



CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE SECOND ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SPORTS (AMMS)

**05 December 2013
Vientiane, Lao PDR**

1. The Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS) was held on 05 December 2013 in Vientiane, Lao PDR. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Phankham VIPHAVANH, Minister of Education and Sports of Lao PDR and attended by Ministers and Senior Officials from the Sports or Sports-related Ministries of the ten ASEAN Member States. The Secretary-General of ASEAN also attended the Meeting.
2. The Ministers expressed their appreciations to the efforts of ASEAN Member States in conducting various activities to celebrate 2013 as ASEAN Sports Industry Year. The Ministers look forward to continuing the implementation of sports-related initiatives in the coming years.
3. The Ministers reiterated their commitment in enhancing sports cooperation in ASEAN, so as to foster friendship and solidarity as well as promote healthy and active lifestyles among the peoples of ASEAN. The Ministers recognized that sports play an important role in realizing the vision of an ASEAN Community in 2015.
4. The Ministers agreed that necessary actions to enhance football development in the region should be prioritised. The Ministers further agreed that in light of ASEAN's possible bid for the FIFA World Cup in 2034, the recommendations of the ASEAN Football Federation on said ASEAN bid be referred back to all relevant stakeholders in ASEAN Member States for further review.
5. The Ministers adopted the Vientiane Declaration on Sports Cooperation in ASEAN and tasked the Senior Officials Meeting on Sports to finalise the work plan on Sports to ensure the successful implementation of the Declaration and review its progress through appropriate instruments and actions with the support of ASEAN Member States.
6. The Ministers welcomed the proposals of the ROK to engage ASEAN in sports-related activities. This includes the informal consultations with Senior Sports Officials as a side event during the celebration of the 25th years of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Partnership in December 2014 in Seoul. The Ministers also welcomed the offer of the ROK for one scholarship slot per ASEAN Member State in the Global Sports Industry Graduate Program of the Hanyang University.

7. The Ministers agreed to convene the Third ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports in Malaysia in the second half of 2015.

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