



Joint Statement

ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia Consultation

The 4th ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 5 November 2008 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The meeting was co-chaired by Datuk Mahmood bin Adam, Director-General of Immigration Department of Malaysia and Mr. Bob Correll, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship of Australia.

The meeting noted the success of the ASEAN-Australia workshop on Impostor Detection and Profiling Techniques which provided a number of useful recommendations for further cooperation in this area. The meeting endorsed these recommendations and agreed to pursue a number of practical activities during 2009, demonstrating the shared interest that ASEAN and Australia have in well-managed migration and continuing the development of a constructive partnership that benefits all participants.

ASEAN and Australia agreed that they would continue to work together on cooperative arrangements in relation to immigration matters across the region. The meeting also agreed to further publicise, where appropriate, the agreements of the ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultations through the ASEAN website.

It was agreed that the Fifth ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 13th Meeting of the ASEAN DGICM.

All participants expressed an appreciation to the people and the Government of Malaysia for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 5 November 2008