

**THE ELEVENTH ASEAN AND CHINA TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING
(11th ATM+CHINA)**

30 November 2012, Bali, Indonesia

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM+China) was held on 30 November 2012 in Bali, Indonesia. The Meeting was preceded by the Eleventh ASEAN and China Senior Transport Officials Meeting (11th STOM+China) held on 28 November 2012. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. E.E. Mangindaan, Minister of Transportation of Indonesia, and H.E. Mr. GAO Hongfeng, Vice Minister, Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China.

2. The Ministers welcomed the outcomes of 15th ASEAN-China Summit held on 19 November 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia including reaffirmation of the Leaders' strong commitment to deepen strategic partnership as well as enhance and expand the cooperation in all sectors, particularly in the eleven priority areas, namely transportation, agriculture, information and communication technology, human resource development, mutual investment, Mekong development, energy, culture, tourism, public health and environment.

3. The Ministers supported the Leaders' mandate for the ASEAN Coordinating Committee on Connectivity and Chinese Working Committee on Connectivity to discuss and identify key areas for connectivity cooperation and work out a list of prioritised projects, and coordinate technical and financial resource mobilisation from both ASEAN and China to better support financing for connectivity cooperation projects. The Ministers welcomed China's proposal to set up a RMB 3 billion China-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation Fund to provide financial support to ASEAN-China cooperation in the areas of maritime scientific research, connectivity and navigation safety, particularly to implement agreed cooperative activities and projects within the DOC framework. The Ministers also welcomed China's additional contribution of USD 5 million to the China-ASEAN Cooperation Fund to support the implementation of transport infrastructure projects linking ASEAN Member States and China.

4. The Ministers noted the on-going exchange of views through the ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism on the implementation and impact of several maritime international conventions including the Maritime Labour Convention, Amendment of Annex VI to 1973 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) and Cooperation on Emergency Response/Search and Rescue. The Ministers commended the efforts by both sides to implement and comply with maritime international standards and tasked their senior officials to further enhance cooperation through maritime joint activities.

5. The Ministers commended the officials for the conclusion of negotiations on Protocol 2 on the exchange of 5th freedom air traffic rights between ASEAN Member States and China under the ASEAN-China Air Transport Agreement, which will provide

more opportunities for their airlines to fly to more cities to further enhance business and leisure travel connectivity, and look forward to its signing at the earliest opportunity. The Ministers tasked the senior officials to continue with their on-going efforts to work towards a fully liberalised air services regime.

6. The Ministers reiterate their commitment to accelerate the completion of Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL) which will facilitate the realisation of ASEAN-China connectivity. The Ministers tasked their senior officials to look into the realisation of the seamless railway system and the possibility of going beyond ASEAN and China.

7. The Ministers welcomed the successful conclusion of the following ASEAN-China Transport events/meetings held this year:

- (a) The Sixth ASEAN-China Working Group Meeting on Regional Air Services Arrangements held on 10-12 September 2012, Kunming, Yunnan Province, China;
- (b) The Eighth Meeting of ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism held on 30-31 October 2012, Guangzhou, China;
- (c) Workshop on China-ASEAN Civil Aviation Safety Management held on 12-24 November 2012, Kunming, Yunnan Province, China; and
- (d) Scholarships for Master Programme with More Selections of Majors Eligible for ASEAN Member Countries' personnel to Dalian Maritime University.

8. The Ministers also welcomed the following projects/activities for implementation in 2013:

- (a) The Second Working Group Meeting on the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for the ASEAN-China Transport Cooperation;
- (b) The Seventh ASEAN-China Working Group Meeting on Regional Air Services Arrangements;
- (c) The Ninth Meeting of ASEAN-China Maritime Consultation Mechanism; and
- (d) Scholarship for Master Programme in Dalian Maritime University.

9. The Twelfth ASEAN and China Transport Ministers Meeting will be held in Lao PDR in 2013.

LIST OF MINISTERS

- (a) H.E. Pehin Dato Abdullah Bakar, Minister of Communications of Brunei Darussalam;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia;
- (c) H.E. Mr. GAO Hongfeng, Vice Minister, Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China
- (d) H.E. Mr. E.E. Mangindaan, Minister for Transportation of Indonesia;
- (e) H.E. Mr. Sommad Pholsena, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Lao PDR;
- (f) H.E. Dato' Seri Kong Cho Ha, Minister of Transport of Malaysia;
- (g) H.E. Mr. Han Sein, Deputy Minister for Transport of Myanmar;
- (h) H.E. Ms. Catherine P. Gonzales, Undersecretary (Deputy Minister), Department of Transportation and Communications of the Philippines;
- (i) Mr. Pang Kin Keong, Permanent Secretary, representing H.E. Mr. Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport of Singapore;
- (j) H.E. Mr. Chadchart Sittipunt, Minister of Transport of Thailand;
- (k) H.E. Mr. Dinh La Thang, Minister of Transport of Viet Nam; and
- (l) H.E. Mr. Lim Hong Hin, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community.

