

**THE EIGHTEENTH ASEAN AND JAPAN
TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(18th ATM+Japan)
25 November 2020**

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The 18th ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting (18th ATM+Japan) was held on 25 November 2020 via video conference. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Dato Seri Setia Abdul Mutalib Yusof, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications of Brunei Darussalam and H.E. Mr. IWAI Shigeki, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan. The Meeting was preceded by the 19th ASEAN and Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting (19th STOM+Japan) held on 19 November 2020.

2. The ASEAN Ministers welcomed the announcement of Japan to support the various activities based on the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan 2016-2025 in the areas of air transport, land transport, maritime transport, sustainable transport and transport facilitation through projects and activities under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP) in a comprehensive and sustained manner.

3. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the steady progress of 27 projects implemented based on the AJTP Work Plan for 2019-2020, under the Pakse Action Plan adopted at the 11th ATM+Japan in December 2013. The Ministers adopted the “Final Report under ASEAN-Japan Cruise Promotion Strategy”, “Guidelines for Maintenance of Navigation Channels in ASEAN”, and “Guideline on Safety Measures with Ships’ Routeing in the ASEAN region” as the key deliverables under the AJTP Work Plan for 2019-2020.

4. The Ministers endorsed the AJTP Work Plan for 2020-2021 which would further enhance regional connectivity. The Ministers noted that the AJTP Work Plan for 2020-2021 included the three (3) new initiatives: “Development of Guideline for Capacity/Performance Evaluation of Container Terminals in the ASEAN region”¹, “Development of Guideline on Maritime Safety Information Provision Service to small boats in the ASEAN region” and “ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector 2021-2025.” The list of projects/activities contained in the AJTP Work Plan for 2020-2021 appears as ANNEX 1.

5. The Ministers recognised the unprecedented and severe challenges posed by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic to the transport sector and reaffirmed the importance of ASEAN-Japan cooperation in overcoming the adverse impacts of the COVID-19. The Ministers welcomed information sharing of the countermeasures against the COVID-19 pandemic among ASEAN Member States and Japan at the 18th ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders Conference held on 15 September 2020 via video conference and acknowledged the importance of continuing working together to move forward to the new stage of transport in the post-COVID-19 world.

6. The Ministers noted the progress in the ASEAN-Japan Consultation on Regional Air Services Agreement (AJC-RASA) and looked forward to convening its 5th meeting in due course. The Ministers agreed to task the AJC-RASA to work towards the successful conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement with a view to enhancing the air transport relationship between ASEAN and Japan.

7. The 19th ATM+Japan Meeting will be convened in Cambodia in 2021.

¹ To be implemented under the initiative “ASEAN-Japan Port Technology Joint Research Project.”

LIST OF MINISTERS

- (a) H.E. Dato Seri Setia Abdul Mutalib Yusof, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications of Brunei Darussalam;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
- (c) H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- (d) H.E. Mr. IWAI Shigeki, State Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan;
- (e) H.E. Mr. Viengsavath Siphandone, Vice Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- (f) H.E. Haji Hasbi Haji Habibollah, Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
- (g) H.E. Mr. Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar;
- (h) H.E. Mr. Arthur P. Tugade, Secretary of Transportation of the Philippines;
- (i) H.E. Dr. Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment and Ministry of Transport of Singapore;
- (j) H.E. Mr. Saksayam Chidchob, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- (k) H.E. Mr. Le Anh Tuan, Deputy Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (l) H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN.

ANNEX 1 List of ASEAN and Japan Transport Partnership Projects/Activities

(Transport Facilitation)

1. Capacity Building on Logistics
2. Green Logistics Vision and Action Plans
3. ASEAN-Japan Cold Chain Logistics Project
4. ASEAN-Japan New Air Navigation System
5. ASEAN-Japan New Cooperative Program on Comprehensive Vehicle Safety and Environment Measures including Development of Technical Regulations, Improvement of inspection and Establishment of a Type Approval System for Vehicles
6. Urban Public Transport Policy Framework

(Transport Infrastructure)

7. ASEAN-Japan Cruise Promotion Program
8. Cooperation for Promotion of Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

(Quality and Sustainable Transport)

9. Project for Safe and Efficient Transport
10. ASEAN-Japan Port Technology Joint Research Project
11. ASEAN-Japan Seafarers Policy Cooperation
12. Regional Action Plan on Port Security (RAPPS)
13. ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Project
14. ASEAN Railways Revival Plan
15. ASEAN-Japan Airport Study Project (Eco-Airport)
16. ASEAN-Japan Intelligent Transport System Development
17. Joint Hydrographic Survey of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore
18. Project for Encouraging the Use of Environmentally Friendly Ships in ASEAN
19. Road Traffic Safety
20. Proof of Concept (PoC) on ICT Solutions for Over-loaded Vehicle Control
21. Joint Research on Bridge Maintenance for ASEAN Cross-Border Corridors
22. Development of VTS Operator's Capacity
23. Improving Accessibility to Public Transport for People with Disabilities and the Elderly
24. Development of Guideline for Maritime Safety Information Provision Service to Small Boats in the ASEAN Region
25. ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector 2021-2025

(Human Resource Development)

26. Transport Policy Officials Training Program in Japan
27. ASEAN-Japan Transport Information Platform Project