

**KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION
ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST ASIA SUMMIT**

WE, the Heads of State/Government of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Australia, People's Republic of China, Republic of India, Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the United States of America, gathered in Kuala Lumpur on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the East Asia Summit,

REAFFIRMING the 2005 Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the East Asia Summit in setting the broad vision, principles, objectives and modalities of the East Asia Summit,

REITERATING the Ha Noi Declaration on the Commemoration of the Fifth Anniversary of the East Asia Summit, which outlined the mutual benefit and closer linkages among the participating countries brought about by the East Asia Summit process, thus contributing to community-building in the East Asian region,

RECALLING the Declaration of the East Asia Summit on the Principles for Mutually Beneficial Relations, which evidenced the increasingly important role of the East Asia Summit in promoting norms of behaviour and further strengthening a rules-based approach to managing inter-state relations in the region,

REAFFIRMING ASEAN as the driving force within the East Asia Summit, working in close partnership with the other participating countries in which we strive to promote strategic trust and ensure transparent, predictable and responsible behaviour,

SATISFIED with the significant progress and achievements of the East Asia Summit over the past ten years, including the elaboration of priority areas of cooperation,

DESIROUS of consolidating and further strengthening the East Asia Summit on the basis of its established principles and objectives,

DO HEREBY DECLARE on the tenth anniversary of the East Asia Summit:

1. That the East Asia Summit will continue to be a Leaders-led forum for dialogue on broad strategic, political and economic issues of common interest and concern with the aim of promoting peace, stability and economic prosperity in East Asia;
2. That the East Asia Summit will actively contribute to a rules-based approach in managing inter-state relations in the region; promote strategic trust; and help ensure transparent and predictable behaviour;
3. That the East Asia Summit process will remain positive and useful over time, focusing on dialogue and deliberations which would benefit the common interest of ASEAN and the region;

WE HEREBY UNDERTAKE the following efforts to strengthen the East Asia Summit:

1. Retain the informal nature of the East Asia Summit while encouraging interactive discussions among Leaders on issues of concern as well as collaborative efforts for mutual interest;
2. Promote coherence with mutually reinforcing ASEAN-led processes to avoid duplication of work, where possible;
3. Encourage countries hosting East Asia Summit Ministerial-level meetings on the priority areas of cooperation to report to the Chair of the East Asia Summit, with a view to promoting further cooperation to be undertaken, if any;
4. Enhance the role of the East Asia Summit Chair, who is also the ASEAN Plus Three and ADMM-Plus Chair, to encourage synergy among the mechanisms with regard to the implementation of Leader's decisions;
5. Evolve to become a proactive process, with better preparation, follow-up and timely response to pressing challenges;
6. Undertake a periodic review of areas of cooperation, reflecting current priorities, challenges and interests. Cognisant that maritime cooperation has increasingly featured in East Asia Summit discussions, its inclusion as a priority area of cooperation merits further consideration;
7. Establish regular engagement between the Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN and the non-ASEAN Ambassadors of East Asia Summit participating countries in Jakarta to discuss implementation of Leaders' decisions as well as exchange information on regional development cooperation initiatives and security policies and initiatives;
8. Create a dedicated Unit within the ASEAN Secretariat focusing on the East Asia Summit, which among others will prepare on an annual basis a matrix of implementation of proposals deemed to have met with general agreement by the Leaders and provide recommendations on areas of cooperation which require further attention.

ADOPTED in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 22nd Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen.