Launching Ceremony of ASEAN Online

WELCOME REMARKS
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Excellencies, Permanent Representatives to ASEAN,
Excellency Donald Bobiash, Ambassador of Canada to ASEAN,
Representatives from OpenText,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat, it is my great honor to welcome you all to the launch of the ASEAN Online. This is a new initiative to enhance the efficiency of the ASEAN Secretariat's operations, particularly in strengthening our information management system.

The Secretariat is working hard to continuously improve its performance so we may able to provide effective support to help the ASEAN Member States realizing the ASEAN Community objective and goals. In this context, strengthening the Secretariat's capability in information technology and information management system is a critical priority area.

The ASEAN Online, which is made possible through the generous support from the Government of Canada, constitutes an important and tangible progress in this area. The Secretariat wishes to express our sincere appreciations to the Government of Canada for the steadfast support and cooperation.

We also thank the OpenText Canada that produces the ASEAN Online. The OpenText has been working closely with the ASEC IT Team in tailoring the ASEAN Online so it will meet the requirements of the Secretariat and those of the Member States.

We look forward to the new capabilities and exciting features that the ASEAN Online offers. This includes accessing data stored in the cloud via traditional web browser and mobile devices. This is an important feature as it would enable ASEAN Secretariat staff to access important materials even during their work travels which could be instrumental during meetings with sectoral bodies and when references to past agreements and decisions may be needed. It also means that ASEAN Member States will have immediate access to diverse ASEAN documents right from their capitals. Another important feature that we look forward to see is enhanced security system which would give us greater protection from cyberspace threats.

Overall, the ASEAN Online boosts the Secretariat's confidence in information management system and capabilities and we look forward to providing more effective support the Member States and all relevant stakeholders.

Let me conclude by thanking once again the Government of Canada for the generous support and the OpenText Canada for their technical expertise. I also particularly thank the CPR for all their support and facilitation that has enabled ASEAN-Canada cooperation to grow from strength-to-strength. Thank you.