 1993. In 1995, he was appointed as Ambassador – Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva. Two years later, he was appointed as Ambassador – Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations at Headquarters.

Between December 1999 to December 2002, Mr Minh was Deputy Director-General, then Acting Director-General for International Organizations in the Foreign Ministry. He became Acting Director-General, then Director-General for Multilateral Economic Cooperation in the Foreign Ministry (Dec 2002 – Jan 2004).

H.E. Minh studied Diplomacy at the University of Foreign Affairs (now the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam), Hanoi, Viet Nam, and received his degree in 1974. He then studied Linguistics and English Literature at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

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