



**JOINT STATEMENT OF
ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SPORTS
ON CEMENTING STRONG FOUNDATION FOR ASEAN ATHLETES
AT THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES**

The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports;

HAVING gathered virtually on 28 October 2021, for the Sixth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (6th AMMS) hosted by Singapore;

GUIDED by the Chairman's Statement of the 37th ASEAN Summit expressing ASEAN Leaders' anticipation towards more strategic cooperation among ASEAN Member States to strengthen the role of sports in ASEAN Community building;

RECALLING the commitment of Ministers responsible for Sports in the Vientiane Declaration on Sports Cooperation in ASEAN in 2013 to raise the level of our athletes' performance in regional and international competitions, and enhance ASEAN's achievements in competitive sports;

RECOGNISING the importance of a collective ASEAN effort in meeting this endeavor and in better supporting our athletes on their sporting journeys at regional and international sporting platforms; and

FURTHER RECOGNISING the importance of establishing a strong foundation at the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games to smoothen the progression of our ASEAN athletes in the lead up to the Asian Games and Olympic Games; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the need to elevate the quality of the SEA Games as a competitive sporting platform and progressive pathway en route to achieving even higher sporting success and excellence;

DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT WE:

SUPPORT the inclusion of more Asian and Olympic Games Sports in each edition of the SEA Games with the eventual aim of aligning the SEA Games sports selection closely with that of the Asian Games and Olympic Games;

ENDEAVOUR to work with the SEA Games Federation Council, National Olympic Councils (NOCs) and relevant stakeholders, including ASEAN governmental and non-governmental organisations towards the facilitation of this Joint Statement;

STRIVE to establish a strong foundation for our ASEAN athletes at the SEA Games, in the lead up to the Asian Games and Olympic Games and better support their sporting journeys towards excellence;

REMAIN COMMITTED to the platform of SEA Games as a demonstration of sporting excellence in ASEAN, and in building relationships and facilitating people-to-people exchanges amongst ASEAN Member States; and

TASK the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS) to work with the respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and relevant stakeholders in exploring avenues to achieve the objective of aligning the SEA Games sport selection as closely as possible with that of the Asian Games and Olympic Games.

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