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## JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

### THE SECOND ASEAN DIRECTORS-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS AND HEADS OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISIONS OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MEETING PLUS THREE CONSULTATION (2<sup>ND</sup> DGICM + 3 CONSULTATION)

**Phuket, Thailand, 10 August 2023**

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1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> DGICM + 3 Consultation was held in Phuket, Thailand on 10 August 2023. The Consultation was chaired by Police Lieutenant General Phakphumphiphat Sujjapan, Commissioner of Immigration Bureau of Royal Thai Police and attended by the Heads of Immigration and Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (ROK), as well as representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat.
2. The Consultation exchanged views on potential areas of collaboration within the DGICM + 3 framework in the areas of immigration, consular affairs, and border management. The ASEAN Member States expressed gratitude to the Plus Three countries for their assistance in enhancing cooperation on immigration-related capacity and capability in the region.
3. The Consultation welcomed the *ad referendum* adoption of the DGICM + 3 Work Programme and looked forward to its implementation. The Consultation expressed appreciation to Singapore for leading the consultation among the ASEAN Member States and the Plus Three countries on the development of the Work Programme.
4. The Consultation welcomed Viet Nam's offer to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> DGICM + 3 Consultation that would be held in conjunction with the 27<sup>th</sup> DGICM and Its Related Meetings in 2024 in Viet Nam.
5. The Consultation conveyed gratitude to the Government and the people of the Kingdom of Thailand for their excellent arrangements made for the Consultation and warm hospitality extended to all the delegates.
6. The Chair expressed appreciation to all delegates from the ASEAN Member States, China, Japan, the ROK, and the ASEAN Secretariat for their dedication and valuable input, which were instrumental in the remarkable success of the Consultation.

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