



*Cambodia 2012*

## *ASEAN: One Community, One Destiny.*

### **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA SUMMIT**

*PHNOM PENH, 19 NOVEMBER 2012*

- 1. The 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK) Summit chaired by Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 19 November 2012. The Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN Member States had a productive meeting with H.E. Mr. Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.*
- 2. The ASEAN Leaders expressed sincere appreciation to H.E. Mr. Lee Myung-bak for his active contribution to expanding and strengthening ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership. This has been his significant and invaluable personal contribution for the purpose of promoting peace, security, and stability in the region and for building close ties, friendship and cooperation between countries and peoples of ASEAN and the Republic of Korea. The ASEAN Leaders also expressed optimism that ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership will continue to be further enhanced and deepened.*
- 3. We noted with satisfaction the significant advancement of ASEAN-ROK cooperation over the past 23 years, in particular following the elevation of the ASEAN-ROK relations from comprehensive cooperation to a strategic partnership in 2010. We also noted substantive progress made in the implementation of the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity and its Plan of Action for 2011-2015.*
- 4. The ASEAN Leaders appreciated the ROK's unyielding support for ASEAN Community building efforts and ASEAN's central role in the evolving regional architecture. The ASEAN Leaders also encouraged the ROK to support the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015), and the Phnom Penh Agenda for ASEAN Community Building, which was adopted by the ASEAN Leaders at the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, in April 2012.*
- 5. The ASEAN Leaders welcomed the appointment of the first resident Ambassador of the ROK to ASEAN and the establishment of the Mission of the ROK to ASEAN in Jakarta in September 2012. They believed that the Mission of the ROK to ASEAN would facilitate closer cooperation and mutual understanding between ASEAN and the ROK.*

6. We attached great importance to the role of the ASEAN-Korea Centre in Seoul in promoting trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchanges between ASEAN and the ROK. We encouraged the Centre to undertake more concrete activities including the development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in order to further promote trade and investment for mutual benefits of ASEAN and the ROK. The ROK Leader encouraged ASEAN Member States to second their officials to the Centre.

7. The ROK welcomed the adoption of the Declaration on Drug-Free ASEAN 2015 by the ASEAN Leaders at the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh, in April 2012. In this regard, the ASEAN Leaders looked forward to enhancing cooperation with the ROK to address the trafficking of illegal drugs and narcotics.

8. We welcomed the adoption of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration at the 21<sup>st</sup> ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh on 18 November 2012 and emphasized our continuing support to realize an ASEAN Community based upon adherence to rule of law, democracy, promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

9. We welcomed the significant growth of two-way trade between ASEAN and ROK, which amounted to US\$124.9 billion in 2011 compared with US\$97.3 billion the previous year. In this regard, we reaffirmed our commitment to achieve the target of US\$150 billion two-way trade by 2015. For this purpose, we tasked our relevant Ministers to implement concrete measures, including to fully implement the ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA) and to effectively utilize ASEAN-Korea Centre, to enhance ASEAN-ROK economic linkages. We also encouraged (SMEs) to take full advantages of the AKFTA.

10. The ASEAN Leaders appreciated the ROK's strong commitment to support the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC). In this regard, the ASEAN Leaders welcomed the ROK's decision to establish a consultative mechanism to engage with the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) to discuss practical means to support the implementation of the MPAC, in particular in areas relating to infrastructure development and information and communication technology (ICT).

11. We agreed to further strengthen and enhance our mutually beneficial cooperation in the fields such as education, disaster management, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), migrant workers, water management, combating of transnational crimes such as trafficking in persons, and post harvest technology, including food storage, processing, preservation and distribution.

12. We underscored the importance of future generations in promoting ASEAN-ROK cooperation and welcomed the ongoing and increased opportunities for youth exchange on a regular basis.

13. We reaffirmed our commitment to actively cooperate in addressing major global and transboundary challenges such as climate change and the environment. We are also keen in close cooperation and exchanging best practices on “Low Carbon Green Growth Policy” and the use of environment-friendly technology. In this connection, we welcomed the entry into force of the Agreement between ASEAN and the ROK on Forest Cooperation and agreed to promote cooperation for the effective implementation of the Agreement. The ASEAN Leaders also invited the ROK to support the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre). They also welcomed the ROK’s offer to co-host the ARF Disaster Relief Exercise (DiReX) with Thailand in 2013.

14. We attached great importance to the Mekong-ROK cooperation in contributing to ASEAN’s endeavor to enhance ASEAN connectivity and ASEAN Community building. We welcomed the good outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mekong-ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 10 July 2012, in which both sides agreed to consider the establishment of the “Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund”, to carry out first several pilot projects in the six priority areas and to come up with the “Mekong-ROK Action Plan” in 2014, to hold the First Mekong-ROK Business Forum in Thailand in 2013, and to designate the year 2014 as the “Mekong-ROK Exchange Year”. We also agreed to task our relevant ministers and senior officials to fully and timely implement the Han-River Declaration of the Establishment of the Mekong-ROK Comprehensive Partnership for Mutual Prosperity, which was adopted at the inaugural Mekong-ROK Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul in October 2011.

15. The ASEAN Leaders congratulated the ROK for the successful hosting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nuclear Security Summit, which was a milestone in the global efforts to ensure nuclear security and prevent nuclear terrorism. In this regard, we looked forward to the participation of ASEAN Chair in the future Nuclear Security Summit.

16. We recognized the importance of peace, stability and maritime security in the region. In this connection, we stressed the need to strengthen maritime security cooperation through the existing mechanism in order to maintain and promote peace and stability in the region, amidst the growing security challenges such as sea piracy, vessel accidents, oil spills, terrorism and natural disasters.

17. We welcomed Indonesia as the Country Coordinator for ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations from July 2012 to July 2015. We looked forward to enhancing the multi-faceted cooperation and advancing the ASEAN-ROK strategic partnership to a higher level.