



**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE
TWELFTH ASEAN EDUCATION MINISTERS MEETING**

13 October 2022

Ha Noi, Viet Nam

1. The Twelfth ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (12th ASED) was held on 13 October 2022 in Hanoi, Viet Nam. The Meeting was Chaired by H.E. Nguyen Kim Son, Minister of Education and Training of Viet Nam, under the theme “Joint efforts to reimagine learning and building resilience of education systems in ASEAN and beyond in the new context”.
2. We congratulate Viet Nam on their assumption of Chairmanship of the ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting for 2022 to 2023, and their excellent leadership of the ASEAN education sector guided by the ASEAN Workplan on Education 2021-2025.
3. We recognise the need to safely reopen and keep schools open, recover learning loss, and build resilience of education systems in ASEAN and ASEAN Member States against future pandemics, disasters and emergencies.
4. We acknowledge that the learning crisis began long before the COVID-19 pandemic and we recognise that unless concrete actions are taken, the crisis would have devastating impact on students and other education stakeholders, especially the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. We urge the ASEAN education sector to step up efforts and tackle the crisis in a strategic and sustainable approach.
5. We express appreciation to Cambodia and the Philippines with support from UNICEF EAPRO and the ASEAN Secretariat, for their leadership in developing the “Reopen, Recover and Resilience in Education: Guidelines for ASEAN Countries”, and “the ASEAN Declaration on Digital Transformation of Education Systems in ASEAN” respectively.
6. We commend Cambodia, with support from ERIA, for their leadership in conducting the ongoing study on student learning loss in reading and mathematics at primary schools during the COVID-19. This will result in strategic guidance to address the learning crises and the need for human resource development in ASEAN.
7. We acknowledge the ongoing efforts to develop an ASEAN Higher Education Space with the launch of the Roadmap on the ASEAN Higher Education Space 2025 and its implementation plan in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 27 July 2022. We further recognise and support the ongoing initiative to strengthen coordination between ASEAN and SEAMEO on education including in establishing a common higher education space in Southeast Asia.

8. We also recognise the importance of regional and multi-stakeholder collaboration and partnerships as we jointly reimagine and transform education and build resilience of education systems in ASEAN in the new context. In this regard, we express our appreciation to our partners including SEAMEO, UNICEF, and UNESCO for their steadfast support to the ASEAN education sector.
9. We acknowledge the global megatrends influencing the future of education in ASEAN and the need for digital transformation of ASEAN education systems to ensure that the people of ASEAN are equipped with the relevant skills, competencies and values to address the challenges of the 4th industrial revolution and the changing world of work to participate in ASEAN Community building.
10. We commend the work of the education sector in spearheading various initiatives with a view to contributing to the regional efforts such as the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework, Consolidated Strategy on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity and ASEAN Plan of Action on Culture of Prevention.
11. We note with appreciation the substantive progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN Workplan on Education 2021–2025 and commend Viet Nam for their excellent leadership in furthering the work on education in the ASEAN region.
12. We recognise the need to ensure mental health and wellbeing among stakeholders in ASEAN education particularly the teachers and students, and to promote climate change awareness and sustainable development initiatives in and through education in ASEAN and its Member States.
13. Further recognising the importance and need to promote people-to-people connectivity as set out in Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity 2025 between ASEAN Member States and with our Dialogue Partners, we commend the ASEAN Secretariat for initiating the 1st Phase of the Intra-ASEAN Scholarship Programme, which will provide evidence-based data and research needed to guide the development and sustainability of an ASEAN Branded Scholarship Programme.
14. We look forward to the effective implementation of the Cooperation Agreement between ASEAN and Hungary that we have adopted in December 2021 and the ASEAN-Russia Plan of Action on Education 2022-2026 that we have, in principle, adopted.
15. We express our sincere appreciation to Viet Nam for the effective chairmanship and excellent arrangements made in hosting the 12th ASED, as well as the ASEAN Secretariat, for its technical assistance to the Meeting.
16. We agree to meet again in 2024 at the Thirteenth ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (13th ASED) under the Chairmanship of Thailand.

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