

**THE ASEAN-RUSSIA MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND INNOVATION (ARMMSTI)**

14 February 2023, Virtual, Hosted by Russia

CO-CHAIRS' STATEMENT ON ARMMSTI

1. The ASEAN-Russia Ministerial Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation (ARMMSTI) was held virtually on 14 February 2023. H.E. Pengiran Dato Seri Setia Shamhary Mustapha, Minister of Transport and Infocommunications of Brunei Darussalam and H.E. Airat Gatiyatov, Acting Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, co-chaired the Meeting.

2. We recalled the milestones and achievements of ASEAN-Russia Dialogue Relations over the course of 26 years, including the 5th anniversary of the ASEAN-Russia Strategic Partnership in 2023, and reaffirmed the intention to strengthen the strategic partnership between the ASEAN Member States and the Russian Federation in STI in order to achieve sustainable economic development in the region.

3. We exchanged views on the national priorities and best practices in the field of STI and further acknowledged the ARWGSTI as the main mechanism for the management and coordination of ASEAN-Russia STI activities since 1997.

4. We commended the implementation of ASEAN – Russia Year of Scientific and Technical Cooperation (ARYSTC 2022). ARYSTC 2022 was launched virtually on 14 February 2022, and 52 initiatives have been successfully implemented, covering biotechnology; food security and sustainable agriculture; water resources and water treatment technology; microelectronics and information technology; meteorology and geophysics; environmental management; energy technology and renewal energy; space technology and application; nuclear technology; high-technology health care; and social sciences. The closing ceremony, conducted at the ARMMSTI, officially closed ARYSTC 2022.

5. Taking stock of the extensive measures and efforts by ASEAN and Russia in strengthening STI cooperation, we note the ASEAN-Russian Federation cooperation under the framework of the ASEAN – Russia Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation (ARPASTI) for 2016-2025 in the following key areas:

- a. Facilitating the information exchange and discussion of national practices and prospects for joint research and development of new technologies and innovations in the field of environmental management;
- b. Promoting the exchange of scientific, technical and popular science literature;
- c. Consulting on and implementing of STI policy-making;
- d. Implementing joint research programs and project activities;

- e. Organising joint temporary research teams, as well as innovative enterprises that ensure the development of new equipment and technologies;
- f. Conducting scientific work in research organizations, higher educational institutions, and technology parks, including joint field research and expeditions;
- g. Holding joint seminars, scientific conferences, working meetings and exhibitions;
- h. Facilitating the exchange of scientific personnel between ASEAN Member States and Russia, and scientific and technical equipment and documentation in the course of joint research and development projects;
- i. Increasing the interconnectedness of the academic and university communities within the framework of cooperation between educational and scientific organisations of ASEAN and Russia;
- j. Providing support for joint projects in the field of countering infectious disease outbreaks that are necessary to solve the global challenges facing contemporary medicine;
- k. Intensifying developments in the field of space technologies to counter climate change, reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere, conserve and manage water resources;
- l. Developing projects in the field of biotechnology and high-technology healthcare in the areas of synthesis and research of nanomaterials, drug development, the treatment of oncological diseases and other relevant areas;
- m. Building up innovative cooperation between ASEAN and Russia on ensuring sustainable growth in the context of the Fourth Industrial Revolution with an emphasis on digital technologies, including increasing the utilisation of High Performance Computing;
- n. Encouraging technological start-ups in the field of microelectronics and information technology;
- o. Organising joint projects between ASEAN and Russia to create the universities- and scientific centers-based carbon polygons; and
- p. Expanding the practice of applying artificial intelligence technologies for the development of sustainable agriculture.

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