



**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE  
FIFTH ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON  
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (5<sup>th</sup> AMMSWD+3)**

***“Strengthening Social Welfare Development in  
Pursuing ASEAN Community Vision 2025”***

**30 September 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia**

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1. We, the Ministers/Heads of Delegations responsible for social welfare and development of ASEAN Member States, People’s Republic of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea convened the Fifth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (5<sup>th</sup> AMMSWD+3), guided by the theme “Strengthening Social Welfare Development in Pursuing ASEAN Community Vision 2025”, on 30 September 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**Strengthening Social Welfare Development in ASEAN Community**

2. We deliberated and shared views on key regional instruments, namely: i) Bali Declaration on the Enhancement of the Role and Participation of Persons with Disabilities in ASEAN Community; ii) Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Ageing: Empowering Older Persons in ASEAN; iii) The Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Elimination of Violence Against Children in ASEAN; and iv) Regional Framework and Action Plan to Implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection, the ASEAN Plus Three Statement on Active Ageing, among others.
3. We reaffirmed our commitment to work together to promote and enhance the accessibility of social protection measures that cater to the needs of the most marginalised and vulnerable groups, which include persons with disabilities and multiple disabilities, and older persons and children living in areas that are most at-risk from natural and human-induced disasters, among others.
4. We recognised the gains from our regional cooperation and, building on them, looked forward to enhancing our work together on exchanging expertise and knowledge, expanding our network to ensure the active involvement of stakeholders such as civil society organisations, the private sectors, members of the academe, and enabling ourselves to undertake legal and policy reforms to broaden the reach of social protection.

## **ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation on Social Welfare and Development**

5. We noted the deliberations of the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (11<sup>th</sup> SOMSWD+3) held on 28 September 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia, including the planned projects and activities initiated by ASEAN Member States with the involvement and support of the Plus Three Countries.
6. We were encouraged by significant global and regional developments, such as the adoption of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025, the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2016-2020, and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, that provide clear policy and strategic guidance on ensuring that no one is left behind in the development process.
7. We commended the initiative of the People's Republic of China in hosting the Symposium on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development "Leave No One Behind" on 19 September 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia, in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat and the UNDP. We noted that the symposium gathered various stakeholders to share experiences and discuss policy responses to persisting and emerging poverty and inequality challenges in the context of the ASEAN Vision 2025 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
8. We appreciated the continuing commitment of Japan to convene the annual ASEAN and Japan High Level Officials Meeting on Caring Societies, which has proven to be an effective platform for sharing knowledge and enhancing capacities and understanding of cutting-edge policy issues related to social welfare, health, and labour.
9. We acknowledged the initiative of the Republic of Korea in supporting the development of an enabling policy environment through research on active ageing and comparative study on social welfare laws. We likewise recognised the continuing commitment of the Republic of Korea in promoting community-based services for older persons to facilitate the exchange of good practices on responding to the needs of ageing societies.
10. We recognised the valuable and continuing support of the Plus Three Countries and looked forward to deepening our partnership on promoting the welfare of older persons/elderly, children, and persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups, as guided by the goals and objectives of the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2016-2020.

## **Sixth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development**

11. We expressed appreciation to Lao PDR for indicating their readiness to host the Sixth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development in 2019.

12. We were most thankful to Indonesia for the warm and generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, and the excellent arrangements for the Meeting. We also expressed our sincere appreciation to the ASEAN Secretariat for its support to the Meeting.
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**LIST OF MINISTERS/HEADS OF DELEGATION  
ATTENDING THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AMMSWD+3 MEETING  
30 September 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia**

- 1. H.E. Brigadien General (Rtd) Dato' Seri Pahlawan Haji Yussof bin Haji Abdul Rahman**  
Ambassador of Brunei Darussalam to Indonesia  
Brunei Darussalam
- 2. H.E. Khuon Ranine**  
Secretary of State, Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation  
Cambodia
- 3. H.E. Khofifah Indar Parawansa**  
Minister of Social Affairs  
Indonesia
- 4. H.E. Dr. Khampheng Saysompheng**  
Minister of Labour and Social Welfare  
Lao PDR
- 5. H.E. Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim**  
Minister of Women, Family and Community Development  
Malaysia
- 6. H.E. Dr. Win Myat Aye**  
Union Minister of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement  
Myanmar
- 7. H.E. Florita Rubiano Villar**  
Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development  
Philippines
- 8. H.E. Muhammad Faishal Bin Ibrahim Khan Surattee A/Prof**  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Social and Family Development  
Singapore
- 9. H.E. Police General Suwat Chanitthikul**  
Vice Minister for Social Development and Human Security, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security  
Thailand
- 10. H.E. Doan Mau Diep**  
Vice Minister of Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs  
Viet Nam
- 11. H.E. Gao Xiaobing**  
Vice Minister of Ministry of Civil Affairs

People's Republic of China

**12. H.E. Gaku Hashimoto**

States Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare  
Japan

**13. H.E. Park Youngsik**

Director General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Health and Welfare  
Republic of Korea

**14. H.E. Vongthep Arthakaivalvatee**

Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN