



**JOINT STATEMENT
FOURTH ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (4th AMMSWD+3)**

“Social Development for All”

7 September 2013, Siem Reap, Cambodia

1. We, the Ministers/Heads of Delegations responsible for social welfare and development of ASEAN Member States, People’s Republic of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea convened the Fourth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (4th AMMSWD+3) which carried the theme “Social Development for All” on 7 September 2013 in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Social Development for All

2. We recognised the importance of promoting accessibility and quality of social protection schemes that are responsive to the needs of vulnerable groups including the poor and low income households, single parents, children, older people, persons with disabilities, and victims of disasters. We shared information on the achievements made and challenges encountered by the ASEAN Plus Three Countries in implementing national legislations, policies, and programmes to promote social development for all, including one-stop services, women’s economic empowerment, maternal health and early childhood care, education, assistance and livelihood programme for the poor, social welfare and services, social safety net, social insurance, pension, care for the elderly, and labour market intervention to promote employability.
3. We acknowledged the importance of community-based approach and the need to move away from charity-based approach in ensuring effectiveness and sustainability of social protection in addressing their vulnerabilities. We encouraged greater awareness and involvement of family, community, private sector, and other stakeholders in the realisation of social development for all. We agreed to strengthen the ASEAN Plus Three collaboration in social welfare and development through projects and activities that provide opportunities to learn from each other’s achievements, good practices, and lessons learned.

ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation on Social Welfare and Development

4. We noted the deliberations of the Eighth ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (8th SOMSWD+3) held on 5 September 2013 including the planned projects and activities initiated by ASEAN Member States for the involvement and support of the Plus Three Countries.

5. We commended the efforts of the People's Republic of China in implementing social welfare and development policies and programmes for vulnerable groups in the country. We recognised China's efforts to promote social welfare policies, from providing residual social services to building up a moderate benefit-all society. We appreciated China's initiatives on the strengthening of its substantial cooperation with the ASEAN Plus Three Countries through its support to the comparative studies on social welfare policies among the ASEAN Plus Three Countries and plan to convene a High Level Forum on Social Services for the Elderly in 2014.
6. We acknowledged the importance of long-term care systems in preparation for ageing society. We appreciated the continuing commitment of Japan to convene the annual ASEAN and Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies as an effective venue for information sharing, capacity enhancement, and building partnerships amongst the social welfare, health and labour sectors. We noted the recommendations for effective natural disaster response and management for vulnerable groups of the 10th Meeting held on 23-25 October 2012 in Tokyo. We welcomed the plan to convene the 11th Meeting with the theme "Active Ageing" on 3-5 December 2013 in Tokyo. We also noted the joint projects of Japan and Thailand on "the Development of a Community-Based Integrated Health Care and Welfare Services Model for Thai Older Persons" and "Long-term Care Service Development for the Frail Elderly and Other Vulnerable People" as the issue of ageing is shared by most ASEAN Member States in the coming decades.
7. We acknowledged the initiative of the Republic of Korea to achieve welfare for all citizens especially in promoting community-based services for older people to ensure that they are adequately cared for. We appreciated the initiative of the Republic of Korea through the Project entitled "Community-Based Services for Older Persons" led by HelpAge Korea which provides an opportunity to share good practices and lessons learnt in addressing the concerns of ageing societies through the participation of family and community in the response.
8. We recognised the valuable and continuing support of the Plus Three Countries in the joint efforts to strengthen services for vulnerable groups towards promoting a caring society. We reiterated the continued interest of ASEAN Member States to dialogue and engage with the Plus Three Countries, and to explore new initiatives in support of the realisation of the ASEAN Community building by 2015.

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9. We expressed appreciation to Indonesia for its readiness to host the Fifth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development in 2016.
10. We were most thankful to the Royal Government of Cambodia for its warm and generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegation, and the excellent arrangements for the Meeting. We also expressed our sincere appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat for its support to the Meeting.

LIST OF MINISTERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

**ATTENDING THE FOURTH ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**

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