

**Joint Press Statement
of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit
on the Nuclear Test Conducted by the DPRK
Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, 2 June 2009**

The Heads of State or Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea, gathered in Jeju Island on 1-2 June 2009 to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations, also discussed recent developments in the Korean Peninsula.

The Leaders reiterated the condemnation by the 9th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the 17th ASEAN – EU Ministerial Meeting of the recent underground nuclear test and missile launches undertaken by the DPRK, which constitute clear violations of the Six-Party agreements and the relevant UNSC resolutions and decisions.

The Leaders stressed that the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula through the resolution of the North Korean nuclear issue in a peaceful manner is essential in maintaining peace and stability of the Asia-Pacific region, and expressed their full support for an early resumption of the Six-Party Talks.

The Leaders expressed their desire that the ASEAN Regional Forum, as the premier regional security forum that includes ASEAN and all participants of the Six-Party Talks, can contribute towards an enduring peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula. They encouraged all concerned parties to actively pursue this objective.