



ASEAN STATEMENT ON THE ENGAGEMENT WITH RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES

On the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, ASEAN affirms its commitment to foster a people-oriented ASEAN Community. It is toward this end that it celebrates and continues to abide by fundamental humanitarian principles.

The ASEAN Community recognizes the vital role that the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) – collectively, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – play in the alleviation of human suffering in the aftermath of natural and man-made disasters, and other related challenges in the ASEAN region. ASEAN also takes note of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement’s adherence to its fundamental principles of Humanity, Independence, Neutrality, Impartiality, Voluntarism, Unity and Universality.

ASEAN reiterates its adherence to humanitarian principles and values in order to alleviate the suffering of all those affected by increasing frequency and intensity of disasters and humanitarian crises.

ASEAN lauds the many contributions of millions of volunteers of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement who are among the first responders, together with our local authorities and local communities, in assisting the affected people in the region.

ASEAN recognizes the unique role and service of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in humanitarian endeavours, which is in line with the vision of “One ASEAN, One Response” of building a safer and disaster-resilient region through a united and synergistic approach among ASEAN Member States and various stakeholders.