

## ***JOINT PRESS STATEMENT***

### **12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia Consultation**

**22 September 2016  
Bali, Indonesia**

1. The 12<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 22 September 2016 in Bali, the Republic of Indonesia.
2. The Consultation was co-chaired by Dr. Ronny Sompie, Director General, Directorate-General of Immigration, Republic of Indonesia, and Mr. Michael Manthorpe, Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), Australia.
3. The Consultation noted the success of activities undertaken in 2015–2016 as agreed by the 11<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation.
4. The Consultation agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2016–2017, demonstrating the shared interest that ASEAN and Australia have in continuing a constructive partnership that benefits the member states of ASEAN and Australia.
5. ASEAN and Australia agreed that they would continue to work together on cooperative arrangements in relation to immigration matters across the region, including measures to share best practice in strategies to combat people smuggling.
6. It was agreed that the 13<sup>th</sup> DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the DGICM in the Lao People's Democratic Republic in 2017.
7. Some ASEAN Member States expressed appreciation to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection of Australia for their support on capacity building on immigration resources.
8. All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.

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