



**JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE  
ELEVENTH ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON YOUTH  
(AMMY XI)**

*19 July 2019, Vientiane, Lao PDR*

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**WE**, the ASEAN Youth Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, gathered together on 19 July 2019 in Vientiane, Lao PDR for the Eleventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth.

1. We **extend** our full support to Lao PDR for aptly selecting “***Enhancing the Role of Youth in ASEAN for Sustainable Development and Regional Integration***” as its Chairpersonship theme.
2. We **acknowledge** the need for a more holistic approach to prepare ASEAN youth for the challenges brought about by the Fourth Industrial Revolution and digitalisation through transformative approaches in human capital development, and **concur** that youth development strategies should be geared towards instilling the necessary technical and soft skills to meet the demands of the future of work.
3. We **note** the recommendations of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN University Students Council Union Conference, particularly that youth volunteerism serves as an effective approach to develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills such as empathy, tolerance and respect for one another, thus, **commend** the recipients of the ASEAN Youth Award for their outstanding work and leadership in their respective communities and **look forward** to the establishment and deployment of *ASEAN Volunteers* in 2020.
4. We **note with satisfaction** the results and recommendations of the Mid-Term Review of ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2016-2020, and **acknowledge** the need to reorient our Post-2020 strategies towards fostering future-ready ASEAN youth through digital skills development and the institutionalisation of youth engagement mechanisms, including in the region's policy discourse.
5. We **recognise** the role of youth as stakeholders of youth development policies as well as programmes and **support** the proposed convening of the inaugural ASEAN Youth Dialogue in Cambodia in 2020.

6. We **concur** with the recommendations of the Mid-Term Review of ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2016-2020 and **look forward** to the development of the Post-2020 ASEAN Work Plan on Youth based on the five (5) domains of the ASEAN Youth Development Index, namely: (i) Education; (ii) Health and Well-Being; (iii) Participation and Engagement, (iv) Employment and Opportunity; and (v) ASEAN Awareness, Values and Identity.
7. We are **steadfast in our commitment** to the sustainability of ASEAN Youth Programme Fund (AYPF) and in this regard pleased to reaffirm our annual contribution to the Fund starting 2020.
8. We **welcome** 2020 as the year of ASEAN Identity and **look forward** to the outcome of the ASEAN Youth Development Index (YDI) Phase II assessment focusing on the state of ASEAN Awareness, Values and Identity among our youth.
9. We **acknowledge** the need for raising awareness on ASEAN among youths in order to create a we-feeling of ASEAN and **encourage** ASEAN Member States to appoint ASEAN Youth Ambassadors as means to also establish a network of youth representatives in the region.
10. We **note with appreciation** the support rendered by ASEAN partners in empowering the youth of ASEAN through leadership, volunteering, and skills training activities, such as the eMpowering Youth Across ASEAN Programme, ASEAN Data Science Explorers, and ASEAN Digital Innovation Programme by ASEAN Foundation as well as the ASEAN Student Leaders Forum by the ASEAN University Network.
11. We **support** the prevention of radicalisation and violent extremism by enhancing digital literacy initiatives and fostering youth-based activities on the promotion of peaceful narratives to social and intercultural issues, among others through the continuation of the ASEAN Youth Interfaith Camp (AYIC).
12. We **note** the adoption of the ASEAN Declaration on the Adoption of the ASEAN Youth in Climate Action and Disaster Resilience Day by the ASEAN Leaders during the 33<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Summit in Singapore, and **encourage** the active participation of the ASEAN Member States and its youths in advancing the ASEAN Green Initiative as well as commemorating the ASEAN Youth in Climate Action and Disaster Resilience Day every 25<sup>th</sup> of November by empowering our youth through climate responsive and disaster risk reduction initiatives.
13. We **heed** the recommendations of the High-Level Task Force on Strengthening the ASEAN Secretariat and Reviewing the ASEAN Organs (HLTF) and **agree** to streamline the meetings of SOMY and reschedule the biennial convening of AMMY to be on every even calendar year.
14. We **commend** Lao PDR's empowerment of its youth by engaging them in the organisation of the AMMY XI and related meetings, 23<sup>rd</sup> ASEAN Youth Day Meeting, the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Youth Award, and the ASEAN Youth Expo.

15. We **convey** our sincere appreciation to Lao PDR for the effective chairpersonship and excellent arrangements for the Eleventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth, and **welcome** Malaysia as the forthcoming Chair and **agree** to meet again at Twelfth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth in Malaysia in 2022.

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