



**Chairman's Press Statement
on the Launch of the ASEAN Centre
for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD)
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At the 35th ASEAN Summit today, the ASEAN Leaders launched the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue (ACSDSD) located in Bangkok, Thailand. This Centre is an important follow-up to the ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement on Partnership for Sustainability adopted at the 34th ASEAN Summit in June 2019.

As sustainable development is a strategic priority of ASEAN, the ACSDSD will play a catalytic role in promoting sustainable development cooperation in the region and enhancing the complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, also known as the "Complementarities Initiative".

The Centre is one of the concrete deliverables of Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship this year. It will also serve as a regional platform to encourage research and studies as well as build capacities of ASEAN Member States, and promote dialogue and cooperation on sustainable development within ASEAN, and between ASEAN and external partners, including the implementation of concrete cooperation projects relating to sustainable development.

Operating within the Centre for Research on Sustainable Leadership, College of Management of Mahidol University in Bangkok, the Centre will also work in partnership and develop networks of cooperation with relevant centres and institutions within ASEAN and beyond.
