

THE FIRST ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SPORTS (AMMS)

**14 December 2011
Yogyakarta, Indonesia**

Statement of the Chair of the 1st AMMS

1. The First ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports (AMMS) was held on 14 December 2011 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Andi A. Mallarangeng, State Minister of Youth and Sports, Republic of Indonesia, and attended by Ministers and Senior Officials from the Sports or Sports-related Ministries of the ten ASEAN Member States.
2. The Ministers noted with appreciation that at the 18th ASEAN Summit on 7-8 May 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia, the ASEAN Leaders endorsed the recommendation for the establishment of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports. The ASEAN Leaders at the 19th ASEAN Summit on 17 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia reiterated their recognition of sport as one of the most effective instruments in bringing about greater interaction among the ASEAN peoples as well as in promoting regional development, peace, and stability in the region.
3. The Ministers endorsed the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Senior Officials Meeting on Sports (SOMS) as well as the TOR of the AMMS. The Ministers also adopted the proposal for the inclusion of a new element on sports; its strategic objective and actions under Human Development in the ASCC Blueprint.
4. The Ministers further tasked the SOMS to develop and operationalise its work plan, identify and implement sport-related activities to promote and enhance sports development in ASEAN Region. The Ministers further tasked the SOMS to explore possible cooperation and engagement of ASEAN Dialogue Partners and other partners on sport related activities.
5. The Ministers recognised the huge opportunities and possible contributions of the sports industry to the economic development of ASEAN. In this regard, the Ministers tasked the SOMS to work out the details involved in marking 2013 as the ASEAN Sports Industry Year.
6. Recognising further that sports could be a strategy in raising awareness and building camaraderie and solidarity among ASEAN peoples, the Ministers noted that the spirit of volunteerism could be demonstrated in major ASEAN sporting events and possibly at the forthcoming SEA Games which will be hosted by Myanmar in 2013, the number of volunteers shall be determined by the host country.
7. The Ministers also tasked the SOMS in consultation with the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) to undertake the necessary studies and actions to prepare for the ASEAN bid for the possible hosting of the FIFA World Cup in 2030.

8. The Ministers discussed issues and concerns on the current regional sports activities as well as emerging issues that could impede sports development and hinder the contribution of sports to the establishment of ASEAN Community. The Ministers also considered issues related to: human resource development related to sports needs such as athletes, coaches, technical officials and administrators; enhancing governance in sports management, sports science and sports medicine; improving sports infrastructures, livelihoods of the athletes; prospects of employment in sports-related activities; and initiate various sports events by involving business sectors and to promote and develop a vibrant sport industry.
9. The Ministers agreed to explore the feasibility of expanding the coverage of ASEAN sports events to include other sports initiatives in addition to the ASEAN Basketball League such as the possible establishment of the ASEAN Football League and the ASEAN Volleyball League.
10. The Ministers thanked the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the successful hosting of the 26th SEA Games in Jakarta and Palembang on 11-22 November 2011. The Ministers further thanked Indonesia for hosting the 6th ASEAN Para Games on 12-22 December 2011 in Solo, Indonesia.
11. The Ministers agreed to convene the Second ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Sports in Vientiane, Lao PDR in the second half of 2013.

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