



JOINT STATEMENT
ELEVENTH BRUNEI DARUSSALAM – INDONESIA – MALAYSIA – PHILIPPINES
EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA SUMMIT
(11TH BIMP-EAGA SUMMIT)
28 APRIL 2015
LANGKAWI, KEDAH, MALAYSIA

1. We, the Leaders of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines gathered in Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia on 28 April 2015 for the 11th BIMP-EAGA Summit. We reaffirm BIMP-EAGA's importance as a building block towards the realisation of ASEAN Community 2015 and reiterate our commitment to further promote equitable, inclusive and sustainable growth and development in the sub-region.
2. We are pleased with the steady progress under the four strategic pillars in the BIMP-EAGA Implementation Blueprint (IB) 2012-2016. We also noted the satisfactory economic performance of BIMP-EAGA over the last five years since 2009. The value of trade has increased by more than 70% to USD166 billion in 2013. Total investment almost tripled to USD14.8 billion in the same period. While we recognise there are still challenges that need to be addressed to achieve our targets, we are encouraged by the collective resolve of our relevant agencies to address cross-cutting issues. This reflects a more cohesive and multi-sectoral response to emerging issues and challenges.
3. We are satisfied with the implementation of the Priority Infrastructure Projects (PIPs) consisting of the improvement of roads and expansion of sea ports and airports. These projects underpin the sustained development of land, maritime and air connectivity, particularly within BIMP-EAGA's economic corridors. We commend our Ministers and Senior Officials for initiating the identification of second generation PIPs, thus ensuring the advancement of BIMP-EAGA's connectivity agenda beyond 2016.
4. We acknowledge the efforts to sustain transport facilitation initiatives in BIMP-EAGA. We welcome the conduct of the joint ASEAN, BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Land Transport Facilitation Consultation Meeting held on 24 April 2015 in Surabaya, Indonesia, as this supports synergistic and better coordination with the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity. We urge our Ministers and Senior Officials to explore the conduct of similar joint consultations in the other areas of cooperation.

5. We acknowledge the outcome of the Borneo-Mindanao Power Interconnection Study. We welcome the conduct of the pre-feasibility study of the Priority BIMP-EAGA Enclave Power Connections and Interconnections that will further identify viable, secure and reliable energy supply and power interconnection in the sub-region.
6. We welcome the publication of the BIMP-EAGA Statistical Leaflet on Trade, Investment and Tourism which is important to assess our progress and enable us to chart our future direction. We call on our Ministers and our respective National Statistics Offices to continue supporting the development of a BIMP-EAGA database that will provide useful information to stakeholders and development partners.
7. We note the success of the 2nd BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Trade Fair and Business Leaders' Conference on 23–26 October 2014 in Davao City, Philippines. We are pleased to note that majority of the participants were from the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) which generated over USD200 million business deals. We urge greater engagement with MSMEs be pursued. We welcome Indonesia's hosting of the 3rd BIMP-EAGA and IMT-GT Trade Fair and Conference in October 2016 in Makassar, South Sulawesi.
8. We reaffirm the importance of the agriculture and fisheries sectors in narrowing the development gaps in the sub-region. We encourage agriculture and fisheries agencies to further institute programmes and projects to improve sub-regional value chains, and encourage trade on the basis of mutual benefits and interests in line with the BIMP-EAGA Food Basket Strategy.
9. We note that foreign tourist arrivals since 2009 have grown by almost 60% to 5.1 million in 2013. We recognise the need for sustainable intra-EAGA air services that is crucial to the further development of the tourism industry. We continue to encourage the transport and tourism sectors to strengthen their collaboration and collective resolve to address the issues.
10. We reaffirm our determination to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change in the BIMP-EAGA sub-region. We express our full support for the development and implementation of a capacity building program for local governments and communities on climate change mitigation and adaptation of best practices.
11. We welcome the formalisation of Socio-Cultural and Education as an additional strategic pillar of the BIMP-EAGA cooperation. This new pillar will contribute in realising a sub-region that is people-centred and socially responsible. We look forward to more multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder programmes that promote educational, social, sports and cultural exchanges within the member countries that also involve students and the youth.

12. We welcome the initiative to commence the preparation of a post-2016 agenda focused on further strengthening integration in the sub-region and accelerating further the implementation of priority projects under the strategic pillars of connectivity, food basket, tourism, environment, and socio-cultural and education with stronger engagement from all stakeholders.
13. We welcome the initiative to strengthen collaboration among the media officials in BIMP-EAGA. We encourage the media to regularly disseminate developments on the BIMP-EAGA cooperation initiatives as well as generate views and opinions of the stakeholders including from local governments, local communities and industry and business leaders.
14. We encourage the private sector under the leadership of the BIMP-EAGA Business Council (BEBC) to continue to be supportive of BIMP-EAGA initiatives and to be proactive in attracting private sector individuals, groups and industry associations to enhance their investment in the sub-region. On this note, we commend the private sector for the progress in the implementation of the BIMP-EAGA Submarine Terrestrial Cable project that can enhance the development of e-Commerce within the sub-region.
15. We look forward to the finalisation of the institutional arrangements of the establishment of the BIMP-EAGA Facilitation Centre and to the signing of the agreement at the BIMP-EAGA Ministerial Meeting this year.
16. We thank our Regional Development Advisor, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), for its continued support to the IB 2012-2016 by developing infrastructure projects and providing technical assistance in energy, transport, economic corridors, climate change, database development and capacity building. We urge ADB to continue its support in the delivery of projects.
17. We encourage stronger collaboration among the sub-regional groupings as well as with ASEAN sectoral bodies in creating greater synergy and convergence in our areas of cooperation. We strongly urge the ASEAN Secretariat to assist in mobilising knowledge, technical and financial resources for BIMP-EAGA's priority projects from its dialogue partners.
18. We value our cooperation with the People's Republic of China and look forward to similar collaboration with other prospective development partners.
19. We express our gratitude to the Government of Malaysia for the warm hospitality and the excellent meeting arrangements.

Langkawi, Kedah, Malaysia
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