



**JOINT STATEMENT OF
THE FOURTH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SPORTS
(AMMS-4)
11 October 2017
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

We, the Ministers of Sports of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) convened our Fourth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS-4) in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 11 October 2017 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Myint Htwe, Minister of Health and Sports of the Republic Union of Myanmar. The AMMS-4 was preceded by the Seventh ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS-7) held on 9 October 2017 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

1. We underscored the importance of enhancing cooperation in sports towards a healthier lifestyle, greater interaction, friendship and community building. In view of this, we reiterated the role of sports in regional development and in promoting peace and stability, as well as inculcating sportsmanship and excellence in sports at the regional and international levels.

2. We adopted the ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2016-2020 and encouraged all partners to align initiatives and find synergy in the priority areas and key elements of the Work Plan including promotion of awareness of ASEAN through sporting activities that bring the ASEAN peoples together and engages and benefits the community; fostering the sense of ASEAN Community through mutually beneficial sports exchange programmes; strengthening ASEAN people's sense of resilience with healthy lifestyles; and increasing sports dynamism, competitiveness and competencies through capacity building and skills programmes.

3. We noted with satisfaction the formulation of ASEAN Physical Fitness Indicators (APFI) as initiated by Thailand and looked forward to the ASEAN-wide survey in 2018 to determine the level of physical fitness of the peoples of ASEAN. We reiterated our commitment in holding the ASEAN Sports Day annually in all ASEAN Member States coinciding with the ASEAN Day.

4. We endorsed new initiatives to advance cooperation in Sports in ASEAN and in support of the ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2016-2020 including revitalization of traditional sports and games, promotion of participation of women and girls in sports, and leveraging sports for development of life skills among the youth. We also noted the opportunity for complementarity with the Kazan Action Plan that resulted from the Sixth International Conference of Ministers and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) which was held in Kazan, Russia in July 2017. These initiatives will be further developed and explored under the guidance of the ASEAN

Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS) and in collaboration with ASEAN partners.

5. We welcomed the progress made in the feasibility study and the support of ASEAN Member States for any Member State to bid for the hosting of the FIFA World Cup 2034. In this regard, we noted that any interested ASEAN Member States need to consult further their respective national football federation and refer the next steps to the ASEAN Football Federation.

6. We congratulated Malaysia for the successful conduct of the 29th SEA Games and the 9th ASEAN Para Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August and September 2017. At the same time, we noted the progress made by Indonesia in the preparation for the hosting of the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta and Palembang, Indonesia in August 2018 as well as the 3rd Asian Para Games in Jakarta in October 2018.

7. We celebrated the breakthrough achievements of ASEAN athletes at the Olympic and Paralympic Games over the years, particularly at the recent XXXI Olympic and the XV Paralympic Games held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in August and September 2016, where athletes from ASEAN Member States recorded their best performance so far. We honoured our athletes in a formal ceremony in Jakarta, Indonesia on 30 November 2016 and awarded them with ASEAN medals of appreciation for the pride and inspiration they have brought to the ASEAN Community.

8. We welcomed further engagement with Japan and noted with satisfaction the inaugural ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports that was convened as part of the series of ASEAN Sports-related meetings in October 2017 and aims at promoting the value of sports and the Olympic and Paralympic movement in Southeast Asia.

9. We expressed support to the sports entities associated with ASEAN including the ASEAN Chess Confederation, the ASEAN Football Federation, the ASEAN Para Sports Federation and other ASEAN partners such as UNESCO and Right to Play. We encouraged them to continuously find synergy with ASEAN particularly in the implementation of the ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2016-2020.

10. We welcomed the Philippines as the incoming Chair of AMMS and agreed to meet again at AMMS-5 in the Philippines in 2019. We expressed appreciation to Myanmar for its leadership as Chair and Host of the AMMS-4.
