

**EIGHTH ASEAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(8th ATM+ROK)**

13 October 2017, Singapore

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The Eighth ASEAN and ROK Transport Ministers (8th ATM+ROK) Meeting was held on 13 October 2017 in Singapore. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport of Singapore and, H.E. Mr. Maeng Sung Kyu, Vice Minister for Transport, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea. The Meeting was preceded by the Ninth ASEAN and ROK Senior Transport Officials Meeting (9th STOM+ROK) held on 11 October 2017.
2. The Ministers were pleased with the progress made in implementing the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap projects/activities in 2017, particularly including: the completion of the Capacity Building Training Programmes on Railway Policy and Safety; Logistics Policy and Technology; Sustainable Urban Transportation System; and Transport and Logistics Development and Land Compensation. The Meeting also looked forward to the successful implementation of Feasibility Study developing railway project linking Viet Nam and Lao PDR (Vientiane – Thakek – Mu Gia – Tan Ap – Vung Ang); and Establishment of the Civil Aviation Training Center (CATC) in Cambodia.
3. The Ministers welcomed the new ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap which set out the potential projects and activities to be undertaken in the next 3 years (2018-2020). The projects and activities of cooperation will be conducted in the areas of, among others, professional capacity building program, masterplan, infrastructure feasibility study and project.
4. Under the ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity (2016-2020), the Ministers affirmed their commitment to forge closer cooperation to enhance transport infrastructure, including environmentally friendly airports; as well as to strengthen transport networks and operations for air, maritime, road, rail, Inland Waterway Transport (IWT), and multi-modal transport for fast, efficient, safe, sustainable and secure movement of goods and people in the region. In particular, the Ministers reaffirmed their commitment in further enhancing air transport connectivity between ASEAN and ROK and encouraged the relevant working groups to look into convening the 2nd Meeting of the ASEAN-ROK Working Group on Regional Air Services Arrangements for the conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial air services agreement, while noting ROK's view that such development would require sufficient time to discuss.
5. The Ninth ATM+ROK Meeting will be held in Thailand in 2018.

LIST OF MINISTERS

- (a) H.E. Dato Seri Setia Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
- (c) H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- (d) H.E. Mr. Bounchanh Sinthavong, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- (e) H.E. Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, 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. Maeng Sung Kyu, Vice Minister for Transport, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea;
- (i) H.E. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport of Singapore;
- (j) H.E. Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- (k) H.E. Mr. Le Dinh Tho, Vice Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (l) H.E. Mr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community