

**JOINT STATEMENT OF
THE THIRD ASEAN PLUS PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME (3RD AMMTC + CHINA)
CONSULTATION TO COMMEMORATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ASEAN-
CHINA MINISTERIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

Vientiane, Lao PDR, 18 September 2013

1. We, the Ministers of ASEAN Member States and the People's Republic of China handling transnational crime matters, met on 18 September 2013 in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic on the occasion of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (3rd AMMTC + China) Consultation, to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of ASEAN-China Ministerial law enforcement cooperation.
2. We reached the common understanding on the ever strengthened ASEAN-China law enforcement relationship and significant progress and substantive achievements recorded in the cooperation in fields such as fighting against terrorism, arms smuggling, sea piracy, money laundering, cybercrime international economic crime, trafficking in persons especially women and children, trafficking in illegal drugs; and law enforcement capacity building. Since the 1st AMMTC + China Consultation in 2009 and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the People's Republic of China and on Cooperation in the Field of Non-traditional Security Issues (MoU) in 2004 and its renewal in 2009, developing law enforcement cooperation has been an important part of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership. In this regard, we note with satisfaction on the results yielded.
3. We note with appreciation China's dedication in developing law enforcement cooperation, establishing the AMMTC + China Consultation mechanism with ASEAN, and contributing to regional peace, stability and prosperity.
4. We acknowledged the transnational character of illegal and criminal activities in this region, as interaction and connectivity increases between ASEAN and China. In this regard, we will view and approach our law enforcement cooperation strategically, and constantly aim to move our cooperation forward.
5. We were determined to explore the potential and expand the areas of cooperation, maintain security and stability, and safeguard the economic development and people's well-being in the region by further improving our ability against transnational crimes.
6. We take note of the following law enforcement cooperation measures to further enhance ASEAN-China law enforcement and security cooperation:
 - i. Promote high-level exchange of visits and mutual trust, and build ever closer law enforcement cooperation;

- ii. Renew the MoU and reformulate its implementation document to ensure continued cooperation between ASEAN and China in addressing Non-Traditional Security issues, taking into consideration ASEAN's needs in addressing current transnational challenges;
 - iii. Strengthen cooperation in the nine fields listed in the MoU, namely terrorism, trafficking in illegal drugs, people smuggling, trafficking in persons especially women and children, arms smuggling, sea piracy, money laundering, international economic crime and particularly, in the area of cybercrime, to promote exchange and sharing of experiences on combating cybercrime incidents.
 - iv. Offer each other the fullest law enforcement cooperation possible on the basis of mutual respect for sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit and where appropriate carry out coordinated law enforcement operations on a case by case basis on fighting against prominent criminal problems in the region subject to respective national laws and policies.
 - v. Establish the ASEAN Plus China Forum on Law Enforcement Cooperation, in order to provide focused analysis on the various areas of transnational crime in the region, and recommend countermeasures, so as to improve law enforcement capacity together and better build ASEAN Political Security Community and Drug-Free ASEAN;
 - vi. China will invite 1500 law enforcement officials from ASEAN Member States to attend training courses and workshops in China, and to provide 100 Chinese language learning scholarships over the next five years (2014-2018); and
 - vii. Establish the ASEAN-China Law Enforcement College and enhance exchanges and cooperation between law enforcement institutions of ASEAN and China, so as to better deliver cooperation in law enforcement training.
7. We tasked the Senior Officials on Transnational Crime from ASEAN and China to expeditiously work on and develop the plan of activities for implementing the MoU which would be conducive to both ASEAN and China. In this regard, we delegated the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime + China (SOMTC + China) to finalise and oversee the successful implementation of activities annually.
 8. We welcomed the kind offer by Malaysia to host the 4th AMMTC + China Consultation in Kuala Lumpur in 2015.
 9. We expressed our deep appreciation to the Government and people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic for their warm welcome and generous hospitality accorded to us and our respective delegations as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.