

**THE TWENTY-THIRD ASEAN AND CHINA TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(23rd ATM+CHINA)**

21 November 2024, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE 23rd ATM+CHINA

1. The Twenty-Third ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting (23rd ATM+China) was held on 21 November 2024, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Loke Siew Fook, Minister of Transport of Malaysia, and H.E. Mr. Li Yang, Vice Minister of Transport of the People's Republic of China. The Meeting was preceded by the Twenty-Third ASEAN and China Senior Transport Officials Meeting (23rd STOM+China) held on 19 November 2024.
2. The Meeting was pleased to note the progress of implementation of the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement and its Protocols 1,2 and 3. Recognising that strengthening air connectivity aligns with the broader goals of the ASEAN-China Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, the Meeting encouraged both parties to pursue further expansion of air services between ASEAN and China, to support a tightly woven air services network, aiming to unlock substantial economic and strategic benefits, facilitate deeper regional integration, promote the seamless movement of goods and people, and enhance the overall well-being of the citizens of both ASEAN and China.
3. The Meeting was pleased to note the implementation of the following maritime transport cooperation projects under the 2021-2025 Revised Strategic Plan for ASEAN China Transport Cooperation, in particular the: i) 14th ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism (ACMCM) Meeting; ii) 5th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop on Ferry Safety; (iii) 2nd ARF Training on Ferry Safety Capacity Building; iv) Workshop on E-cert Application and Maritime Single Window Implementation; and (v) 3rd ASEAN-China Seminar on the Implementation of the Maritime Labor Convention (MLC, 2006).
4. The Meeting noted the successful convening of the Global Sustainable Transport Forum (GSTF) by China in September 2024 in Beijing and the launch of the Beijing Vision, which was attended by Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The Meeting also noted the convening of the ASEAN-China Sustainable Rail Transit Development Training Workshop held in May 2024 and the Global Sustainable Transport Cultural Exchange Project in September 2024. China looked forward to ASEAN Member States' active participation in the future GSTF initiatives.
5. The Twenty-Fourth ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting will be held in 2025.

