



**Chairman's Press Statement
on the Launch of the ASEAN Centre
for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI)
3 November 2019, Bangkok/Nonthaburi, Thailand**

At the 35th ASEAN Summit today, the ASEAN Leaders launched the ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI).

ASEAN recognised the importance of preparing for an ageing society and the continuing need to promote the well-being of the elderly in the region.

The Centre's missions are to serve as a knowledge centre on active ageing and innovation, support evidence-informed policies, strategies and guidelines on active ageing, implement capacity development programme, and conduct research and development and innovation on active ageing in ASEAN. The Centre would also facilitate collaboration among ASEAN Member States, international and regional partners in supporting active ageing in ASEAN. The Centre will be located within the compound of the Ministry of Public Health of Thailand in Nonthaburi Province.

The Centre is another demonstration of our investment in the future of ASEAN that would support the realisation of a people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community that leaves no one behind and looks to the future. The Centre is also another deliverable in support of the theme of "Advancing Partnership for Sustainability" under Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2019.

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