



JOINT STATEMENT OF THE FOURTH EAST ASIA SUMMIT EDUCATION MINISTERS MEETING

1 November 2018
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

1. The Fourth East Asia Summit Education Ministers Meeting (4th EAS EMM) was held on 1 November 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, in conjunction with the Tenth ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (10th ASED) and the Fourth ASEAN Plus Three Ministers Meeting (4th APT EMM). The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister of Education of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
2. We reaffirm our commitment to foster long-term and mutually beneficial education cooperation through the alignment and complementation of the 14 priority areas of cooperation under the education component of the Manila Plan of Action to Advance the Phnom Penh Declaration on the East Asia Summit Development Initiative (2018–2022) with the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016–2020, in addition to further exploring internship opportunities for ASEAN youth in the corporations and companies of the EAS participating countries.
3. We commend Australia's efforts in the development of the EAS Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Quality Assurance Framework and its utilisation by the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF) as an option for benchmarking quality assurance processes across ASEAN Member States.
4. We appreciate the work of the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the United States in promoting quality-assured student mobility in the region through inter alia the provision of scholarships and other financial aids to students from EAS participating countries.
5. We note with appreciation the accomplishments of the Republic of Korea in implementing the EAS TVET Network, as well as the Russian Federation in carrying out their Lessons of the Future Programme.
6. To promote student, youth, and people-to-people exchanges among EAS participating countries, we encourage all participating EAS countries to explore collaborations in implementing the priority areas of cooperation of the education component of Manila Plan of Action.
7. We would like to express our appreciation to Myanmar for the warm hospitality extended to the delegates and the excellent arrangements made in hosting the 4th EAS EMM, as well as to the ASEAN Secretariat, for their valuable support to the Meeting.
8. We further noted that the 5th EAS EMM will be hosted by the Philippines in 2020.