

**JOINT STATEMENT**

**THE FOURTH ASEAN PLUS JAPAN  
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME  
(4<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + JAPAN) CONSULTATION**

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 1 November 2018

1. We, the Ministers/ Representatives of ASEAN Member States and Japan responsible for handling transnational crime, convened the Fourth ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime Consultation (the 4<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + Japan) on 1 November 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Meeting was co-chaired by Senior Lieutenant General Le Quy Vuong, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Public Security of Viet Nam and Mitsuhiro Matsumoto, Deputy Commissioner General of the National Police Agency of Japan
2. We took note of the outcomes of the Fifteenth ASEAN Plus Japan Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Consultation (15<sup>th</sup> SOMTC + Japan) held in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 26 September 2018 and the Preparatory SOMTC + Japan for the 4<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + Japan Consultation in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 30 October 2018.
3. We also took note of the SOMTC + Japan Work Plan for Cooperation to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Crime (2018-2022) that was adopted by the Preparatory SOMTC + Japan Consultation on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018. We stressed the importance of systematically and effectively implementing and reviewing the projects based on this Work Plan.
4. The Ministers / Representatives of ASEAN Member States expressed appreciation to the Government of Japan for its generous contribution to the efforts by the ASEAN Member States in combating transnational crime through the cooperation initiatives funded by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) 2.0, including the ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism (AJCT) Dialogue and the ASEAN-Japan Cybercrime (AJCC) Dialogue, and other cooperation initiatives.
5. We exchanged our views on further cooperation for mutual interest in combating terrorism and transnational crime including the way to improve ASEAN-Japan cooperation.
6. We reaffirmed our commitment to fighting against terrorism and further strengthen our efforts to prevent and combat transnational crime.

7. We emphasised the importance of addressing humanitarian concerns of the international community, such as the abduction issue as reflected in the Chairman's Statement of the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Japan Summit.
8. We welcomed the kind offer by Thailand to host the 5<sup>th</sup> AMMTC + Japan Consultation in 2019.
9. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for their warm welcome and the generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

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