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THE FIRST ASEAN DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS AND HEADS OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISIONS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PLUS THREE CONSULTATION

(1ST DGICM + 3 CONSULTATION)

Singapore, 25 August 2022

1. Following the adoption of the Concept Note on the Establishment of the DGICM + 3 Consultation by the 24th DGICM in August 2021, the inaugural DGICM + 3 Consultation was held in Singapore on 25 August 2022. The Consultation was chaired by Mr. Marvin Sim, Commissioner of Immigration & Checkpoints Authority of Singapore and attended by the Heads of Immigration and Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN Member States, China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK), as well as officials from the ASEAN Secretariat and held in a hybrid format following the reopening of borders in the region.
2. Envisioned to achieve the long-term goal of enhanced relations between ASEAN and Plus Three countries, the Consultation exchanged views on possible areas of cooperation in the aspect of immigration, consular affairs and border management to be conducted under the DGICM + 3 framework.
3. The Consultation had fruitful discussions on the development of the DGICM + 3 Programme of Work and looked forward to its development, while simultaneously exploring tangible initiatives and activities that can be pursued in the near future. The ASEAN Member States expressed appreciation to China, Japan and the ROK for their support in expanding cooperation on immigration-related capacity and capability across the region.
4. The Consultation looked forward to the convening of the 2nd DGICM + 3 Consultation that would be held in conjunction with the 26th DGICM, to be hosted by Thailand.

5. The Consultation expressed appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all delegates.

6. The Chair thanked all delegates from the ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, the ROK for their contributions to the success of the Consultation.

