



JOINT STATEMENT

THE TENTH ASEAN PLUS THREE LABOUR MINISTERS MEETING (ALMM+3)

29 NOVEMBER 2018, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

Introduction

1. The Tenth ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Meeting (10th ALMM+3) was attended by the Labour Ministers / Heads of Delegations from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and their respective delegations. The Secretary-General of ASEAN and staff representatives of the ASEAN Secretariat were also in attendance. The list of the ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers / Heads of Delegations is enclosed.
2. We reviewed the progress of cooperation on labour under the ASEAN Plus Three framework and reiterated our commitment to promote quality of life and competitiveness of our workforce who are engaged in safe and decent work and provided with adequate social security. We agreed to widen and deepen the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation on labour to support the attainment of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

Exchange of Views on Promoting Green Jobs for Equity and Inclusive Growth of ASEAN Community

3. We shared information and exchanged views on the achievements, experiences and constraints in promoting green jobs for equity and inclusive growth in the ASEAN Plus Three Countries. We acknowledged the importance of environmentally and socially sustainable economies with the objective of job creation. We agreed that closer cooperation among the ASEAN Plus Three Countries should be promoted to address the global and regional environmental impacts that have paved way for the emergence of green jobs.
4. We expressed our commitment to promote green jobs to contribute towards conserving the environment through research and sharing of good practices. We also

expressed our commitment in developing technical and vocational education and trainings on green skills, raising occupational safety and health standards towards achieving a green environment, as well as designing and implementing policies on green jobs and green skills in collaboration with tripartite partners, ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other stakeholders.

Status of ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation in Labour

5. We noted with appreciation the consistent efforts of China on enhancing the cooperation with ASEAN Member States, in particular the successful convening of the ASEAN+3 'Belt and Road' Conference on Employment Services on 24-26 July 2017 in China to share good practices and experiences on employment services and explore ways to further improve service delivery under the South-South triangular cooperation modality and China's Belt and Road Initiative. We appreciated that China and the ILO have signed a new "Partnership Agreement for Promoting Development Cooperation with a Focus on South-South Initiatives" in November 2018 in Beijing for a development cooperation project concerning skills development and public employment service in desiring partner countries within ASEAN.
6. We appreciated the continuous support of Japan through the implementation of the ASEAN-ILO/Japan Project on Promoting and Building Income Security and Employment Services in ASEAN Phase III and Skills Evaluation System Promotion Programme. We noted the successful convening of the 8th Regional Seminar on Industrial Relations with the theme of "Promoting Sound Industrial Relations through Social Dialogue and Implications of Changing Forms of Employment to Industrial Relations in the ASEAN Region" on 8-9 November 2017 in Hoi An, Viet Nam; and 15th ASEAN-Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies with the theme of "Healthy Development of Children for Future Generations" on 31 October – 2 November 2017 in Tokyo, Japan. We looked forward to the convening of the 16th ASEAN-Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies on 5-7 December 2018 in Yokohama, Japan.
7. We noted with appreciation numerous initiatives supported by the Republic of Korea, including the Global HRD Partnership Programme particularly the Global TVET Management Master Degree Programme and Invitational Training Programme; ASEAN-ILO/Korea Partnership Programme in support of ASEAN Initiatives in TVET and Skills for Inclusive Future of Work; Fellowship Training on Employment Injury Insurance (EII) and Employment Insurance (EI); and Project on Enhancing the Occupational Safety and Health Framework in ASEAN. We noted the successful convening of the 5th ASEAN+3 Human Resources Development (HRD) Forum with the theme "Enhancing Job Creation and Skills to Prepare for the 4th Industrial Revolution" on 7-9 November 2017 in Seoul and the 6th ASEAN+3 HRD Forum with

the theme “Digital Economy and Shared Future: Innovation, Policy and Governance in Skills Development” on 13-14 November 2018 in Jeju Island.

8. We lauded the initiatives to implement the East Asia Vision Group (EAVG) II Recommendations to support the realisation of an East Asia Economic Community by 2020. In particular, we noted with appreciation the convening of the Seminar on Migrant Workers’ Contribution to East Asia Economic Community: Perspectives from ASEAN Plus Three at National and Regional Level on 6-7 April 2018 in Siem Reap, Cambodia, and Conference on Sharing Best Practices on Harnessing Industry Involvement in Development of Higher Level Qualification on 7-8 November 2018 in Manila, the Philippines.

Conclusion

9. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Government of Malaysia, particularly the Ministry of Human Resources, for the warm hospitality extended to the 10th ALMM+3 delegates and excellent arrangement of the Meeting.
10. We agreed to meet again in Indonesia in 2020 under the ALMM Chairmanship of Indonesia.

**List of Ministers/Representatives Attending
the Tenth ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers Meeting (10th ALMM+3)
29 November 2018, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

- 1. H.E. Pehin Dato Abu Bakar Apong**
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs
Brunei Darussalam
- 2. H.E. Mam Vannak**
Secretary of State
Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training
Cambodia
- 3. H.E. Zhang Yizhen**
Vice-Minister
Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security
People's Republic of China
- 4. H.E. M. Hanif Dhakiri**
Minister
Ministry of Manpower
Indonesia
- 5. H.E. Akira Miyakawa**
Vice-Minister for Policy Coordination
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Japan
- 6. H.E. Dae Hwan Kim**
Director General
Ministry of Employment and Labor
Republic of Korea
- 7. H.E. Dr. Khampheng Saysompheng**
Minister
Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare
Lao PDR
- 8. H.E. M. Kula Segaran**
Minister
Ministry of Human Resources
Malaysia

9. H.E. Thein Swe

Union Minister
Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population
Myanmar

10. H.E. Silvestre H. Bello III

Secretary
Department of Labor and Employment
The Philippines

11. H.E. Josephine Teo

Minister
Ministry of Manpower
Singapore

12. H.E. Pol. Gen. Suwat Chanitthikul

Advisor to Minister of Labour
Ministry of Labour
Thailand

13. H.E. Doan Mau Diep

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

14. H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi

Secretary-General of ASEAN
ASEAN Secretariat
