

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH ASEAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(25th ATM)
14 November 2019, Ha Noi, Viet Nam**

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The Twenty-Fifth ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) Meeting was held on 14 November 2019 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van The, Minister of Transport of Viet Nam chaired the Meeting and H.E. Dato Abdul Mutalib Yusof, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications of Brunei Darussalam was the Vice-Chairman. The Twenty Fifth ATM Meeting was preceded by the Forty-Eighth ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) and their consultations with dialogue partners held on 11-13 November 2019.

Reinforcing the ASEAN Single Aviation Market

2. The Ministers concluded and signed the Protocol to implement the Eleventh Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework of Services (AFAS) to facilitate its implementation to further liberalise air transport ancillary services in the region.

3. The Ministers adopted the Implementing Protocol-1 (IP1): Qualification of Flight Simulation Training Devices (FSTD) of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Flight Crew Licensing (MRA on FCL) to mutually recognise each other's qualified FSTD. The Ministers encouraged the STOM and the relevant working groups to continue working towards the conclusion of the subsequent IPs to facilitate aviation industry growth and development within ASEAN.

4. The Ministers commended the ongoing implementation of the ASEAN Air Traffic Management Master Plan, which aims to enhance air traffic management safety, efficiency, and capacity in the region, and advance the Seamless ASEAN Sky in support of the ASEAN Single Aviation Market. The Ministers supported the future work by relevant working groups to align the ASEAN Air Traffic Management Master Plan with the new edition of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)'s Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Asia/Pacific Seamless Air Navigation Services Plan.

Strengthening ASEAN multimodal transport of goods and cross-border transport of passengers

5. The Ministers issued the Declaration on the Adoption of the Implementation Framework of ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport (AFAMT). The adoption of the Implementation Framework of AFAMT, which is one of key milestones under the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP) 2016-2025, would support operationalisation of international multimodal transport and full implementation of AFAMT in

the region, through the use of a single multimodal transport contract for goods carried by different modes of transport.

6. The Ministers welcomed the full ratification and entry into force of ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) Protocol 7 (Customs Transit System) on 19 February 2019 and looked forward to the ratification of AFAFGIT Protocol 2 (Designation of Frontier Posts) by the remaining ASEAN Member States to enable pilot implementation of ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS). The Ministers also urged the remaining ASEAN Member States to ratify AFAFGIT Protocol 6 (Railways Border and Interchange Stations) in order to complete ratification of all implementing protocols under AFAFGIT.

7. The Ministers supported the continuous efforts in facilitating cross-border transport of passengers by road vehicles to enhance People-to-People Connectivity and urged the remaining ASEAN Member States to ratify ASEAN Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (ASEAN CBTP) to enable its pilot implementation, which would lead to the increase of tourism and investment in the region.

Intensifying efforts to improve road safety in ASEAN

8. The Ministers supported the efforts to improve road safety performance in the region through the completion of two (2) studies, in identifying gaps on road safety development in ASEAN and capacity building programmes at the national and regional-level to address those gaps, as well as in providing recommendations for the alignment of ASEAN Member States' road crash data collection and analysis with the UN standards. The Ministers looked forward to the continuous measures to reduce road fatalities by 50% in the ASEAN Member States by 2020 through the implementation of five (5) strategic pillars of UN Decade of Action for Road Safety.

Towards Greater Maritime Transport Connectivity and Integration and Sustainable Transport

9. The Ministers were pleased with the notable progress in the Pilot Project on the Operationalisation of the ASEAN Single Shipping Market (ASSM), which will look at port clearance processes and focus on standardising ship clearance documentation based on the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Convention on the Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL Convention). The Ministers tasked the STOM and MTWG to work in close coordination with Republic of Korea (ROK), as the Dialogue Partner, to support the successful conduct of the pilot project.

10. The Ministers welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Green Ship Strategy, as part of ASEAN's effort to curb climate change through reducing emissions from ships, complementing global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The Ministers thanked Japan for its assistance in the development of the Strategy and encouraged ASEAN Member States to exert efforts and proactive actions to identify and solve challenges towards the promotion of the use of non-convention green ships.

Transport cooperation with Dialogue Partners

11. The Ministers acknowledged the good progress made thus far in the air services negotiations with EU, Japan, New Zealand and ROK noting that air transport is the backbone and critical enabler of trade and tourism flows, economic development and people to people interactions. The Ministers looked forward to the successful conclusion of the ambitious and mutually beneficial air transport / services agreements with dialogue partners that are over and above what has been achieved bilaterally, to expand air connectivity.

12. The Ministers concluded the Protocol 3 on the Expansion of Fifth Freedom Traffic Rights Between Contracting Parties of the ASEAN China Air Transport Agreement (AC-ATA) to further enhance air connectivity between ASEAN and China which would serve to promote trade, tourism, investment, economic and social development. The Ministers also noted the steady progress made in the implementation of projects/activities under the 2018 – 2020 Action Programme of the Revised Strategic Plan for ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation.

13. The Ministers lauded the steady progress in the negotiations of ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement and looked forward to the speedy conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement. The Ministers acknowledged the progress of ASEAN-Japan cooperation through the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP), particularly the activities in the work plan for 2018–2019. The Ministers also welcomed new initiatives under AJTP, which include the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Implementation Plan Training in ASEAN (GIPTA), Proof of Concept (PoC) on ICT Solutions for Over-loaded Vehicle Control, Joint Research on Bridge Maintenance for ASEAN Cross-Border Corridors, Extension of Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Operators Training, and Improving Accessibility to Public Transport for People with Disabilities and the Elderly.

14. With ROK, the Ministers welcomed the successful finalisation of the text of the ASEAN-Korea Air Services Agreement (AK-ASA). The Ministers encouraged the relevant working group to continue working towards the conclusion of AK-ASA including a more liberal and mutually beneficial traffic rights exchange. The Ministers were also pleased to note the progress of implementation of activities in the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Project.

15. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the EU for its continuous support for key technical initiatives of KLTSP under the ASEAN Regional Integration Support by the EU (ARISE) Plus Programme as well as the Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI), which provides support to ASEAN in the areas of air transport, transport facilitation, road safety and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). The Ministers also welcomed the considerable progress in the negotiations on ASEAN-EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement (CATA) and encouraged ASEAN Member States to exert their best effort towards the conclusion of the ambitious Agreement, which would be the first-region-to-region Agreement of its kind.

The Twenty- Sixth ATM

16. The Ministers agreed to convene the Twenty-Sixth ATM Meeting in Brunei Darussalam in 2020.

17. The delegates from ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for the warm hospitality accorded to the delegations and the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

LIST OF MINISTERS

- (a) H.E. Dato Abdul Mutalib Yusof, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications of Brunei Darussalam;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
- (c) Mr. Djoko Sasono, Secretary General, representing H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- (d) H.E. Dr. Bounchanh Sinthavong, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- (e) H.E. Mr. Loke Siew Fook, Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
- (f) H.E. Mr. Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar;
- (g) H.E. Mr. Arthur P. Tugade, Secretary of Transportation of the Philippines;
- (h) H.E. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport of Singapore;
- (i) H.E. Mr. Saksayam Chidchob, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- (j) H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van The, Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (k) H.E. Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.