

**THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA
(The 19th AMAF PLUS THREE)**

16 October 2019, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

1. We, the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministers of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea held our Nineteenth Meeting on 16 October 2019 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam under the Chairmanship of H.E. Dato Ali Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam.
2. We are pleased with the progress of implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy (APTCS) 2016-2025, in which significant number of activities have been carried out in the strategic areas of strengthening food security; sustainable forest management; climate change mitigation and adaptation; animal and plant health and disease control; enhancement of capacity-building and human resource development; strengthening of information system and knowledge networking and exchange; enhancement of productivity, quality and marketability of agricultural products; and research and development.
3. We appreciated the progress in the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement and reaffirmed our commitment to continue supporting the implementation of APTERR Agreement. We urged APTERR Parties to expedite the ratification process to support the effective implementation of the APTERR Agreement.
4. We noted the progress of the ASEAN Plus Three Food Security Information System (AFSIS) particularly in food security information development in the region, human resources development and in improving statistical data on food processing and distribution of agricultural crops in ASEAN. We supported the development of the initiative on Supporting Agricultural Survey in Promoting Sustainable Agriculture in ASEAN Region.
5. The ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry extended their appreciation to the People's Republic of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea for the continuous support and commitment to enhancing the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry.
6. We will meet again at the 20th Meeting of AMAF Plus Three in Cambodia in 2020.
7. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Government and the people of Brunei Darussalam for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the 19th AMAF Plus Three Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

- i. H.E Dato Ali Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam
- ii. H.E Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- iii. H.E Dr. A. Amran Sulaiman, Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia
- iv. H.E Bounkhouang Khambounheuang, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- v. H.E Datuk Seri Salahuddin bin Ayub, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia
- vi. H.E Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar
- vii. H.E Dr. William D. Dar, Secretary of Agriculture, Philippines
- viii. H.E Dr. Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore
- ix. H.E Ms. Mananya Thaiset, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
- x. H.E Dr. Le Quoc Doanh, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam
- xi. H.E Dr. Han Changfu, [Minister](#) of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, People's Republic of China
- xii. H.E Shinya Fujiki, Parliamentary Vice-Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
- xiii. Mr. Yoon Dong-jin, Director General, Agri-bioindustry Policy Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, [Republic of Korea](#)
- xiv. H.E Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN.