

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE FIFTH ASEAN PLUS JAPAN
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME
(5th AMMTC + JAPAN) CONSULTATION**

Bangkok, Thailand, 28 November 2019

1. We, the Ministers/High-Level Representatives of the ASEAN Member States and Japan responsible for handling transnational crime, convened the Fifth ASEAN Plus Japan Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime Consultation (the 5th AMMTC + Japan) on 28 November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Meeting was co-chaired by Lieutenant General Truong Van Thong, Director General of Foreign Relations Department, Ministry of Public Security of Viet Nam and H.E. Toshie Tanaka, Senior Commissioner of the National Police Agency of Japan.
2. We took note of the outcome of the Sixteenth ASEAN Plus Japan Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime Consultation (16th SOMTC + Japan) held in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on 25 July 2019 and the Preparatory SOMTC + Japan for the 5th AMMTC + Japan Consultation in Bangkok, Thailand, on 26 November 2019.
3. We also took note of the progress made to the implementation of the SOMTC + Japan Work Plan for Cooperation to Combat Terrorism and Transnational Crime (2018-2022) and reaffirmed the importance of its effective implementation.
4. The Ministers/High-Level Representatives of the ASEAN Member States expressed their appreciation to the Government of Japan for its generous contribution to the efforts by the ASEAN Member States in combating transnational crime through the cooperation initiatives funded by the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) 2.0, including the ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism (AJCT) Dialogue and the ASEAN-Japan Cybercrime (AJCC) Dialogue, and other cooperation initiatives.

5. We exchanged our views on further cooperation for mutual interest in combating terrorism and transnational crime.
6. We reaffirmed our commitment to fight against terrorism and further strengthen our efforts to prevent and combat cybercrime and other transnational crime.
7. We noted the importance of addressing humanitarian concerns of the international community, such as the resolution of the abduction issue as reflected in the Chairman's Statement of the 22nd ASEAN-Japan Summit.
8. We welcomed the kind offer by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to host the 6th AMMTC + Japan Consultation in 2020.
9. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their warm welcome and the generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.
