

JOINT STATEMENT

**THE EIGHTH ASEAN PLUS THREE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (8TH AMMTC + 3) CONSULTATION**

Manila, Philippines, 21 September 2017

1. We, the Ministers of ASEAN Member States, the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea responsible for handling transnational crime matters, convened the Eighth ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (8th AMMTC + 3) Consultation in Manila, Philippines on 21 September 2017. The Meeting was chaired by AMMTC Leader Philippines Catalino S. Cuy, Officer-in-Charge of the Department of the Interior and Local Government of the Republic of the Philippines.
2. We reiterated our commitment to further strengthen cooperation to prevent and combat transnational crimes that continue to threaten our region, in order to ensure peace and stability.
3. We took note of the outcomes of the Fifteenth ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (15th SOMTC + 3) Consultation held in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 24 May 2017. We also took note of the outcomes of the Preparatory SOMTC + 3 for the 8th AMMTC + 3 Consultation in Manila, Philippines on 18 September 2017.
4. We commended the progress achieved in the implementation of transnational crime component of the Revised ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Work Plan 2013-2017. We also took note of the adoption of the successor ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Work Plan 2018-2022 and reaffirmed our commitment to effectively implement the transnational crime component of the new Work Plan.
5. We exchanged views on the need to further strengthen the existing ASEAN Plus Three cooperation in combating transnational crimes, including addressing the emergence of new forms of these crimes.

6. We welcomed the kind offer by Myanmar to host the 9th AMMTC + 3 Consultation in 2018.

7. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of the Philippines for their warm welcome and the generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations, as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.
