



JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE TWENTIETH (20TH) ASEAN SOCIO-CULTURAL COMMUNITY (ASCC) COUNCIL

3 OCTOBER 2018, REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

1. We, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam gathered together on 3 October 2018 in Singapore, for the 20th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council (ASCC) Meeting, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Singapore.
2. We extended our full support to Singapore's 2018 ASEAN Chairmanship. We noted with appreciation deliverables relevant to ASCC under Singapore's Chairmanship to build stronger resilience and foster an innovative spirit in ASEAN such as the Singapore-ASEAN Youth Fund, ASEAN Youth Fellowship programme, Framework to Minimise the Harmful Effects of Fake News and the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN).
3. We encourage all sectoral bodies and stakeholders under the ASCC Pillar to continue harnessing innovative solutions to improve the well-being of our people.
4. In pursuit of this year's priorities for the ASCC, we supported the following documents for the consideration of the ASEAN Leaders at their 33rd ASEAN Summit on 12-16 November 2018 in Singapore:

For adoption

- a. ASEAN Declaration on Promoting Green Jobs for Equity and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN Community
- b. ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- c. ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP 24) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

- d. ASEAN Joint Statement to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 14)
- e. ASEAN Plus Three Joint Statement on Cooperation Against Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- f. ASEAN Declaration on the Adoption of the ASEAN Youth in Climate Action and Disaster Resilience Day

For notation

- a. ASEAN Communication Master Plan II
 - b. Core Values for Digital Literacy
 - c. Framework to Minimise the Harmful Effects of Fake News
 - d. Action Plan (2018-2025) to Implement the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers
 - e. Yogyakarta Declaration on Embracing the Culture of Prevention to Enrich the ASEAN Identity
 - f. Draft List of ASEAN-OSHNET Initiatives to Implement the ASEAN Labour Ministers' Statement on Improving Occupational Safety and Health for Sustainable Economic Growth
 - g. A Guide to Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025
5. To mark the ten years of the ASCC, we reflected on the work of the ASCC and deliberated on the way forward to ensure the ASCC remains relevant, and strengthen efforts to enhance the standards of living of the people of ASEAN. We affirmed the need to deepen the sense of ASEAN Identity, awareness, connectedness and belonging, and find innovative ways to equip our citizens with skills and capabilities so that ASEAN can remain a vibrant, inclusive and dynamic place for our peoples to live, work and play.
6. We encouraged ASCC sectoral bodies to work and to collaborate with the APSC and AEC pillars to raise the profile of ASEAN for greater engagement and awareness of the people of ASEAN through (i) further reaching out to the people of ASEAN including by consulting and making use of the ASEAN Communication Master Plan II (ACMP); (ii) presenting more human interest stories on how ASCC-building impacts on the individuals and livelihoods of our people; and (iii) raising awareness of the youth through new media and platforms.
7. To increase productivity of ASCC, we steered sectoral bodies, with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat, to strengthen effective coordination across the three pillars and in analysing, facilitating and monitoring the implementation of the ASCC

Blueprint 2025. We also urged sectoral bodies to continue to make preparations and be ready to keep pace and embrace the innovations of industry 4.0, to strengthen the ASCC Agenda, more effective utilisation of funds with external partners, and on the implementation of the Culture of Prevention (CoP).

8. We supported and looked forward to Indonesia's initiative in implementing the CoP by hosting the 2nd ASEAN Youth Interfaith Camp (AYIC) which will be held in Jakarta, Yogyakarta and Bali on 28 October – 4 November 2018. We welcomed the possibility of AYIC to become a recurring project sponsored by Indonesia and encouraged ASEAN Dialogue Partners to collaborate in supporting this upstream initiative.
9. On this occasion, we also convened the 2nd ASCC Council Retreat on the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan 2025: Mainstreaming the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
10. The Retreat provided a platform for ASCC Council Ministers to discuss and provide strategic direction on the implementation of the masterplan to empower persons with disabilities in areas such as sports, leisure, cultural activities, quality health care, accessibility to information, universal access to quality education, equitable access to sustainable environment, and a more disability inclusive and disaster resilient environment.
11. We expressed our appreciation for the effective leadership, warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for ASCC work under Singapore's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2018.
12. We congratulated Singapore for a successful year as Chair of the ASCC Council in 2018 and looked forward to working closely with Thailand as incoming ASEAN Chair in 2019.

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**LIST OF ASCC MINISTERS/HEADS OF DELEGATION
ATTENDING THE 20TH ASCC COUNCIL MEETING
3 OCTOBER 2018, SINGAPORE**

- 1. Major General (rtd)**
Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok
Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin

Minister
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
Brunei Darussalam
- 2. Yuok Ngoy**

Secretary of State
Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
Cambodia
- 3. I Gede Ngurah Swajaya**

Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Singapore
Indonesia
- 4. Prof. Dr. Bosengkham Vongdara**

Minister
Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism
Lao PDR
- 5. Mohamaddin bin Ketapi**

The Hon. Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture
Malaysia
- 6. Khin Kyi Pyar**

Rector, National University of Arts and Culture
Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
Myanmar
- 7. Virginia N. Orogo**

Acting Secretary
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Philippines

8. Desmond Lee

Minister
Ministry of Social and Family Development
Singapore

9. General Anantaporn Kanjanarat

Minister
Ministry of Social Development and Human Security
Thailand

10. Le Quan

Vice Minister
Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
Viet Nam

11. Dato Lim Jock Hoi

Secretary-General of ASEAN

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