



THE SIXTH ASEAN-INDIA MINISTERIAL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

21 October 2020

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1. We, the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry and the Minister of State for Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, held our Sixth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (6th AIMMAF) virtually on 21 October 2020. The Meeting was Co-chaired by H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia and H. E. Shri Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare of India.
2. We exchanged views on the situation of COVID-19 pandemic situation and were deeply concerned about its unprecedented impacts on the lives of people and economies, including the disruption of the food supply chain in the region. We reaffirmed our commitment to ensuring the unimpeded flow of safe and nutritious agricultural produce in the region.
3. We were pleased with the progress made in the implementation of the Medium-Term Plan of Action for ASEAN-India Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry (2016–2020) particularly in strengthening the regional capacity on the use of science-based interventions and sharing good agricultural practices amongst each other for the overall development of the region, and further strengthen our collaborations through strategic expert interactions in agriculture, livestock and fishery sectors.
4. We adopted the Medium-Term Plan of Action for ASEAN-India Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry (2021-2025) and tasked our senior officials on the full implementation of the Plan of Action particularly the priority projects relating to the ASEAN-India fellowship for higher education in agriculture, exchange visits for farmers in ASEAN and India, climate-smart agriculture, application of robotics and drones in agriculture production and electromagnetic waves in food processing, promotion of post-harvest technology for fruits and vegetables, and transboundary diseases and health management in agriculture.

5. We agreed to meet again at the 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry in 2022.
6. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Government of Cambodia for the excellent arrangements made for the 6th AIMMAF Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

- i. H.E. Dato Ali Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam
- ii. H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- iii. H.E. Dr. Syahrul Yasin Limpo, Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia
- iv. H.E. Dr. Linkham Douangsavanh, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- v. H.E. YB Datuk Seri Dr. Ronald Kiandee, Minister of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI), Malaysia
- vi. H.E. Dr. Aung Thu, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar
- vii. H.E. Dr. William Dar, Secretary of Agriculture, Philippines
- viii. H.E. Dr. Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment, Singapore
- ix. H.E. Mr. Narapat Kaoethong, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
- x. H.E. Le Quoc Doanh, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam
- xi. H.E. Shri Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, India
- xii. H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN.