

Myanmar Prime Minister to visit Indonesia, Brunei

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Ha Noi (VNA) - Myanmar Prime Minister General Thein Sein will pay official visits to Indonesia and Brunei in the near future as a continuation of his introductory trips to member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) following his visits to Laos, Viet Nam and Cambodia last November.

The visits will be made at the invitation of Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Brunei King Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, respectively.

In March 2006, Indonesian President Susilo visited Myanmar for the first time, during which a memorandum of understanding between Myanmar and Indonesia on setting up a joint commission for bilateral cooperation was signed.

Indonesia is Myanmar 's fourth largest trading partner among ASEAN members after Thailand , Singapore and Malaysia . Two-way trade between the two countries was 181.93 million USD in the fiscal year of 2006-2007.

Meanwhile, Brunei stands as the 7 th in terms of trade with Myanmar among ASEAN members. Myanmar-Brunei bilateral trade accounted for about 800,000 USD out of Myanmar 's total trade with ASEAN members which stood at 4.06 billion USD in 2006-2007.

Gen. Thein Sein took up the premiership on October 24, 2007.-Enditem

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