

**JOINT PRESS STATEMENT**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of  
Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) +  
Australia Consultation**

**Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 21 August 2019**

1. The Consultation was co-chaired by U Htay Hlaing, Director General of the Immigration Department of Myanmar and Ms. Peta Maree Dunn, First Assistant Secretary of the Australian Department of Home Affairs.
2. The Consultation noted the successful implementation of activities in the ASEAN-Australia Programme of Work 2018-2019 as agreed by the 14<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation. The Consultation also expressed appreciation for Australia's continued commitment and agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2019-2020, demonstrating ASEAN and Australia's shared interests in strengthening immigration capacity across the region.
3. Australia shared its experiences regarding the implementation of an Advanced Passenger information (API) system, noting the benefits of closer collaboration between both domestic and regional border and law enforcement agencies.
4. The Consultation agreed that the 16<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 24<sup>th</sup> DGICM in the Philippines in 2020.
5. The ASEAN Member States expressed appreciation to the Australian Department of Home Affairs for their support in delivering capacity building activities and looked forward to the implementation of the 2019-20 ASEAN-Australia Programme of Work.
6. All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Government of Myanmar for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.
7. The Co-Chairs thanked all ASEAN Member States and Australia for their contributions to the success of the Consultation.

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