



## **YOGYAKARTA DECLARATION on Embracing the Culture of Prevention to Enrich ASEAN Identity**

**WE**, the Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts of the Member States of Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (herein after referred to as ASEAN) on the occasion of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 24 October 2018;

**GUIDED** by the ASEAN Charter to maintain and enhance peace, security and stability and further strengthen peace-oriented values in the region, and the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 that seeks to realise a people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community, and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 on working towards an inclusive, sustainable, resilient and dynamic community that engages and benefits the people;

**REAFFIRMING** our commitment to implement the ASEAN Declaration on Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society (CoP) adopted in Manila, the Philippines, on 13 November 2017, that promotes a culture of prevention;

**RECALLING** the ASEAN Declaration on Cultural Heritage, the Declaration on ASEAN Unity in Cultural Diversity: Towards Strengthening ASEAN Community, the Hue Declaration on Culture for ASEAN Community's Sustainable Development, the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on Culture and the Arts to Promote ASEAN's Identity Towards a Dynamic and Harmonious ASEAN Community, and the Vientiane Declaration on Reinforcing Cultural Heritage Cooperation in ASEAN that emphasise the importance of culture in fostering a cohesive and harmonious ASEAN Community;

**CONSIDERING** the key outcomes of the World Culture Forum 2016, known as Bali Declaration, which underline the importance to mainstream and integrate culture into economic, social and environmental development policies, and to strengthen the means of implementation by incorporating the role of culture into the indicators and reporting mechanisms of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels;

**DO HEREBY AGREE TO:**

**MAINSTREAM** the Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society with the spirit to enrich ASEAN Identity into all aspects under the ASEAN Culture and Arts sector;

**SUPPORT** the implementation of CoP thrusts, in alignment with the ASEAN Strategic Plan for Culture and Arts 2016-2025, especially on promoting a culture of peace and intercultural understanding, and promoting a culture supporting the values of moderation through cross-sectoral and inter-pillar coordination in ASEAN, so as to ensure that the process of mainstreaming the culture of prevention in the Culture and Arts sector is inclusive;

**PROMOTE** upstream activities under the Culture and Arts sector at different levels (including the national, regional and international levels) with the spirit of the Culture of Prevention that may contribute positively towards developing ASEAN as a proactive member of the global community and fostering a dynamic ASEAN identity;

**DEVELOP** evaluation frameworks and indicators to measure the culture sector's efforts in mainstreaming the culture of prevention by ASEAN Member States, in supporting the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint, and the localisation of SDGs;

**TASK** the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting for Culture and Arts (SOMCA) to be the lead Sectoral Body of thrust one of the CoP and for SOMCA and the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI) to work with relevant sectoral bodies to implement this Declaration in line with the ASEAN Strategic Plan for Culture and Arts 2016-2025 and other relevant cooperation frameworks;

**REQUEST** the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council, its sectoral ministerial bodies, and other relevant partners to support the realisation of this Declaration;

**ADOPTED** in Yogyakarta, Republic of Indonesia, this Twenty-Fourth Day of October in the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen, in a single copy in the English language.

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