

OVERVIEW

ASEAN-TURKEY SECTORAL DIALOGUE PARTNERSHIP

1. Turkey was conferred the status of Sectoral Dialogue Partner of ASEAN by the 50th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) on 5 August 2017 in Manila, the Philippines.

a. Political-Security Cooperation

1. Turkey acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) on 23 July 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. This reflects Turkey strong commitment to regional peace, stability and a contribution to the TAC as an important code of conduct governing inter-states relations. The Government of Turkey accredited its Ambassador to ASEAN since September 2011.

2. Following the conferment of the status of Sectoral Dialogue Partner of ASEAN by the 50th AMM, ASEAN and Turkey convened the 1st ASEAN-Turkey Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AT-JSCC) Meeting on 30 May 2018 at the ASEAN Secretariat to mark the launch of ASEAN-Turkey sectoral dialogue partnership. The Meeting adopted the Terms of Reference of ASEAN-Turkey Joint Sectoral Cooperation Committee (AT-JSCC) and agreed to develop a list of Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) between ASEAN and Turkey, which would serve as a practical guide to further substantiate the Sectoral Dialogue Partnership with a focus on areas of mutual interests, guided by and aligned with the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

b. Economic Cooperation

3. Overall, in the last five years, despite fluctuation the total two-way trade and FDI between ASEAN and Turkey recorded positive trends. The two-way trade between ASEAN and Turkey increased by 22%, from US\$7.94 billion in 2013 to US\$9.68 billion in 2017. Meanwhile, the FDI from Turkey to ASEAN grew by 86% from US\$17.13 million in 2013 to US\$31.89 million in 2017.¹

4. In tourism, the number of tourist arrivals from Turkey to ASEAN in 2016 amounted to 50,685, a 3.1% increase compared with the 2015 figure which stood at 49,153.²

¹ ASEAN's Statistics Database as of 12 July 2018.

² Ibid.

c. Socio-Cultural Cooperation

5. Turkey has long-standing bilateral socio-cultural cooperation with ASEAN Member States. Turkey has also initiated cooperation in this field with ASEAN, by organising a Training Programme for ASEAN Diplomats at Diplomacy Academy of Turkey on 2-7 July 2018 in Ankara and Istanbul.

d. Development Cooperation

6. Since 2008 Turkish Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) has been active in development cooperation through various projects with several ASEAN Member States, including in the areas of humanitarian assistance.

