



**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE 24TH MEETING
OF THE ASEAN DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF CUSTOMS
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 20-22 May 2015**

1. The 24th Meeting of the ASEAN Directors-General of Customs was held from 20 to 22 May 2015 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Maswadi Bin Haji Mohsin, Acting Controller of the Royal Customs and Excise Department of Brunei Darussalam. All 10 ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat attended the Meeting.
2. The Meeting reviewed the works of the ASEAN Customs committees/working groups. These include the Coordinating Committee on Customs, the Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation Working Group, the Customs Enforcement and Compliance Working Group, the Customs Capacity Building Working Group and the ASEAN Single Window Steering Committee.
3. Key achievements during the past year include the ratification of the ASEAN Agreement on Customs; conclusion of the text of Protocol 2 (Designation of Frontier Posts), the completed signing of Protocol 7 (Customs Transit System) by all Member States and the complete review of the Strategic Plan of Customs Development (SPCD) for 2011-2015.
4. The Meeting endorsed the SPCD 2016-2020 to guide the work of the ASEAN Customs Administration for the next five years.
5. The Meeting urged Member States to expedite the signing of the Protocol 2 (Designation of Frontier Posts) and the ratification of the Protocol 7 (Customs Transit System) by 2015 in order to work towards operationalising the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit.
6. The Meeting noted the progress on the ASEAN Single Window (ASW), notably the finalisation of the Protocol on the Legal Framework to Implement the ASEAN Single Window (PLF) in September 2014 and urged the completion of its signing in 2015. The Meeting welcomed the commencement of the full-fledged ASW Pilot Project Component 2 in early April 2015 including the appointment of the contractor.
7. The Meeting held consultation sessions with the Customs Administrations of China, Japan and Korea to strengthen Customs-to-Customs cooperation in the region.

8. The Meeting held consultation sessions with the US-ASEAN Business Council (USABC) and the Conference of Asia-Pacific Express Carriers (CAPEC), to strengthen Customs-to-Business partnerships in the region.

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**At the end of the 24th Meeting of ASEAN Directors-General of Customs,
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