



## **JOINT PRESS STATEMENT**

# **10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Directors-General of Immigration Departments and Heads of Consular Affairs Divisions of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs (DGICM) + Australia Consultation**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014  
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam**

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr Azmi Haji Hafneh, Acting Director of Immigration and National Registration, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Mr Peter Vardos, Deputy Secretary, Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP), Australia.
3. The Meeting noted the success of activities undertaken in 2013-14 as agreed by the 9<sup>th</sup> DGICM+ Australia Consultation.
4. The Meeting agreed to pursue a number of practical activities in 2014-15, demonstrating the shared interest that ASEAN and Australia have in continuing a constructive partnership that benefits the member states of ASEAN and Australia.
5. ASEAN and Australia agreed that they would continue to work together on cooperative arrangements in relation to immigration matters across the region, including measures that complement the ASEAN Community goal. The meeting also agreed to further publicise, where appropriate, the agreements of the ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation through the ASEAN website.
6. It was agreed that the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN DGICM + Australia Consultation would be held in conjunction with the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN DGICM in Cambodia in 2015.
7. All participants expressed appreciation to the people and the Government of Brunei Darussalam for the excellent arrangements and hospitality accorded to all the delegates.