

**THE FIFTEENTH ASEAN AND JAPAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING  
(15<sup>th</sup> ATM+Japan)  
13 October 2017, Singapore**

**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

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1. The Fifteenth ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> ATM+Japan) was held on 13 October 2017 in Singapore. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport of Singapore and H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Narahira, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan. The Meeting was preceded by the Sixteenth ASEAN and Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> STOM+Japan) held on 11 October 2017.

2. The ASEAN Ministers welcomed the announcement of Japan to support the various activities based on the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan 2016-2025 in the areas of air transport, land transport, maritime transport, sustainable transport and transport facilitation through projects and activities under the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP) in a comprehensive and sustained manner.

3. The Ministers noted with satisfaction the steady progress of 22 projects implemented based on the AJTP Work Plan for 2016-2017, under the Pakse Action Plan adopted at the 11<sup>th</sup> ATM+Japan in December 2013. The Ministers supported the “Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Guidelines for Ports in ASEAN” and “Best Approaches Book on User-Friendliness in the Transport Sector” as key deliverables under the Work Plan.

4. The Ministers endorsed the AJTP Work Plan for 2017-2018 which would further enhance the work on “quality transport” in ASEAN. The Ministers noted that the new Work Plan included new initiatives such as the “ASEAN-Japan Cold Chain Logistics Project”, “Development of Guidelines for Maintenance of Navigation Channels in ASEAN”, and “Development of Guidelines for Safety Measures with Ships’ Routing”. The list of projects/activities contained in the new Work Plan appears as **ANNEX 1**.

5. The Ministers noted the progress in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-Japan Consultation on

Regional Air Services Agreement (AJC-RASA) in February 2017 in Manila, Philippines. The Ministers agreed to task the AJC-RASA to work towards the successful conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial ASEAN-Japan Air Services Agreement, with a view to enhancing the air transport relationship between Japan and each ASEAN Member State.

6. The Ministers recalled that the review of 2013 Pakse Action Plan should be commenced 5 years after its adoption, taking into consideration the economic and social situation surrounding the transport sector. The Ministers supported this undertaking which will begin with re-examining whether the current AJTP projects and activities are carried out efficiently under the Pakse Action Plan. The Ministers requested their senior officials to report the result of the review at the 16<sup>th</sup> ATM+Japan.

7. The Sixteenth ATM+Japan Meeting will be convened in Thailand in 2018.

## **LIST OF MINISTERS**

- (a) H.E. Dato Seri Setia Haji Mustappa bin Haji Sirat, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Sun Chanthol, Senior Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
- (c) H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- (d) H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Narahira, Vice-Minister for International Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan
- (e) H.E. Mr. Bounchanh Sinthavong, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- (f) H.E. Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
- (g) H.E. Mr. Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar;
- (h) H.E. Mr. Arthur P. Tugade, Secretary of Transportation of the Philippines;
- (i) H.E. Mr. Khaw Boon Wan, Coordinating Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Transport of Singapore;
- (j) H.E. Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- (k) H.E. Mr. Le Dinh Tho, Vice Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (l) H.E. Mr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.

## **ANNEX 1**

### **List of ASEAN and Japan Transport Partnership Projects/Activities**

#### (Transport Facilitation)

- Capacity Building on Logistics
- Green Logistics Vision and Action Plans
- ASEAN-Japan Cold Chain Logistics Project
- ASEAN-Japan New Air Navigation System
- ASEAN-Japan New Cooperative Program on Comprehensive Vehicle Safety and Environment Measures including Development of Technical Regulations and Establishment of a Type Approval System for Vehicles
- Urban Public Transport Policy Framework
- Joint Research on Road Technologies for ASEAN Cross-Border Corridors

#### (Transport Infrastructure)

- ASEAN-Japan Port Development Research Project
- ASEAN-Japan Cruise Promotion Program
- Cooperation for Promotion of Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

#### (Quality and Sustainable Transport)

- Project for Safe and Efficient Transport
- ASEAN-Japan Port Technology Joint Research Project
- ASEAN-Japan Seafarers Policy Cooperation
- Regional Action Plan on Port Security (RAPPS) under ASEAN-Japan Maritime Security Transport Programme
- ASEAN-Japan Aviation Security Project
- ASEAN Railways Revival Plan
- ASEAN “Mega-Float” Promotion Project
- ASEAN-Japan Airport Study Project (Eco-Airport)
- New ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector (New AJ-APEIT)
- ASEAN-Japan Intelligent Transport System Development
- Joint Hydrographic Survey of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore
- Development of VTS Operator’s Capacity
- Development of Guidelines for Safety Measures with Ships’ Routeing
- Project for Encouraging the Use of Environmentally Friendly Ships in ASEAN

#### (Human Resource Development)

- Transport Policy Officials Training Program in Japan
- ASEAN-Japan Transport Information Platform Project