

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

**The 14th ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration
Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of
the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia
Consultation**

8 August 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

1. The 14th DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 8 August 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. The Consultation was co-chaired by Dato' Seri Hj. Mustafar bin Hj. Ali, Director General of the Immigration Department of Malaysia, and Ms. Malisa Golightly PSM, Deputy Secretary, Immigration and Citizenship Services, Australian Department of Home Affairs.
3. The Consultation noted the success of activities undertaken in 2017-2018 as agreed by the 13th DGICM + Australia Consultation. The Consultation expressed thanks for Australia's continued commitment and noted there are priority areas to be focused on.
4. The Consultation agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2018-2019, demonstrating the shared interest that ASEAN and Australia have in relation to strengthening immigration capacity across the region.
5. Australia shared its experiences regarding the creation of a Home Affairs Portfolio, noting the benefits of closer collaboration with both domestic and regional border and law enforcement agencies.
6. It was agreed that the 15th DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 23rd DGICM and Its Related Meetings in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in 2019.
7. ASEAN Member States expressed appreciation to the Australian Department of Home Affairs for their support on capacity building on immigration resources.
8. All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Government of Malaysia for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.
9. The Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their contribution to make this Consultation a success.