

**THE THIRTY-FIRST ASEAN TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(31st ATM)**

20 November 2025, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The Thirty-first ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) Meeting was held on 20 November 2025, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. H.E. Mr. Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar, chaired the Meeting and Mr. Raul L. Del Rosario, Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, Department of Transportation of the Philippines as the Head of Delegation of Philippines, served as Vice-Chairperson. The Thirty-first ATM Meeting was preceded by the Sixtieth ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) and their consultations with Dialogue Partners held on 17-19 November 2025.

End Review of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTP) 2016-2025

2. The Meeting welcomed the completion of the End Review of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTP) 2016-2025, which highlighted significant achievements in advancing regional connectivity, facilitating greater integration of ASEAN transport networks, and strengthening cooperation with Dialogue Partners and stakeholders. The Meeting noted with satisfaction that the KLTP Scorecard recorded an overall scoring of 4.33 out of 5.00, reflecting substantial progress in implementing transport initiatives across all modes of Transport. The Meeting recognised that lessons learned and best practices from the KLTP have provided valuable guidance for the formulation of the ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan (ATSP) 2026-2030.

ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan 2026–2030: Advancing Integration, Connectivity, and Sustainable Mobility

3. The Meeting commended the finalisation and adoption of the ASEAN Transport Sectoral Plan (ATSP) 2026-2030, building upon the successful implementation of the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTP) 2016-2025. The ATSP 2026-2030 sets out ASEAN's strategic directions to address the evolving demands of seamless connectivity, global trade, climate commitments, and economic growth. It also emphasises innovation, safety, sustainability, and digitalisation as cross-cutting enablers of regional transport transformation, ensuring that ASEAN transport systems remain competitive, resilient, and future-ready in support of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045.

4. Following the adoption of the ASEAN Sustainable Aviation Action Plan (ASAAP), the Meeting noted with satisfaction that its implementation is progressing well. The Meeting further noted that the development of the ASEAN Sustainable Aviation Roadmap has commenced, with a view to its adoption at the Thirty-second ATM in 2026. The Roadmap will consider the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)'s Long-Term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of achieving net-zero carbon emissions from international aviation by 2050 as well as the collective global aspirational Vision to reduce international aviation

emissions by 5% by 2030 through the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels, Lower Carbon Aviation Fuel (LCAF) and other cleaner energy sources for aviation.

Further Strengthening the ASEAN Single Aviation Market

5. The Meeting welcomed the finalisation of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Implementation Management Committee (IMC) of the Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Flight Crew Licensing (MRA-FCL) as an important milestone towards its implementation. The Meeting encouraged relevant working groups to continue reviewing Implementing Protocol 1 (IP-1) on Flight Simulation Training Devices and Implementing Protocol 2 (IP-2) on Aviation Training Organisations.

6. The Meeting noted the progress in developing the Fourth Edition of the ASEAN Air Navigation Services (ANS) Master Plan and recognised its significance as a strategic framework to modernise ASEAN's air navigation services, with the objectives to enhance efficiency, capacity, and safety, and advance the "Seamless ASEAN Sky" vision in alignment with ICAO's global initiatives. The Meeting further acknowledged its role in promoting regional air traffic optimisation, interoperability, harmonisation and cross-border collaboration, and looked forward to its adoption at the Thirty-second ATM in 2026.

Advancing Electric Vehicles (EV) Ecosystem

7. The Meeting adopted the ASEAN EV Implementation Roadmap serving as a guide for cooperative development to improve regional EV ecosystem, focusing on EV manufacturing, EV charging, EV and EV Supply Equipment servicing, and electric supply to further advance the adoption of low-carbon vehicles in the region.

Promoting Smart and Sustainable Urban Mobility through Digitalisation

8. The Meeting adopted the Recommendations on the Implementation of Digitalisation of Public Transport and Last-Mile Delivery Services in ASEAN Member States to address gaps and disparities in the digitalisation level of public transport and last-mile delivery services in ASEAN Member States towards a smart and sustainable urban mobility across the region.

Increasing Facilitation of Cross-Border and Multimodal Transport of Goods

9. The Meeting was pleased to note the positive progress of the implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) through the ASEAN Customs Transit System (ACTS) in seven (7) Participating Member States, with the increased number of ACTS movements by road vehicles over time. The Meeting also took note of the ongoing efforts to expand the ACTS implementation to other modes of transport, including rail, to further enhance cross-border goods movement in the region.

Enhancing Rail Interoperability for Better Sustainability

10. The Meeting adopted the Strategic Plan on Enhancing Rail Interoperability among ASEAN Member States, which provides recommended actions and implementation pathways to strengthen rail interoperability within the region, focusing on legal, technical, and operational interoperability to facilitate the seamless operationalisation of cross-border

railway transport across ASEAN and to promote modal shift towards a more sustainable land transport mode.

Advancing Environmental Sustainability in Maritime Transport

11. The Meeting adopted the ASEAN Regional Strategy on Sustainable Ship Waste Management, which provides a regional framework to strengthen cooperation in managing ship waste and reducing its illegal discharges into the sea through the harmonisation of operational waste collection procedures in ASEAN ports. The Strategy aims to support ASEAN Member States in enhancing port reception facilities, improving regulatory alignment, and promoting environmentally sound and efficient ship waste management.

Fostering Stronger Cooperation with Dialogue Partners

12. The Meeting welcomed the signing of the ASEAN-New Zealand Air Services Agreement (ANZ-ASA) in Kuala Lumpur on 28 October 2025, on the margins of the ASEAN-New Zealand Commemorative Summit to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations. The Meeting underscored the significance of this milestone Agreement in strengthening air connectivity, promoting people-to-people exchanges, and deepening economic cooperation between ASEAN and New Zealand.

13. Regarding the ongoing ASA negotiations with Dialogue Partners, the Meeting encouraged the respective working groups to continue advancing negotiations towards the timely conclusion of liberal and mutually beneficial Air Services Agreements with Dialogue Partners, to further enhance air connectivity, market access, and aviation cooperation within and beyond ASEAN.

14. With the EU, the Meeting welcomed the ongoing implementation of the "EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package - Aviation Partnership Project (SCOPE APP)," which provides a collaborative framework between ASEAN and the EU to enhance aviation connectivity, safety, sustainability, and resilience. The Meeting also encouraged ASEAN Member States to expedite the ratification of the ASEAN-EU Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement (AE CATA), to enable its early entry into force and maximise the full benefits of enhanced ASEAN-EU aviation cooperation.

15. The Meeting noted with satisfaction the progress of ASEAN-Japan cooperation through the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership (AJTP) Work Plan for 2024-2025 and its three (3) deliverables, namely: (i) Report of the Implementation of ASEAN Green Ship Strategy 2020-2025, (ii) Implementation of ASEAN Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector (AJ-APEIT) 2021-2025, and (iii) Report on Joint Research on Road Traffic Safety. The Meeting also welcomed two (2) new initiatives under AJTP, namely: (i) New ASEAN Green Ship Strategy 2026-2030 and (ii) New ASEAN-Japan Action Plan on Environment Improvement in the Transport Sector (AJ-APEIT) 2026-2030.

16. The Meeting was pleased to note the steady progress in the implementation of maritime transport activities this year under the 2021-2025 Revised Strategic Plan for ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation. The Meeting also welcomed the adoption of the Strategic Plan for ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation 2026-2035, which will serve as a framework to further strengthen and enhance transport cooperation between ASEAN and China.

17. The Meeting was pleased to note the completion of several projects and activities under the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap 2021-2025. The Meeting also welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap 2026-2030 to further deepen cooperation in the areas of smart mobility, sustainable connectivity and transport digitalisation.

18. The Meeting was pleased to note the progress of initiatives under the ASEAN-United States (U.S.) Transport Cooperation, particularly the convening of a series of capacity building workshops on land transport, maritime transport and transport facilitation. The Meeting looked forward to the finalisation of the ASEAN-U.S. Transportation Dialogue Partnership Work Plan 2026-2029 and its implementation to further deepen cooperation between ASEAN and the United States in the transport sector.

The Thirty-second ATM Meeting

19. The Meeting agreed to convene the Thirty-second ATM Meeting in the Philippines in 2026.

20. The delegates from ASEAN Member States and the ASEAN Secretariat expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government and people of Myanmar for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

