

**JOINT STATEMENT
7TH ASEAN CHINA HEALTH MINISTERS MEETING
30 AUGUST 2019, SIEM REAP, THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

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 7th ASEAN-China Health Ministers Meeting (ACHMM) on 30 August 2019 in Siem Reap, the Kingdom of Cambodia.
2. We fully support the inclusion of Innovations for Enhancing Quality of Health Services as a new priority area under the ASEAN-China health cooperation for 2020-2021, adding on the existing priority areas of collaboration for 2019-2020 such as prevention and control of non-communicable diseases; promoting healthy and active ageing; addressing communicable diseases with specific focus on tuberculosis, malaria, HIV and AIDS, and schistosomiasis, and cross border-communicable diseases joint collaboration; and, strengthening the quality of traditional and complementary medicine.
3. We commit to strengthen Innovations for Enhancing Quality of Health Services that utilise information and health outcomes to address challenges in enhancing quality of health services through the promotion of health innovations, quality interventions and ensuring an enabling environment for it. This commitment will be included in the relevant work programme of the ASEAN Health Sector Cooperation beyond 2020.
4. We further commit to continue discussion on the value and implications of the Innovations for Enhancing Quality of Health Services that involves the convergence of (1) Safety; (2) Effectiveness; (3) Patient-Focused; (4) Real-time; (5) Efficiency; (6) Equity; and (7) Integration. We thus welcome the sharing of experiences and best practices in the region towards supporting the implementation of health quality services to priority health initiatives such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and National Health Priority Programme.
5. We reiterate our support to the implementation of UHC to ensure access to quality and cost-effective health services without risk of financial hardship, taking into consideration the WHO recommendation on people-centered health services and quality improvement.
6. We continue our efforts to strengthen quality of Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) through the operationalization of project activities under the

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Work Programme of the ASEAN Health Cluster 3 and the development and sharing of T&CM practice guidelines.

7. We note the contribution by, and further commit to collaborate closely with Dialogue and Development Partners in adherence to the *Rules of Procedure on the Engagement of Entities with the ASEAN Health Sector*.
8. We look forward to further exchanges of perspectives and collaboration in health development at our next Meeting in the Republic of Indonesia in 2021.
