

**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE 10TH ASEAN MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON YOUTH (AMMY X)
20 July 2017
Jakarta, Indonesia**

“Proliferating Youth Entrepreneurship in ASEAN”

We, the Ministers of Youth of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), met on 20 July 2017 at The Tenth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY X) in Jakarta, Indonesia, under the theme “Proliferating Youth Entrepreneurship in ASEAN”. AMMY X was preceded by the Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 10th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth held on 18 July 2017 in Jakarta.

1. We applauded the convening of the 10th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth in Jakarta, Indonesia under the theme of “Proliferating Youth Entrepreneurship in ASEAN” and as the theme of Indonesia’s chairmanship of the ASEAN Youth Sector.

2. We underscored the importance of entrepreneurship among ASEAN youth with a view to helping elevate the well-being of young people in ASEAN through capacity building, mentoring, skills training and lifelong education towards employability; and consistent with ASEAN’s priorities on youth development in the region and the overall objective of the ASEAN Community.

3. We adopted the ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2016-2020 and encouraged all partners to align initiatives and find synergy in the five priority areas of the Work Plan including youth entrepreneurship, youth employability, awareness raising towards appreciation of the ASEAN Community, youth volunteerism and leadership, and youth resilience and competencies in advanced technological and managerial skills.

4. We noted and launched the First ASEAN Youth Development Index (YDI) Report with the objective of evaluating the outcomes and effectiveness of youth programmes in ASEAN, and to assist the ASEAN Member States in planning new interventions for the youth. The four domains covered in the First ASEAN YDI Report are Education, Health and Wellbeing, Employment and Opportunity, and Participation and Engagement. Overall, the results indicated evident improvements in youth development between 2011 and 2015.

5. We noted with satisfaction the convening of the ASEAN Youth Expo 2017 as a parallel event of the AMMY X and encouraged the ASEAN youth to take an active role in contributing towards a sustainable ASEAN, and strengthen cooperation among themselves to better embrace challenges in the future in the region and beyond, particularly in promoting youth entrepreneurship and volunteerism. In pursuit of this, we are convinced that the ASEAN Youth should possess 21st Century life skills such as creativity, innovation, critical thinking, and cross-cultural understanding among others. We

commended the recipients of the ASEAN Youth Award and the Ten Accomplished Youth Organisations (TAYO) in ASEAN Award 2017 for their leadership and exemplary work in their respective communities.

6. We called on all ASEAN youth to grasp the tangible benefits as well as explore windows of opportunities of ASEAN cooperation through ASEAN initiatives under the work of the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Youth and as initiated by the ASEAN Member States towards embracing a people-centered and people-oriented ASEAN community. In view of this, we welcomed the dedicated funds established for youth development in ASEAN such as the ASEAN Youth Programme Fund and the Singapore-ASEAN Youth Fund which will accelerate implementation of youth projects and activities especially those under the ASEAN Work Plan of Youth 2016-2020.

7. We encouraged the ASEAN youth to play a more active role to promote greater inclusiveness and tolerance as well as to develop an appreciation of diversity in our region through ASEAN cross-cutting initiatives such as the ASCC initiative on “Culture of Prevention” as a means to achieve peaceful, inclusive, resilient societies and for the well-being of ASEAN citizens, especially the youth.

8. We encouraged the ASEAN youth to engage, participate and provide suitable contributions in the policy-making processes in the region. We recognised the importance of multiple stakeholders’ support in helping realise a more resilient, participatory and sustainable Youth in ASEAN. Thus, we encouraged the continued active cooperation on youth development with partners.

9. We welcomed Lao PDR as the forthcoming Chairman and agreed to meet again at AMMY XI in Lao PDR in 2019. We expressed appreciation to Indonesia for its leadership as Chairman and Host of the AMMY X.
