

JOINT STATEMENT
6th ASEAN-CHINA HEALTH MINISTERS MEETING
7 September 2017, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

1. WE, the Ministers of Health of ASEAN Member States (AMS), representing 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 and the Minister of Health of the People's Republic of China convened the 6th ASEAN-China Health Ministers Meeting (ACHMM) in September 2017 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.
2. We fully support the inclusion of Health Promotion and eHealth/ICT as new priority areas under the ASEAN-China health cooperation for 2017-2018, adding on the existing priority areas, namely: Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases; Public Health Emergency Response; Ensuring Food Safety and Rapid Alert System; Strengthen Human Resource Development for Health; and Traditional and Complementary Medicine.
3. We discuss the value and implications of the use of technology in healthcare and acknowledge the connected health approach (also known as technology-enabled care, TEC) that involves the convergence of health technology, digital media and mobile devices which enables patients, carers and healthcare professionals to access data and information more easily and improve the quality and outcomes of both health and social care. We, thus, welcome the sharing of experiences and best practices in the region towards supporting the implementation of cost-effective connected health approach to priority health initiatives such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Disaster Health Management.
4. We support the implementation of activities under Food Safety and Rapid Alert System, particularly in addressing concerns on food safety standards and strengthening risk assessment, as well as, in improving emergency response systems to food safety incidents, and food outbreaks.
5. We welcome the initiative on Strengthening Quality of Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) through the operationalization of project activities under Work Programme of the ASEAN Health Cluster 3 in order to develop T&CM practice guidelines and standardize as well as ensure T&CM product quality control.

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6. We recognize and appreciate the contribution by, and further commit to collaborate closely with development partners, including the World Health Organization, the development banks, bilateral development partners, civil society organizations and private sectors, respecting the criteria of engagement with ASEAN.
7. We look forward to further exchanges of views and collaboration in health development at our next Meeting in Cambodia in 2019.
