TERMS OF REFERENCE
ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON YOUTH
(AMMY+3)

I. BACKGROUND

1. The ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY +3) aims to promote cooperation, strengthen policy dialogue and collaboration among ASEAN Member Countries and People’s Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (ROK) (hereinafter referred to as “Plus Three”) in integrating youth development into national and regional agendas, as expressed by ASEAN Plus Three Leaders in the Joint Statement on East Asia Cooperation to “further deepen and broaden East Asian cooperation with tangible impact on the quality of life of the people of East Asia”.

2. The First ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth (1st AMMY+3) was held on 27 April 2007 in Singapore with the theme “Youth: Creating Our Future Together”.

3. The 1st AMMY+3 first adopted the Terms of Reference (TOR) on 27 April 2007 in Singapore. This TOR was adopted by the 7th AMMY+3 on 19 July 2019 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

II. MISSION

4. To foster policy dialogues and strengthen regional and international partnerships to provide youth with opportunities for their meaningful participation in national/regional development;

5. To promote integration of youth concerns – particularly civic responsibility and leadership, employability and skills development – into national and regional development agendas; and

6. To promote multi-sectoral and regional collaboration to address these concerns.

III. MANDATES

7. The AMMY+3 shall be mandated to:

a. Guide the SOMY+3 in implementing relevant directives emanating from the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders;

b. Provide high-level recommendations on policy cooperation in related youth development areas among the ASEAN Plus Three countries;
c. Provide guidance to the SOMY+3 in formulating work programmes, strategies and priorities to strengthen regional cooperation in youth development, and monitor and review its implementation;

d. Where appropriate, adopt a common view on youth development, in relevant regional/international meetings; and

e. Assign the SOMY+3 to carry out the policy and decisions of the AMMY+3.

IV. COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE

8. The AMMY+3 shall comprise of Ministers responsible for youth or their equivalent from the ASEAN Plus Three Countries; and

9. ASEAN Dialogue Partners, relevant regional and international agencies and partners may be invited, with the consent of the ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Youth, to attend the open sessions to promote collaboration and partnerships.

V. CO-CHAIRPERSONSHIP

10. The ASEAN Member State chairing the AMMY shall co-chair the AMMY+3.

11. The Plus Three Co-chair for the AMMY+3 shall be rotated among the Plus Three countries alphabetically.

12. The tenure of the Plus Three Co-chair shall be concomitant with the chairpersonship of the AMMY.

VI. PROCEDURES

13. The AMMY+3 shall meet every two years, back-to-back with the AMMY. Participation of ASEAN Member States, Plus Three Countries and ASEAN Secretariat in the AMMY shall be on self-financing basis.

14. The ASEAN Secretariat shall assist the Co-Chairs in preparing the agenda of the SOMY+3, circulating the draft agenda for consideration of the members and keeping a summary record of discussions.

15. The ASEAN Secretariat shall provide technical and administrative support in convening the AMMY+3 in compliance with the Guide to ASEAN Practices and Protocol.
16. The ASEAN Member States and Plus Three countries shall provide support in hosting non-scheduled meetings, including retreats, as appropriate.

VII. DECISION MAKING

17. Decision-making in AMMY+3 shall be based on consultation and consensus in accordance with the ASEAN Charter.

18. Matters requiring the attention and/or decision of AMMY shall be channelled through the AMMY Chair for consultation with the ASEAN Plus Three Youth Ministers. Consultation for decision-making shall be done during the Meeting or through ad-referendum by the AMMY Chair or the ASEAN Secretariat as assigned by the AMMY Chair.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

The Terms of Reference is open for review from time to time; necessary amendments shall be made by consultation and consensus among the ASEAN Plus Three countries.