



## **JOINT STATEMENT**

### **The 1<sup>st</sup> BIMP-EAGA – China Ministerial Meeting 26 November 2018 Kuala Belait, Brunei Darussalam**

1. We, the Signing Ministers of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines and the Minister from China met for the 1<sup>st</sup> BIMP-EAGA and China Ministerial Meeting in Kuala Belait, Brunei Darussalam on 26 November 2018. The meeting was co- chaired by H.E. Dato Seri Setia Dr. Amin Liew Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II, H.E. Dato Seri Setia Erywan Pehin Yusof, Minister of Foreign Affairs II, of Brunei Darussalam, and H.E Mr. Fu Ziyang, International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce of China. We exchanged views on the current state of development in BIMP-EAGA and China and on deepening the cooperation in mutually agreed areas.
2. We note that BIMP-EAGA and China has cooperated in various fields, among others in agriculture, energy, fisheries, infrastructure, trade and investment, and human resources development. We agree for the mechanism of engagement to be upgraded to the Ministerial level and reaffirm our commitment to further deepen our cooperation and achieve concrete results.
3. In this regard, we adopt the document on Enhancing the BIMP-EAGA China Cooperation that will further strengthen our cooperation and to strive early harvests.
4. We agree on the priority areas of collaboration in connectivity; agriculture, fishery processing and food industry; tourism and socio-cultural exchanges; trade and investment; digital economy; poverty alleviation and inclusive development; human resource development; environment; and power and energy. We task our officials to develop the Plan of Action for the BIMP-EAGA and China Cooperation.
5. We express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Brunei Darussalam for the warm hospitality and the excellent meeting arrangements.

## **List of Ministers**

### **List of Signing Ministers**

1. H.E. Dato Seri Setia Dr. Amin Liew Abdullah, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance and Economy II
2. H.E Dato Seri Setia Erywan Pehin Yusof, Minister of Foreign Affairs II, Brunei Darussalam
3. H.E Mr. Fu Ziyang, International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce of China.
4. Honourable Bobby Hamzar Rafinus, Senior Adviser to Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia
5. H.E Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Minister of Economic Affairs, Malaysia
6. H.E Secretary Datu Hj Abul Khayr D. Alonto, Chairman, Mindanao Development Authority, Republic of the Philippines

### **List of State Ministers / Provincial Governors**

1. Hon. Datuk Snowdan Lawan, Assistant Minister of Youth and Sports, Sarawak, Malaysia
2. Hon. Mr. Kenny Chua, Assistant Minister of Finance, Sabah, Malaysia
3. Hon. Dato' Sri Hj. Amir Hj. Hussein, Chairman of Labuan Corporation