

**PREP-SOM FOR AMMY X**  
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### **INDONESIA TAKES OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF WORK IN THE YOUTH SECTOR**

The convening of the ASEAN Ministers Meeting of Youth (AMMY) saw Indonesia taking over the two-year Chairmanship of the meeting. The series of meetings held over three days at the Sultan Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia included Preparatory Senior Officials Meetings for both the AMMY X and the 6<sup>th</sup> AMMY+3, and the Ministerial meetings in themselves. His Excellency, Mr Imam Nahrawi, Minister of Youth and Sports of Indonesia received the baton of Chairmanship from His Excellency Mr. Nos Sles, the Under Secretary of State for the Cambodian Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports on 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2017.

The theme for Indonesia's Chairmanship is "Proliferating Youth Entrepreneurship in ASEAN". High on the agenda, hence, were plans for the development and expansion of entrepreneurial ventures within work in the youth sector in the region. Entrepreneurship features highly within the ASEAN Work Plan on Youth 2016-2020 as the first Sub-Goal: Youth Entrepreneurship Through Structured Capacity Building and Mentoring Programmes. ASEAN Ministers, hence, highlighted the imperativeness of improving the capacity and depth of entrepreneurship programmes for youths in the region through various lenses of importance - Brunei's Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports, His Excellency, Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Md Yussof impressed the fact that "Youth entrepreneurship gives young people the opportunity to chart their own destinies." As an outcome of the Ministerial Meetings, 2 joint statements were released. These are available here: [Joint Statement of AMMY X 20 July Jakarta ADOPTED.pdf](#) and [Joint Statement of 6th AMMY+3.pdf](#).

Held in parallel to the series of meetings was the ASEAN Youth Expo, a youth-focused initiative by Indonesia. The Expo included seminars and workshops focused on fostering a dialogue amongst youths in the region on the issue of entrepreneurial development. The Expo also provided an opportunity to showcase the products of entrepreneurial social-business initiatives developed by youths in ASEAN. The ministerial members were able to meet and experience the extent of the enthusiasm of the youth delegates at the ASEAN Youth Day Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July, where the latter showcased some of the discussions they had had at the ASEAN Youth Expo.