



**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE  
THIRD ASEAN PLUS JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SPORTS  
(3<sup>RD</sup> AMMS+JAPAN)**

*28 October 2021, Videoconference*

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*The Third ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports was held on 28 October 2021, co-chaired by Singapore and Japan.*

1. We **congratulate** Singapore and **extend** our full support for its assumption of its co-chairpersonship with Japan.
2. We **note with satisfaction** the progress of ASEAN-Japan friendship and cooperation over the past year and **reaffirm** the commitment to further strengthen ASEAN-Japan cooperation on sports, guided by the Revised Implementation Plan of the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation: Shared Vision, Shared Identity, Shared Future.
3. We **congratulate** Japan for the successful hosting of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games amidst the trying circumstances of COVID-19 pandemic and look forward to continuing the cooperation on sports by taking advantage of its legacy.
4. We **recognise** the need for ASEAN and Japan to work together in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and in promoting the recovery of the sports industry, in particular, sports tourism. We also look forward to the resumption of full-time training for our national athletes, and in turn, restart international competitions and major tournaments. We therefore, **note with satisfaction** the participation of ASEAN Member States at the Online Business Meeting in Sports and Health Industry from ASEAN Region to Japan on 19-21 January 2021 and 5<sup>th</sup> Association of Sports Institutes in Asia (ASIA) Congress - New-norm in High-Performance Sport with COVID-19 and the Future of Sport in Asia on 22-26 February 2021.
5. We **further commend** the collaboration between the Southeast Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization (SEARADO) and Japan Anti-Doping Agency (JADA) in capacity building activities for anti-doping, which was an indispensable factor in the success of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the 2019 Southeast Asian Games as clean major sports events.

6. We **express our appreciation** for the growing partnership of ASEAN and Japan in the field of sports and **welcome** the adoption of the ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2021-2025 as a strategic document to steer ASEAN towards an active and resilient community as we leverage on the benefits of sports to advance socio-cultural development and promoting peace.

7. We **note with satisfaction** the progress of implementation of the *ASEAN-Japan Actions on Sports* project and **congratulate** the Japanese Center for Research on Women in Sport of Juntendo University for the successful Workshop on Gender Equality in Sports on 10-13 August 2021 during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. As we continue to raise more awareness on issues on women in sports and promote gender equality through sports, we **look forward** to the convening of Talk Show on the Promotion on the Participation of Women and Girls in Sports in ASEAN on 3 December 2021 by the ASEAN Secretariat, to be held back-to-back with the Tribute to Tokyo 2020 ASEAN Olympic and Paralympic Medallists.

8. We **note with appreciation** the commencement of second phase of ASEAN-Japan Actions on Sports, focusing on physical education teacher education (PETE) and sport for people with disability (SPD) in ASEAN Member States by the Nippon Sport Science University and University of Tsukuba Japan.

9. We **welcome** the emerging priority on sports industry and sports science and **look forward** to further discussing potential future collaborative activities in *sports management* to expand our cooperation on sports, in addition to the four (4) areas of priority agreed in the 1<sup>st</sup> AMMS+Japan held in 2017, namely, development of physical education teachers and coaches, increasing participation of women in sports, advancing sports for persons with disabilities, and anti-doping campaign and capacity building.

10. We **thank** Singapore and Japan as co-chairs for the successful organisation and convening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports as well as the excellent meeting arrangements. We **welcome** Thailand as the incoming Chair of AMMS and agree to meet again at the 4<sup>th</sup> AMMS+Japan in 2023.

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**LIST OF MINISTERS/ HEADS OF DELEGATION**  
**ATTENDING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> AMMS+JAPAN**  
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<b><i>Brunei Darussalam</i></b>	<b>H.E. Major General (Retired) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Aminuddin Ihsan bin Pehin Orang Kaya Saiful Mulok Dato Seri Paduka Haji Abidin</b> Minister Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports
<b><i>Cambodia</i></b>	<b>H.E. Sabayna Sok</b> Under Secretary of State Sport and Department of Information and ASEAN Affairs Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
<b><i>Indonesia</i></b>	<b>H.E. Gatot S. Dewa Broto</b> Secretary General Ministry of Youth and Sports
<b><i>Lao PDR</i></b>	<b>H.E. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Phout Simmalavong</b> Minister Ministry of Education and Sports
<b><i>Malaysia</i></b>	<b>H.E. Dato' Seri Ahmad Faizal Dato' Azumu</b> Minister Ministry of Youth and Sports
<b><i>Myanmar</i></b>	<b>H.E. Min Thein Zan</b> Union Minister Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
<b><i>Philippines</i></b>	<b>H.E. William Ramirez</b> Chairman Philippine Sports Commission
<b><i>Singapore</i> <i>Co-Chair</i></b>	<b>H.E. Edwin Tong</b> Minister Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth
<b><i>Thailand</i></b>	<b>H.E. Phiphat Ratchakitprakarn</b> Minister Ministry of Tourism and Sports
<b><i>Viet Nam</i></b>	<b>H.E. Hoang Dao Cuong</b> Deputy Minister Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism
<b><i>Japan</i> <i>Co-Chair</i></b>	<b>H.E. TAKAHASHI Harumi</b> Parliamentary Vice-Minister Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)