

**Joint Media Statement of the Tenth ASEAN Telecommunications and Information
Technology Ministers Meeting (10th TELMIN) and Its Related Meetings with
Dialogue Partners
Kuala Lumpur, 13-14 January 2011**

1. The Tenth ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (10th TELMIN) was held on 13-14 January 2011 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Meeting was preceded by the Eleventh ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Senior Officials Meeting (11th TELSOM). The ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers also had joint meetings with their counterparts from China, Japan, and Republic of Korea, respectively, on 13 - 14 January 2011.

2. H.E. Dr. Rais Yatim, Minister of Information, Communications and Culture of Malaysia, chaired the 10th TELMIN. H.E. Mr. Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs of the Union of Myanmar was the vice-chairperson.

OPENING CEREMONY

3. H.E. Dr. Rais Yatim welcomed all Ministers and their respective delegations to the 10th TELMIN and its related meetings with Dialogue Partners. Dr. Rais mentioned that this Meeting holds much significance to Malaysia as it was here in 2001 and today Malaysia again welcomes all delegates to Kuala Lumpur to celebrate the first decade of ICT cooperation in ASEAN. In his Welcome Remarks, Dr. Rais identified the achievements of ASEAN in ICT cooperation and stressed that while ASEAN has actively worked together and reached a sufficiently high level to meet the challenges and the needs of ASEAN integration, it is time to chart the next step to ensure ASEAN ICT sector is poised to move toward the ASEAN Community by 2015.

4. Dr. Rais Yatim also said that specific and focused initiatives in Malaysia have allowed those with lesser means to access the digital world regardless of whether they are in cities or rural areas through Malaysia's High Speed Broadband (HSBB) Initiative for the cities and key economic areas, and Broadband for General Population (BBGP) for other areas. The setting of PC ownerships through the 1Malaysia Netbook Scheme have resulted in a rapid increase in Broadband Penetration. Through these initiatives, Malaysia is able to ensure that rural and urban populations both enjoy the benefits that broadband bring. Dr Rais also thanked TELMIN for the support it has shown to Malaysia during its tenure as Director of the ASEAN ICT Centre.

5. H.E. Khamlouat Sidlakone, Minister and Chairman of the National Authority of Posts and Telecommunications of Lao PDR, in the role of the 9th TELMIN Chairman, expressed his appreciation and thanks to H.E. Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Dr. Rais Yatim, Minister of Information, Communications and Culture of Malaysia, the Government and people of Malaysia for their warm welcome and hospitality accorded to all delegates to the 10th TELMIN. He pointed out several important discussion points of the 10th TELMIN and was confident

that the Meeting will be successful and greatly contributing to the regional cooperation towards achieving the ASEAN Single Community in 2015.

6. H.E. Dato' Sri Mohd. Najib Tun Abdul Razak, the Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia delivered a Keynote Address and officiated the 10th TELMIN and its related Meetings with Dialogue Partners.

7. In his Keynote Address, Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib emphasised the importance of telecommunications and ICT as the primary enabler for economic development and growth and as an instrument to connect ASEAN to the mainstream of global development. Malaysia has experienced an unprecedented development of the ICT sector thanks to a number of major changes to the ICT landscape, policy reforms and liberalisation of services for telecommunications and broadcasting sectors. To move steadily to the future, the Prime Minister emphasised the need to address the new challenges brought about advancement in ICT, such as cyber-threats, ethics of Internet use in order to preserve ASEAN cultural roots and value in the information society so that all citizens and our children can be benefited from the Internet.

8. Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib felt that it is most timely and appropriate for TELMIN this year to choose the theme "ICT: Positioning ASEAN for the Future" as it complements the important role of the region on the road of achieving an ASEAN Community by 2015. In this connection, the Prime Minister welcomed the initiative of TELMIN to consider and adopt the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 with the vision "Towards an Empowering and Transformational ICT: Creating an Inclusive, Vibrant and Integrated ASEAN". He also highlighted that there is much to be further discussed and shared especially on strengthening the network of friends based on camaraderie to facilitate future cooperation. He wished all delegates a fruitful and beneficial meeting and an enjoyable stay in Malaysia.

A DECADE OF SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION

9. This Ministerial Meeting marked a critical milestone on the road of ASEAN cooperation in ICT. The Ministers reviewed the first decade of ASEAN's journey in ICT cooperation and were pleased with the successful outcomes and extraordinary progress made.

10. Guided by the e-ASEAN Framework Agreement signed by the ASEAN Leaders in 2000, the first TELMIN on 13 July 2001 has called for harnessing ICT to foster closer regional economic integration, enhance overall competitiveness and to develop an ASEAN Information Society. Since then, a number of high level policy documents have been adopted and measures are being implemented to follow, amongst others, the e-ASEAN Integration Roadmap, the Ministerial Declarations and the ICT pillar in the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint, to realise the Kuala Lumpur Ministerial Understanding on ASEAN Cooperation in Telecommunications and Information Technology's objectives and to bring ASEAN ICT cooperation to a higher level.

11. The 10 years of cooperation have yielded meaningful outcomes which contributed to the change in the ASEAN ICT landscape and led to an influential shift in the way

essential services are delivered, from e-health to e-education, e-commerce and e-government.

12. The successful implementation of the e-ASEAN Integration Roadmap (2004-2010) has achieved its objectives in mobilising regional efforts to (a) establish the ASEAN Information Infrastructure; (b) promote and facilitate the growth of e-commerce in ASEAN; (c) liberalise and facilitate trade in ICT products, services and investments in support of the e-ASEAN initiative; (d) promote investments in the production of ICT products and the provision of ICT services; (e) strengthen e-ASEAN capacity building to reduce the digital divide within and amongst ASEAN Member States; and (f) to use ICT applications in the delivery of government services.

13. The Ministers acknowledged that ASEAN ICT sector, through the programmes managed by the ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Senior Officials (TELSOM) and ASEAN Telecommunication Regulators' Council (ATRC), has showcased a great sense of regional cooperation and ownership. The ICT sector has contributed significantly to economic growth and social development in ASEAN and takes a strategic role and becomes a powerful tool for achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

14. The Ministers commended the TELSOM, ATRC, the various Working Groups, the ASEAN ICT Centre (AICTC) and the ASEAN Secretariat for their tremendous efforts in carrying out the cooperation activities and programmes that made the success of ASEAN ICT cooperation in the last decade possible. The Ministers also commended the founding officials of the AICTC for their dedication, tireless efforts, outstanding contribution and achievement in managing the successful implementation of the ASEAN ICT priority projects.

15. The ASEAN Ministers expressed their high appreciation to ASEAN Dialogue Partners, notably China, Japan, Republic of Korea, European Union and India, amongst others, for the provision of invaluable assistance, both technical and financial, which significantly contributed to the successful implementation of the ASEAN ICT cooperation programmes and projects.

AIM 2015: TOWARDS AN EMPOWERING AND TRANSFORMATIONAL ICT

16. Building on the achievements made in the last decade, the Ministers vowed to further intensify their collective efforts in enhancing ASEAN ICT cooperation and integration to a new level to effectively contribute to the successful realisation of the ASEAN Community by 2015. The Ministers agreed to chart out an execution plan for the development of the ASEAN ICT sector by 2015 and beyond in an integrated manner to support other sectors in the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint, the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community, and the Master Plan of ASEAN Connectivity.

17. In this regard, the Ministers issued the Kuala Lumpur Statement on "ICT: Positioning ASEAN for the Future", which officially announced the adoption of the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2015 ("AIM2015") with the Vision "Towards an Empowering

and Transformational ICT: Creating an Inclusive, Vibrant and Integrated ASEAN”.

18. The AIM2015 is a comprehensive plan of specific actions and projects with clear targets and timelines in six strategic thrusts to be implemented in the next five years and beyond with the aim to deliver four key outcomes, namely: (i) ICT as an engine of growth for ASEAN Member States, (ii) Recognition for ASEAN as a global ICT hub, (iii) Enhanced quality of life for the peoples of ASEAN, and (iv) Contribution towards ASEAN integration.

19. The Ministers welcomed and invited all relevant stakeholders and parties to support and actively contribute to the implementation of actions and measures embodied in the AIM2015 for the successful realisation of its objectives in a timely manner.

20. The Ministers tasked TELSOM to review the existing ICT cooperation, amongst others, the ASEAN E-Commerce Database, International Mobile Data Roaming Charges, and CA-CA (Certificate Authority) Interoperability Framework in ASEAN Projects, and the available funding sources to come up with the recommendations for the implementation of the AIM2015 for the consideration of the Ministers at their next Meeting.

21. The Ministers welcomed the adoption the Record of Intent (ROI) by ATRC, which will be an additional instrument to foster ATRC cooperation, especially on strengthening cooperation and collaboration in the areas of telecommunications regulations to effectively facilitate the development of the telecommunications industry, serve consumers and accelerate the growth and development of the industry. The Ministers noted that the ATRC ROI will further promote regional cooperation on ICT regulatory practices, policy strategies and coordination on ICT standards and radio frequency, which will be helpful in implementing the AIM2015.

ICT COOPERATION WITH DIALOGUE PARTNERS AND OTHER PARTIES

22. The ASEAN Telecommunications and IT Ministers held separate meetings with their counterparts from China (led by H.E. Mr. Xi Guohua, Senior Vice Minister for Telecommunications Sector of China), Japan (led by H.E. Mr. Katayama Yoshihiro, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan), and the Republic of Korea (led by H.E. Mr. Seejoong Choi, Chairman of the Korea Communications Commission), respectively.

23. The ASEAN Ministers expressed their appreciation to China, Japan and the ROK for the successful implementation of their respective annual work plans on ICT cooperation with ASEAN and welcomed recommendations to further promote ASEAN cooperation with Dialogue Partners, international organisations and private sectors.

24. The Ministers of China, Japan and the ROK commended ASEAN for the significant development and achievements in the ICT sector in the last ten years, and were of the view that ASEAN could play a more active role in global ICT issues, such as internet governance, information security, e-commerce, e-education and ICT for environment. In this regard, they agreed to foster closer cooperation with ASEAN and also committed to continue to provide technical as well as financial assistance for the effective

implementation of the AIM2015 and the ICT measures in the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity.

China

25. The Ministers expressed great satisfaction with the implementation of the activities specified in the “Plan of Action to Implement Beijing Declaration on ASEAN-China ICT Cooperative Partnership for Common Development”. The Ministers tasked senior officials to study and recommend the relevant programme areas and strategic actions in the Plan of Action to support the realisation of AIM2015.

26. The Ministers adopted the 2010-2011 ASEAN-China ICT Work Plan clearly indicating that both sides need to actively cooperate in new areas such as ICT applications for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and E-education in addition to the good existing cooperation in telecommunications development, policies, network security and human resources development.

Japan

27. The ASEAN Ministers expressed their appreciation for Japan’s assistance in a number of key projects, notably on information security, human resource development, demonstrations for improvement of ASEAN ICT services, and utilisation of ICT for disaster management and preservation of the environment. The ASEAN Ministers also expressed their sincere thanks to Japan for her 2nd contribution of USD 150,000 to the ASEAN-Japan ICT Cooperation Fund.

28. The Ministers of ASEAN and Japan adopted the “ASEAN-Japan ICT Work Plan 2011”, and the “ASEAN-Japan Collaboration Framework on Information Security”; and urged all relevant agencies to expeditiously implement the activities under the Work Plan and the Collaboration Framework.

Republic of Korea

29. The Ministers noted the strong support and assistance given by the Republic of Korea to ASEAN in ICT development policies especially through policy consultation, human resources development, dispatch of Korea’s ICT experts to ASEAN Member States and ICT workshops with ASEAN.

30. The Ministers welcomed Korea’s future plan for ICT cooperation with ASEAN. The plan includes cooperation for joint use of ICT infrastructure, support for expansion of ICT infrastructure, enhancement for capacity building and expansion digital opportunities through cooperation with international organisations.

European Union, India and ITU

31. The ASEAN Ministers noted the development of the “Regional EU-ASEAN Dialogue Instrument (READI)”, the India’s supported “Feasibility Study on the ASEAN e-Network Project for CLMV Countries”, and the concept to develop a cooperation

agreement between ASEAN and International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

NEXT TELMIN MEETING

32. The Ministers expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government and people of Malaysia for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangement for the 10th TELMIN.

33. The next TELMIN and its Meetings with Dialogue Partners will be held in Myanmar tentatively at the end of 2011.

LIST OF TELMIN LEADERS

1. H.E. Pehin Dato Abdullah Bakar, Minister of Communications, Brunei Darussalam;
2. H.E. Mr. So Khun, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications, Cambodia;
3. H.E. Ir. Tifatul Sembiring, Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Indonesia;
4. H.E. Mr. Khamlouat Sidlakone, Minister to the Prime Minister Office, Chairman of the National Authority of Posts and Telecommunications of Lao PDR;
5. H.E. Dr. Rais Yatim, Minister of Information, Communications and Culture of Malaysia;
6. H.E. Mr. Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs of the Union of Myanmar;
7. H.E. Mr. Ivan John E. Uy, Secretary and Chairman of Information and Communications Technology, the Philippines;
8. H.E. Mr. Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Information, Communications and the Arts, Singapore;
9. H.E. Mr. Chuti Krairiksh, Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand;
10. H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hung, Vice Minister for Information and Communications, Viet Nam;
11. H.E. Mr. Xi Guohua, Senior Vice Minister for Telecommunications Sector, China;
12. H.E. Mr. Katayama Yoshihiro, Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan;
13. H.E. Mr. Seejoong Choi, Chairman of the Korea Communications Commission, Republic of Korea;
14. Mr. Somsak Pipoppinyo, Director for Finance, Industry and Infrastructure Directorate, ASEAN Economic Community Department, the ASEAN Secretariat, representing the Secretary General of ASEAN.