

**THE NINTH ASEAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA TRANSPORT MINISTERS
MEETING
(9th ATM+ROK)**

9 November 2018, Bangkok, Thailand

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The Ninth ASEAN and ROK Transport Ministers (9th ATM+ROK) Meeting was held on 9 November 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport of Thailand and H.E. Mr. Kim Jeong Ryeol, Vice Minister for Transport, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea. The Meeting was preceded by the Tenth ASEAN and ROK Senior Transport Officials Meeting (10th STOM+ROK) held on 7 November 2018.
2. The Ministers were pleased with the steady progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap and its 20 joint projects for the period 2018-2020 as well as the completion of the following Projects in 2018:
 - (a) Feasibility Study for developing railway projects on Vung Ang – Tan Ap – Mu Gia (Viet Nam) connecting to Thakhek – Vientiane (Lao PDR);
 - (b) Detail Feasibility Study for Upgrading National Road No. 8 on the ASEAN Highway (AH15) Network in Lao PDR;
 - (c) Improvement Plans of the Infrastructure for the Railway and Logistics through Developing the Dry Port in Myanmar; and
 - (d) Da Nang – Quang Ngai Expressway Development Project – Package CS2: Integrated Project Review and Monitoring Services(IPRMS).
3. The Ministers welcomed the successful outcomes of the 9th ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Forum which was held on 25-27 April 2018 in Seoul, ROK and supported the implementation of the following key projects/activities next year:
 - (a) Capacity building training programme in Railway Policy and Safety;
 - (b) Capacity building training programme in Logistics Policy and Technology;
 - (c) Capacity building training programme on Sustainable Urban Transportation Systems; and
 - (d) Capacity building training programme in Land Compensation Policy and Technology.
4. The Ministers were pleased to note that the Development Study for Inland Water Transport Improvement project in T-CLMV (Thailand, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam) was completed with technical assistance from ROK. The study aims to formulate a regional plan for inland waterway transport, with a view to strengthen the cross-border cooperation and trade among the concerned ASEAN countries, especially within T-CLMV.
5. With regard to air services, the Ministers welcomed the resumption of the negotiations on the ASEAN-ROK Air Services Agreement and welcomed the convening of the Second Meeting of the ASEAN-ROK Working Group on Regional Air Services

Agreement (2nd AKWG-RASA) in the 1st half of 2019. The Ministers reaffirmed their commitments to further enhance air transport connectivity between and beyond ASEAN and ROK as well as to the conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial air services agreement.

6. The Tenth ATM+ROK Meeting will be held in Viet Nam in 2019.

LIST OF MINISTERS

- (a) H.E. Dato Abdul Mutalib Yusof, 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. Dr. Bounchanh Sinthavong, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- (e) H.E. Mr. Loke Siew Fook, Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
- (f) H.E. Mr. Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar;
- (g) H.E. Mr. Arthur P. Tugade, Secretary of Transportation of the Philippines;
- (h) H.E. Mr. Kim Jeong Ryeol, Vice Minister for Transport, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea;
- (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. Nguyen Van The, Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (l) H.E. Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of ASEAN.