

**JOINT PRESS STATEMENT**

**13<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of  
Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) +  
Australia Consultation**

**23 November 2017, Vientiane, Lao PDR**

1. The 13<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 23 November 2017 in Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.
2. The Consultation was co-chaired by Pol. Lt. Col. Saysaming SIVILAY, Director-General of Immigration Department, General Department of Public Security, Ministry of Public Security of Lao PDR, and Ms. Malisa Golightly, Deputy Secretary, Visa and Citizenship Services, Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) of Australia.
3. The Consultation noted the success of activities undertaken in 2016-2017 as agreed by the 12<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation.
4. The Consultation agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2017-2018, which demonstrated the shared interest of ASEAN and Australia in continuing a constructive partnership that would benefit the Member States of ASEAN and Australia.
5. The Consultation adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the ASEAN-Australia Immigration Training Committee to establish the ASEAN-Australia Immigration Training Committee.
6. ASEAN and Australia agreed that they would continue to work together on cooperative arrangements in relation to immigration matters across the region, including measures that complement the ASEAN community goals.
7. It was agreed that the 14<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 22<sup>nd</sup> DGICM and Its Related Meetings in Malaysia in 2018.
8. ASEAN Member States expressed appreciation to the Australian Government for its support on immigration capacity building and resources.
9. All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Government of Lao PDR for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.

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