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## **JOINT PRESS STATEMENT**

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

**Nha Trang, Viet Nam, 15 August 2024**

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> DGICM + 3 Consultation was held in Nha Trang, Viet Nam on 15 August 2024. The Consultation was co-chaired by Major General Pham Dang Khoa, Director General of the Immigration Department, Ministry of Public Security of Viet Nam, and Mr. Shimizu Hiroki, Associate Commissioner of the Immigration Services Agency of Japan. The Consultation was attended by the Heads of Immigration Departments and Heads of 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. Timor-Leste attended as an Observer.
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 appreciation to the Plus Three countries for their continued support and assistance toward ASEAN's efforts in enhancing the capacity and capability of ASEAN immigration and consular authorities.
3. The Consultation discussed the implementation status of the DGICM + 3 Work Programme (2023-2024). The Consultation also welcomed the extension of the period of implementation period of "DGICM + 3 Work Programme" from 2023-2024 to 2023-2027 and looked forward to its implementation.
4. The Consultation welcomed Brunei Darussalam's offer to host the 4<sup>th</sup> DGICM + 3 Consultation that would be held in conjunction with the 28<sup>th</sup> DGICM and Its Related Meetings in 2025 in Brunei Darussalam.
5. The Consultation expressed its gratitude to the Government of Socialist Republic Viet Nam for the excellent arrangement made for the Consultation and the warm hospitality extended to all delegates.



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6. The Co-Chairs expressed appreciation to all delegates from the ASEAN Member States, Timor-Leste, China, Japan, the ROK, and the ASEAN Secretariat for their dedication and valuable input, contributing to the great success of the Consultation. The Consultation was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN solidarity and cordiality.

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