

**The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology  
Ministers Meeting and Related Meetings**  
Siem Reap, Cambodia, 1 December 2017

**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT**

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1. The 17<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN) was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 30 November and 1 December 2017. H.E. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of the Kingdom of Cambodia, chaired the Meeting, and H.E. Rudiantara, Minister of Communications and Information Technology of the Republic of Indonesia was the Vice-Chair. The Ministers also held consultations with their counterparts from the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the International Telecommunication Union.

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2. The Ministers welcomed the progress made in the second year of implementation of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2020 (AIM2020) that laid a strong foundation in propelling ASEAN towards a digitally-enabled economy that is secure, sustainable, and transformative; and to enable an innovative, inclusive and integrated ASEAN Community.

3. The Ministers were pleased with the progress of the ICT development in ASEAN as reflected in the Key Performance Indicators which measured the impact of the initiatives implemented under the AIM2020.

4. The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of promoting regional cybersecurity collaborations and developing coordinated cybersecurity policies and approaches. The Ministers recognised that cybersecurity needs to be addressed through coordinated expertise from multiple stakeholders from across different domains. In this regard, the Ministers noted the convening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Conference on Cybersecurity on 18 September 2017 in Singapore and reaffirmed the need for ASEAN to take a holistic and more coordinated approach to regional cybersecurity cooperation and capacity building. The Ministers expressed their support for moving forward discussions on the adoption of basic, operational and voluntary norms of behaviour in ASEAN to guide the use of ICT in a responsible manner, thereby enhancing trust between ASEAN Member States and building confidence in the utilisation of cyberspace to its full potential to bring about greater economic prosperity and integration, as well as higher living standards across ASEAN. The Ministers also welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Cybersecurity Cooperation Strategy which guides ASEAN Member States in taking a coordinated approach to building their national cybersecurity capacity, including through cooperation with ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other stakeholders.

5. The Ministers adopted the ASEAN International Mobile Roaming Framework which will provide travellers and businesses with transparent and more affordable access to international mobile roaming services within ASEAN.

6. The Ministers were pleased with the successful outcome of 2017 ASEAN Maker Hackathon (Makerthon), which saw the participation of 20 teams from ASEAN and Dialogue Partners. The Makerthon supports the establishment of a strong network of makers and the presence of maker culture which incorporates new and emerging technologies, including the Internet of Things (IoT). The Ministers also noted that, together with the annual ASEAN ICT Awards, the ASEAN Makerthon will foster a creative environment and contribute to the advancement of ICT development in the region.

7. The Ministers were also pleased with the outcome of the Startups@ASEAN programme which provided a structured programme to nurture creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship in ASEAN by building a vibrant and interconnected startup ecosystem, providing mentorship and guidance and accelerating technology commercialisation to ICT startups in the region.

8. The Ministers welcomed the Work Plan for the development of an ASEAN Framework on Digital Data Governance and Related Working Group to strengthen digital data collection and management capabilities of businesses across the region, engender trust in businesses' data collection and management practices, and foster an environment that encourages digital adoption, data flows and data innovation for the benefit of ASEAN citizens.

9. The Ministers welcomed the proposed ASEAN Mobile Quality of Experience (QoE) Assessment Models to promote innovative services and mobile applications, and enable access to high-performing telecommunication networks for the benefit of ASEAN citizens through a customer-centric approach to measuring service quality.

10. The Ministers adopted the Siem Reap Declaration on ICT Connectedness and Readiness: Towards a Digitally-Integrated Community to advance ASEAN's vision of establishing an innovative and inclusive community, whereby the stakeholders will be able to fully capitalise on the technological advancement to further improve their wellbeing.

## **ICT COOPERATION WITH DIALOGUE AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

11. The Ministers looked forward to further deepening the cooperation with Dialogue Partners to enhance ICT policies, develop human resources, explore emerging technologies for adoption, and improve the capacity to address cybersecurity risks in the implementation of AIM2020.

12. The Ministers acknowledged China's support in the successful conclusion of five ASEAN-China ICT related training activities held in China in 2017 in the areas of network security emergency response capacity building, Internet and manufacturing industry convergence, SME Informatization, ICT infrastructure interconnectivity, digital economy, and network security on-site training held in Cambodia and Lao PDR. The Ministers were of the view that the above activities have contributed greatly to the

sharing of successful practices and experiences, and to the common development of ICT services and technologies between ASEAN and China.

13. The Ministers endorsed the 2018 ASEAN-China ICT Work Plan which covers activities for information exchange and cooperation in the areas of ICT development and regulatory policies, ICT infrastructure interconnection, 5G technology and its applications, digital economy, capacity building on network security emergency response and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) cross-border e-business development. The Ministers also endorsed China's proposal for ASEAN-China Network Security On-Site Training Program. The Ministers looked forward to continuing the valued ASEAN-China working relationship and agreed to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on in ICT Cooperation for the period from 2018 to 2022.

14. The Ministers expressed their appreciation to Japan for its assistance in various areas of cooperation in 2017, including the Workshop on Personally Identifiable Information (PII) Protection Measures in ASEAN and the Symposium on ICT for Public Safety, and the activities related to ASEAN-Japan Cybersecurity Cooperation Hub project. The Ministers endorsed the 2018 ASEAN-Japan ICT Work Plan which supports the implementation of the AIM2020.

15. The Ministers acknowledged the Republic of Korea for having successfully implemented a series of cooperative activities under ASEAN-Korea ICT Partnership 2017-2021, focusing on strategic areas such as innovation, connectivity enhancement, human resource development and information security as well. The Ministers expressed the appreciation for strengthening ICT cooperation with ASEAN through a variety of programs and projects including ICT training, policy consultation and dispatch of Korean ICT experts to ASEAN.

16. The Ministers endorsed the 2018 ASEAN-Korea ICT Work plan to further extend cooperation with the aim of fostering innovation, developing digital skills, establishing IT centre as well as enhancing information security. The Ministers welcomed the commencement of the projects including capacity building programme for women, Consultation for promoting innovation, IT cooperation centre and cybersecurity capacity building to support a digitally integrated community of ASEAN.

17. The Ministers thanked India for her assistance in the development of ICT human resources, including through the establishment of training centres of excellence in some AMS, as well as for introducing cost effective solutions to address the digital divide in ASEAN and for the opportunity to learn from India's experience in addressing common issues faced by AMS and India.

18. The Ministers welcomed the endorsement of the 2018 ASEAN-EU ICT Work Plan during the 10<sup>th</sup> TELSOM+EU meeting, to further extend cooperation of mutual interest. The Ministers further welcomed the launch of Enhanced Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (E-READI) which covers cooperation activities including in the ICT sector, in such areas as ICT for sustainable development, information security, Digital Single Market approach and Smart Cities.

19. The Ministers appreciated the United States' assistance in the successful conclusion of ICT-related activities on spectrum management, e-commerce and digital

economy, and endorsed the 2018 ASEAN-US ICT Work Plan for cooperation and capacity building on digital economy-related policy areas, including connectivity policy in the digital age and innovation-minded policymaking.

20. The Ministers expressed their appreciation to ITU for its continued assistance in advancing the development of the ICT sector in ASEAN, including the promotion of child online protection in ASEAN and for providing direct assistance on different areas to the individual ASEAN Member States.

21. The Ministers reiterated ASEAN's commitment to pursue policy and regulatory dialogue with its Dialogue Partners and ITU, and the industry towards increasing commercial activities and investments. The Ministers also called for greater participation from the private sector to enhance connectivity and innovation in ASEAN through the development of knowledge and digital skill sets, as well as greater access to quality ICT infrastructure, services, applications and technologies, so as to support the goals of the ASEAN Community.

22. The Ministers are saddened by the passing of Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, and the former Secretary General of ASEAN. The Ministers acknowledged the key role he played in forging the ASEAN Community building process, and the Ministers expressed their condolences to his family.

## **NEXT MEETING**

23. The Ministers agreed to convene at the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting and its Meetings with Dialogue Partners and ITU in Indonesia in 2018.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

24. The Ministers expressed appreciation to the Government and the People of the Kingdom of Cambodia for their warm hospitality accorded to them and for the excellent arrangements made for the 17<sup>th</sup> TELMIN and Related Meetings.



## **LIST OF MINISTERS**

1. **H.E. Dato Mustappa Sirat**, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;
2. **H.E. Tram Iv Tek**, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cambodia;
3. **H.E. Rudiantara**, Minister of Communications and Information Technology of Indonesia;
4. **H.E. Dr. Thansamay Kommasith**, Minister of Post and Telecommunications of Lao PDR;
5. **H.E. Jailani Bin Johari**, Deputy Minister of Communications and Multimedia of Malaysia;
6. **H.E. Kyaw Myo**, Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar;
7. **H.E. Eliseo M. Rio, JR.**, Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology of the Philippines;
8. **H.E. Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim**, Minister for Communications and Information of Singapore;
9. **H.E. Dr. Pichet Durongkaveroj**, Minister of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand;
10. **H.E. Nguyen Thanh Hung, Deputy** Minister of Information and Communications of Viet Nam;
11. **H.E. Zhang Feng**, Chief Engineer, Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of People's Republic of China;
12. **H.E. Masahiko Tominaga**, Vice Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan;
13. **H.E. Yang Hwanjung**, Deputy Minister for ICT Policy, Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning of the Republic of Korea;
14. **H.E. Lim Hong Hin**, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.