

**THE SIXTEENTH ASEAN AND CHINA TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING  
(16<sup>th</sup> ATM+CHINA)**

**12 October 2017, Singapore**

**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

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1. The Sixteenth ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> ATM+China) was held on 12 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. Dai Dongchang, Vice Minister of Transport of the People's Republic of China. The Meeting was preceded by the Sixteenth ASEAN and China Senior Transport Officials Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> STOM+China) held on 10 October 2017.
2. The Ministers supported the consensus reached in the Joint Communiqué of the Leaders Roundtable of the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held on 14-15 May 2017 in Beijing, China and reaffirmed their commitment to enhance transport connectivity between and among ASEAN Member States and China. The Ministers agreed to task the senior officials and relevant working groups to discuss its follow-up actions in promoting practical cooperation on roads, railways, ports, maritime and inland water transport, and aviation in order to facilitate growth in regional trade and investment flows.
3. The Ministers welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Authorities in charge of Aircraft Accident Investigation of ASEAN Member States and the Civil Aviation Administration of China on Cooperation relating to Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation, which aims to further strengthen cooperation in the safety investigation of aircraft accidents and incidents, investigation training, and sharing of safety information between ASEAN and China.
4. The Ministers looked forward to the implementation of the ASEAN-China Maritime Transport Agreement which would further advance cooperation and facilitation of international maritime passenger and cargo transportation in order to support regional trade.
5. The Ministers were pleased with the implementation status of the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement and its Protocols 1 and 2 and looked forward to the further expansion of 5<sup>th</sup> freedom traffic rights under the intra package of Protocol 2 to the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement (AC-ATA), in order to further liberalise the air services regime between ASEAN and China.
6. The Ministers noted with appreciation the progress made in several projects/activities aimed at promoting ASEAN-China connectivity and transport cooperation including infrastructure construction of the Singapore Kunming Rail Link (SKRL), highways, ports, navigation channels, airports, etc., as well as the Feasibility Study for Further Improvement of the Navigation Channel of Lancang-Mekong River; ASEAN-China Port Cities Cooperation Network; Logistics Information Cooperation; Port Connectivity and Industry Opening-up (Port Alliance); Science-technology Cooperation;

Capacity building training course for ASEAN Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Operators; Project of construction and management of Maritime safety administrative facilities on Lancang-Mekong River; Regional Seminar on the Development, Review and Use of International Maritime Organization (IMO) Model Courses; Regional Seminar on the Assessment of Seafarers; and Civil Aviation Safety Management Workshop.

7. The Ministers welcomed the proposal to develop action programmes for the implementation of the Revised Strategic Plan for ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation through consultation and mutual agreement. The action programme, which aims to enhance ASEAN-China transport connectivity, would include feasible projects and activities of common interest and implementation timeline.

8. The Ministers welcomed new initiatives in ASEAN-China transport cooperation including enhancing non-conventional ferry safety, Port State Control, aids to navigation, marine oil spill risk assessment and monitoring, and civil aviation safety, and facilitating connection of ships, ports and people, through regional exchanges and cooperation.

9. The Seventeenth ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting will be held 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. Dai Dongchang, Vice Minister of Transport of China;
- (d) H.E. Mr. Budi Karya Sumadi, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- (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.