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11th ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia Consultation

9 September 2015
Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1. The 11th DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 9 September 2015 in Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia.

2. The Consultation was co-chaired by H.E. Pol. Gen. Sok Phal, Director-General of General Department of Immigration, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. Michael Manthorpe, Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), Australia.

3. The Consultation noted the success of activities undertaken in 2014-2015 as agreed by the 10th DGICM+ Australia Consultation.

4. The Consultation agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2015-2016, demonstrating the shared interest that ASEAN and Australia have in continuing a constructive partnership that benefits the ASEAN Member States and Australia.

5. ASEAN and Australia agreed that they would continue to work together on cooperative arrangements in relation to immigration matters across the region, including measures that complement the ASEAN Community goal.

6. It was agreed that the 12th DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 20th Meeting of the DGICM in Indonesia in 2016.

7. All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Royal Government of Kingdom of Cambodia for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.