

**JOINT PRESS STATEMENT OF
THE 5TH CHINA-ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
QUALITY SUPERVISION, INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE
(SPS COOPERATION)**

10 SEPTEMBER 2016, NANNING, CHINA

1. The 5th China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine, with the theme of “Promote China-ASEAN SPS Connectivity, Build Up Community of Common Destiny for Quality and Safety”, was held on 10 September 2016 in Nanning, China. The Meeting was attended by Ministers in-charge of SPS-related affairs of the ASEAN Member States and China as well as the Secretary General of ASEAN. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Dr. Zhi Shuping, Minister of General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) of the People’s Republic of China, and H.E. Segfredo R. Serrano, Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture of the Philippines.

2. The Ministers reviewed and welcomed the progress made through SPS cooperation and the implementation of China-ASEAN SPS MOU Plan of Action for 2015-2016. The Ministers emphasized their commitment to deepen their cooperation through the implementation of SPS MOU Plan of Action for 2017-2018: i) establishment of the information notification and communication system; ii) exchanges of visits of relevant personnel of the Parties; iii) conduct of trainings, seminars and other similar activities (in consideration of narrowing the development gap within ASEAN); iv) collaborative research; v) establishment of mechanism for

consultation.

3. The Ministers noted the successful outcomes of the 5th China-ASEAN SPS Cooperation Contact Points Meeting and the 3rd China-ASEAN SPS Cooperation Technical Working Groups Meeting on Food Safety, Animal Inspection and Quarantine and Plant Inspection and Quarantine, appreciated their contributions in enhancing the SPS communication and coordination among Parties, encouraged the above-mentioned meetings to continue their efforts for the implementation of the consensus reached during the Ministerial Meeting.

4. The Ministers noted the importance of Big Data Platform cooperation to jointly prevent and control animal and plant diseases as well as Inspection and Quarantine E-Certificate cooperation. They attended the Launching Ceremony for Big Data Platform of China-ASEAN Joint Prevention and Control of Animal and Plant Diseases as well as the Ceremony for granting ASEAN Member States the access key to China's Inspection and Quarantine E-cert System. The Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to enhance the cooperation in the above-mentioned fields.

5. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the role that the China-ASEAN SPS Cooperation Website has played in sharing SPS-related information and appreciated China's effort for the development and maintenance of the website. The Ministers encouraged more participation from ASEAN Member States in information updating and bring this information sharing platform into its full play.

6. The Ministers adopted and issued the Joint Statement of the 5th China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (SPS Cooperation), urged relevant departments to

implement the various consensus reached in the Joint Statement.

7. The Ministers attended the Unveiling Ceremony for China-ASEAN Pilot Zone for Border Trade Inspection and Quarantine.

8. The Ministers agreed that the 6th China-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (SPS Cooperation) will be held in 2018.

9. The Ministers expressed their appreciation to the Government and People of the People's Republic of China for their warm hospitality and kind arrangements for the Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

- i. Ms. Hajah Khartini binti Haji Musa, Acting Director of Agriculture and Agrifood, Brunei Darussalam
- ii. H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- iii. Mrs. Banun Harpini, Director General, Indonesia Agricultural Quarantine Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia
- iv. H.E. Dr. Phouang Parisak Pravongviengkham, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- v. Mr. Bong YikJui, Consul General, Malaysia
- vi. H.E. Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar
- vii. H.E. Segfredo R. Serrano, Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, Philippines
- viii. Ms. Tan Poh Hong, Chief Executive Officer, Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority, Singapore

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- ix. H.E. Withaya Pewpong, Vice Minister for Agriculture and Cooperatives,
Thailand
- x. H.E Ha Cong Tuan, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development,
Viet Nam
- xi. H.E Zhi Shuping, Minister of General Administration of Quality Supervision,
Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), the People's Republic of China
- xii. H.E. Le Luong Minh, Secretary General of ASEAN