

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE
ELEVENTH ASEAN PLUS THREE HEALTH MINISTERS MEETING (11TH APTHMM)**

10 SEPTEMBER 2026, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

The 11th ASEAN Plus Three Health Ministers Meeting was held on 10 September 2026 in Kuala Lumpur, in conjunction with the 17th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (17th AHMM).

ACKNOWLEDGING the pivotal role of ASEAN Plus Three health development cooperation in realising the objectives and key performance targets of the *ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda and Work Programmes (APHDA) 2021-2025*, the ASEAN Health Sector's contribution to the advancement of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025;

VALUING the meaningful and constructive collaboration of the Plus Three Countries in implementing initiatives to operationalise the priority areas and aligned with the health priorities of the four ASEAN Health Clusters under APHDA 2021-2025 through the mobilisation of various resources including the utilisation of the ASEAN-China Cooperation Fund (ACCF), Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), and ASEAN-Korea Cooperation Fund (AKCF);

NOTING the adoption of the ASEAN Strategic Health Agenda (ASHA) 2026-2030 as the ASEAN Health Sector's contribution to realising ASEAN's aspiration towards a resilient, innovative, dynamic, people-oriented and people-centred community as enshrined in the ASEAN Community Vision 2045 and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Strategic Plan, and in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 3 on Good Health and Well-being;

COMMENDING the leadership of Malaysia, as the Chair of the ASEAN Health Sector 2025-2026, with the theme of *"Healthy ASEAN: Together Towards Equitable, Future-Ready Health Systems"*, as our shared aspiration to advance health as a cornerstone of human development, regional resilience and sustainable growth in the region; and for spearheading the review of APHDA 2021-2025, which contributed towards the collective development and prioritisation processes to establish ASHA 2026-2030;

COMMITTING to transforming the ASEAN Plus Three health development cooperation towards making a substantial difference in *'Synchronising Health Systems: Scaling-Up Innovation and Longevity Across ASEAN Plus Three'*, as well as to deepening cooperation in 2027 and 2028, through the following measures by:

- i. Identifying and implementing impactful regional projects and initiatives that realise our collective priority areas of cooperation as agreed at the 15th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (15th APT SOMHD) in alignment with the health priorities of ASHA 2026-2030, namely:
 - a. prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases
 - b. promotion of mental health
 - c. promotion of good nutrition and healthy diet
 - d. promotion of healthy and active ageing
 - e. regional resilience and health security, big-data analytics for disease surveillance
 - f. infectious disease control, including HIV/AIDS
 - g. One Health, including antimicrobial resistance
 - h. vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics security and self-reliance
 - i. universal health coverage, and human resource for health development
 - j. traditional, complementary and integrative medicine
 - k. digital health
 - l. promotion of food safety standards and risk assessments;
- ii. Sustaining ongoing cooperation and exploring new joint initiatives to further strengthen regional health security, whilst ensuring that frameworks, systems, plans or procedures for public health emergencies and disaster health management are integrated, coordinated and interoperable by maximising ASEAN and ASEAN Plus Three mechanisms and platforms, such as the *ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED)* of which leaders of the ASEAN Plus Three have reiterated their support for its establishment and operationalisation, *ASEAN Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Network for Public Health Emergencies*, *ASEAN Biological Threats Surveillance Centre (ABVC)*, *ASEAN Institute for Disaster Health Management (AIDHM)* and *ASEAN Risk Assessment Centre for Food Safety (ARAC)*; and the *ASEAN Plus Three Field Epidemiology Training Network (APT FETN)*;
- iii. Harnessing multisectoral and multi-stakeholder efforts in enhancing national and regional capacities in addressing the interfaces and interdependence of humans, animals (domestic and wildlife), plants and the environment, including issues related to antimicrobials, food safety and climate change, by enhancing cooperation in the implementation of the *ASEAN One Health Joint Plan of Action Medium Term Plan 2025-2030* through the *ASEAN One Health Network* to operationalise the *ASEAN Leaders Declaration on One Health Initiatives (2023)*, as well as the *ASEAN Strategic Framework to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance 2019-2030* guided by the *ASEAN Leaders Declaration on Antimicrobial Resistance: Combating AMR through One Health Approach (2017)* and the *ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation on AMR (2018)*;

- iv. Promoting knowledge sharing, capacity building, research and joint activities, through the revitalisation of the *ASEAN Plus Three Universal Health Coverage Network (APT UHCN)*, to accelerate progress towards sustainable universal health coverage, strengthen primary health care, as well as national and regional capacity to assess and manage equitable and efficient health systems;
- v. Conducting activities to improve access to safe, quality, affordable and effective vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics during emergency and non-emergency situations through the operationalization of *ASEAN Vaccine Security and Self-Reliance (AVSSR)* and *ASEAN Drug Security and Self-Reliance (ADSSR)* strategies, and the development and implementation of the regional framework for *ASEAN Diagnostic Security and Self-Reliance (ADxSSR)*;
- vi. Promoting the development and utilisation of interoperable and secure health information and knowledge management systems to access health-related knowledge and information in the ASEAN Health Sector, as well as the utilisation of digital health technology, public health intelligence, research, development and innovations in advancing robust health systems and access to care.
- vii. Expanding multisectoral and multi-stakeholder collaboration in knowledge generation, capacity development, research, development and innovation, and monitoring of progress of healthy and active ageing in the region, including strengthening health systems related to geriatric care and integrated care across all levels of care, through the *ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation (ACAI)* and guided by the *ACAI Strategic Plan (2025-2029)* and *Regional Action Plan*;
- viii. Strengthening collaborative efforts and activities in promoting awareness on mental health, in ensuring basic mental health care services and psychosocial support, including promoting mental health in school settings as outlined in the *ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Statement on Cooperation on Mental Health Amongst Adolescents and Young Children (2021)*;
- vii. Strengthening health workforce capacity through tailored training programmes, knowledge sharing and technical exchanges utilising adult-learning approaches and advanced technologies.

LOOKING FORWARD to further exchanges of views and collaboration in health development at our next Meeting in Myanmar in 2028.
