

**THE TWENTY-SECOND ASEAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING  
(22<sup>nd</sup> ATM)  
17 November 2016, Manila, Philippines**

**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

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1. The Twenty-Second ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) Meeting was held on 17 November 2016 in Manila, Philippines. H.E. Mr. Arthur P. Tugade, Secretary of Transportation of the Philippines chaired the Meeting and H.E. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport for Singapore was the Vice-Chairman. The Twenty Second ATM Meeting was preceded by the Forty-Second ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) and their consultations with dialogue partners held on 14-16 November 2016.

2. The Twenty-Second ATM was officially opened by H.E. Mr. Benjamin Diokno, Secretary of Department of Budget and Management of the Philippines representing the Office of the President. In his Opening Remarks, he highlighted the efforts of the Government of the Philippines in achieving efficient and sustainable transportation as a means to move people, enhance business, and attract investments. He also highlighted that under the new marching order of “Build, Build, Build”, several major infrastructure projects would be carried out to facilitate the transport of goods and services in the Philippines, including the development of mass urban transport systems to address the traffic crisis in metropolitan cities and the establishment of the first rail network outside of Luzon to link provinces in the Visayas and Mindanao. Finally, he wishes ASEAN transport cooperation activities would be able to enhance the connectivity, ease of travel, lower prices of goods and services, and the improvement of people’s life quality.

**Towards Deeper Transport Integration**

3. The Ministers commended the strong start in the implementation of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP) 2016-2025 and reaffirmed commitments to intensify cooperation to realise the AEC 2025 vision which calls for a deeply integrated region that would contribute towards a highly cohesive ASEAN economy. To this end, the Ministers endorsed the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Air Transport, Land Transport, Maritime Transport, Sustainable Transport and Transport Facilitation, which would facilitate impact monitoring of the implementation of the AEC Blueprint 2025, and the Work Plans of all sectoral Working Groups under STOM for the period of 2016-2017, which provides guidance for the Working Groups to set priorities and deliverables for the next two (2) years.

## **Furthering the Establishment of ASEAN Single Aviation Market (ASAM)**

4. The Ministers applauded the full ratification by all the ASEAN Member States of the air transport agreements that will pave the way to Open Skies in ASEAN which is one of the key pillars supporting ASEAN integration. The Ministers welcomed the efforts to enhance the ASEAN air services agreements to further liberalise key economic elements under the ASEAN Single Aviation Market (ASAM) Implementation Framework. The Ministers were pleased with the progress in the establishment of a Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Flight Crew Licensing, which would demonstrate ASEAN's commitment to raise aviation safety standards. The Ministers tasked the senior officials to work towards finalising the MRA for adoption and signing by the 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting in 2017.

5. The Ministers also welcomed the progress of the development of ASEAN Air Traffic Management Harmonisation Master Plan to achieve a Seamless ASEAN Sky and the negotiation of the 10<sup>th</sup> package of commitments on Air Transport Services under the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services. The Ministers noted that both undertakings are targeted to be completed by 2017.

## **Moving towards seamless cross-border movement of passengers and goods**

6. The Ministers welcomed the conclusion of substantive negotiations on the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Cross-Border Transport of Passengers by Road Vehicles (ASEAN CBTP), and agreed to sign the agreement at the earliest possible time. The CBTP will facilitate seamless cross-border mobility between and among ASEAN Member States and enhance regional people-to-people connectivity.

7. The Ministers noted the progress made in ratifying and enacting domestic laws and regulations to implement the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT), ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multimodal Transport (AFAMT) and ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Inter-State Transport (AFAFIST) and urged officials to speed up the implementation of these transport facilitation agreements to meet the timeframe set in the KLTSP.

8. The Ministers took note of the progress in the preparation for the pilot project on ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) including the completion of the Operating Guidelines for Goods Vehicle Cross-Border Permit and the ACTS Manuals for Transport Officials and for Principals and Transporters. The Ministers urged the ACTS Pilot Countries to conclude and sign the MOU on the Operationalisation of the Pilot Project for the Implementation of ACTS in order to be able to proceed with the ACTS Pilot phase live run. The Ministers noted that the ACTS Central Management Team would be established within the ASEAN Secretariat to manage the implementation of ACTS upon the completion of the pilot phase.

## **Intensifying efforts on realisation of ASEAN Single Shipping Market (ASSM)**

9. The Ministers adopted the Framework of Cooperation on Certification of Competency for Near Coastal Voyages (NCV) issued by ASEAN Member States, as a mechanism to address disparities in the area of trading limits and syllabus requirements between ASEAN

Member States on NCV Certificates. The Framework of Cooperation would focus on capacity building efforts and sharing information among ASEAN Member States. The Ministers tasked the senior officials and the relevant working group to come up with further implementation plans of the Framework of Cooperation towards ASEAN wide recognition of NCV certification

### **Enhancing the use of Intelligent Transport Systems**

10. With the view to enhance the application of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in the region, the Ministers adopted the ASEAN ITS Policy Framework 2.0, which sets out the guiding principles for the ASEAN Member States in identifying, planning, evaluating and facilitating ITS applications in their respective countries, taking advantage of the many potential benefits of ITS. The completion of the ASEAN ITS Policy Framework 2.0 marked a significant milestone in regional efforts to maximise road network efficiency capacity as well as improve traffic flow.

### **Promoting Road Safety Awareness in the region**

11. The Ministers adopted and launched the ASEAN Road Safety Booklet as a tool for dissemination of key highlights from ASEAN Regional Road Safety Strategy in enhancing public awareness on the importance of the road safety in the region.

### **Enhancing transport cooperation with Dialogue Partners**

12. The Ministers welcomed the progress made in the ASEAN-China transport cooperation, including adoption of the revised ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation Strategic Plan and the Development Strategy for ASEAN-China Transport Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The Ministers also commended the progress made in the implementation of ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement (AC ATA) and its Protocols 1 and 2 and looked forward to the realisation of ASEAN-China Open Skies in support of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement. In this regard, the Ministers looked forward to China's positive consideration of ASEAN's proposal to expand the intra-package of Protocol 2 by adding more commercially viable points.

13. 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 2016–2017. The Ministers also welcomed new initiatives under AJTP, which include implementation of the New ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector (AJ-APEIT), Project for Encouraging the Use of Environmental Friendly Ships in ASEAN, Implementation of Green Logistics Vision and Action Plan and Enhancement of Port Security in ASEAN Member States through the programs of the Port Security Expert Meeting (PSEM). The Ministers further lauded the significant progress in the negotiations of ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement and are looking forward to the speedy conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement.

14. With ROK, the Ministers noted the progress of implementation of activities in the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Project. The Ministers encouraged the senior officials

and the relevant working groups to look into the early conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-ROK air services agreement. With India, the Ministers looked forward to strengthening the air transport cooperation with India, including the commencement of the negotiations on ASEAN-India Air Transport Agreement.

15. The Meeting appreciated the outcomes of the activities under the European Union ASEAN Air Transport Integration Project (EU-AATIP) and the ASEAN Regional Integration Support from the EU (ARISE) and looked forward to the continuous strong support for the key technical initiatives of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP) 2016-2025, such as in aviation safety and air traffic management, under the ARISE Plus Programme. The Ministers also expressed its pleasure with the notable progress in aviation engagement with the EU, particularly with the beginning of the negotiations on an ASEAN-EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement (CATA), which would be the first region-to-region Agreement of its kind. The Ministers further encouraged both sides to conclude an ambitious agreement.

16. The Ministers thanked Germany for its technical assistance to ASEAN Member States and acknowledged the project achievements on Sustainable Port Development (SPD) in ASEAN during 6 years of cooperation (2009-2015). The Ministers appreciated Germany's continued support to the implementation of the KLTSP 2016-2025.

17. The Ministers welcomed the adoption of ASEAN-United States Aviation Cooperation Terms of Reference, which would include areas of aviation safety, efficiency, harmonisation, security as well as economic regulation.

### **The Twenty- Third ATM**

18. The Ministers agreed to convene the Twenty-Third ATM Meeting in Singapore in 2017.

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

### **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) Mr. Sugihardjo representing H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;

- (d) H.E. Mr. Viengsavath Siphandone, Vice 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. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport of Singapore;
- (i) H.E. Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- (j) H.E. Mr. Nguyen Hong Truong, Vice Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (k) H.E. Mr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.