



**JOINT STATEMENT OF  
THE FIRST ASEAN PLUS JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SPORTS  
(1<sup>ST</sup> AMMS+JAPAN)  
11 October 2017  
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

We, the Ministers of Sports of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan convened our First ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports (1<sup>st</sup> AMMS+Japan) in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 11 October 2017 under the co-chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Myint Htwe, Minister of Health and Sports of the Republic Union of Myanmar, and H.E. Toshiei Mizuochi, Minister-in-Charge of Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan.

1. We reaffirmed the close and warm relationship between ASEAN and Japan, under the auspices of the ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS+Japan), through enhancing deeper cooperation in the field of sports towards the realisation of the Vision Statement on ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation especially in promoting the Olympic and Paralympic message and values across Southeast Asia in the run-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, as well as the promotion of the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asian Para Games in Indonesia. This common aspiration includes fostering a strong sense of resilience and building solidarity with the peoples of ASEAN region and Japan by promoting a healthy lifestyle and developing close people-to-people ties through sports.

2. We upheld the purpose of the ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS+Japan) in the policy guidelines and strategic directions through policy dialogue, coordination mechanisms and promotion programmes to develop friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation and partnerships between ASEAN and Japan in the field of sports. We tasked the ASEAN Plus Japan Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS+Japan) to implement the directives of the AMMS+Japan.

3. We discussed and agreed on a set of policy guidelines to prioritize the fields of cooperation in sports and strategic direction to guide the operationalisation of the ASEAN-Japan collaborative work programmes in the field of sports including coordinating mechanisms and promotional programmes between ASEAN Member States and Japan, as well as public-private collaborative platforms to support the ASEAN-Japan partnership. Cooperation on Sports between ASEAN and Japan will be aligned with the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 and the ASEAN Work Plan on Sports 2016-2020. It will also leverage the perspective of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Kazan Action Plan which is the sports policy follow-up framework of the Sixth International Conference of Ministers

and Senior Officials Responsible for Physical Education and Sport (MINEPS VI) held in Kazan, Russia in July 2017. Three relevant aspects of the Kazan Action Plan include developing a comprehensive vision of inclusive access for all to sports, physical education and physical activity; maximizing the contributions of sports to sustainable development and peace, and protecting the integrity of sports.

4. Under the policy guidelines and the strategic directions for the collaborative work programmes, we agreed to develop the ASEAN-Japan Cooperation on Sports in four areas of priority namely, development of physical education teachers and coaches, increasing participation of women in sports, advancing sports for persons with disabilities, and anti-doping campaign and capacity building. To this end and in line with the approved Terms of Reference of AMMS+Japan and SOMS+Japan, the ASEAN and Japan Senior Officials Meeting on Sports shall be convened to develop and implement a work programme for these four priority areas based on needs of ASEAN Member States and as guided by the policy guidelines and strategic directions set forth by the AMMS+Japan and the overall vision of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. Key strategies may include international forums on sports to interest sports fans and audiences in major international sports with high global profiles, to raise the awareness on the role of sports in the society, and others.

5. We explored the prospect of widening the scope of ASEAN-Japan partnership in sports by establishing a public-private dialogue framework to look into areas of potential collaboration between Governments, NGOs and the private sector on the stimulation of sports industries, the increase of investment in sports, and the promotion of sports tourism, in order that results of cooperation in Sports between the ASEAN and Japan not only promotes friendly relations but also adds value to economic and social development.

6. We agreed to develop and support the project concept on “Promoting Participation of Women and Girls in Sports in ASEAN” to form part of the ASEAN-Japan Cooperation on Sports under AMMS+Japan. The ASEAN Secretariat will coordinate the full development of the proposal in consultation with and as guided by the SOMS+Japan.

7. We agreed that the ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Sports would be held on a continuing basis, and decided to hold the next Ministerial Meeting in 2019 in the Philippines. We expressed appreciation to Myanmar and Japan for their leadership in the conduct of the inaugural AMMS+Japan, and for Myanmar for the hospitality as Host of the First AMMS+Japan.

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