



**THE THIRTY THIRD MEETING OF
THE ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
(33rd AMAF)
6 October 2011, Jakarta**

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

1. The 33rd Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) was held in Jakarta, on 6 October 2011 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Suswono, Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia.

Moving Towards 2015 and Beyond

2. The Ministers noted with appreciation on-going progress of the contribution of food, agriculture, and forestry sectors towards realization of the ASEAN Community and achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Noting further guidance by the 18th ASEAN Summit, the Ministers reassured their full support in advancing the implementation of relevant measures outlined in the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015).

3. The Ministers expressed satisfaction on the progress made in food, agriculture and forestry sectors. The Ministers further endorsed the following ASEAN standards and documents:

- i. Intra-ASEAN Phytosanitary Guidelines for the Importation of Potato-tuber;
- ii. 8 ASEAN Harmonised MRLs of the following nine (5) pesticides: acephate (palm oil), methamidophos (palm oil), monocrotophos (palm oil), cypermethrin (papaya, yard long bean), propiconazole (maize, sugar cane and sweet corn (corn-on-the cobb));
- iii. ASEAN Standards for Okra, Cashew Kernels, Sweet Pepper, Onion, Chilli Peppers;
- iv. ASEAN-OIE MoU on Linkage of ASEAN Regional Animal Health Information System (ARAHIS) with World Animal Health System (WAHIS);
- v. ASEAN Biosecurity Manual for Commercial Poultry Farming;
- vi. ASEAN Criteria for the Accreditation of Establishments for Manufacturing Meat Products in Hermetically-Sealed Containers;
- vii. Terms of reference of the Preparatory Committee for the Regional Coordination Mechanism on Animal Health and Zoonoses;
- viii. ASEAN Standard Requirements for *Salmonella gallinarum* vaccine – live, *Salmonella gallinarum* vaccine – inactivated, Avian Influenza vaccine – inactivated;
- ix. Re-accreditation of the National Veterinary Drug Assay Laboratory (NVDAL), Gunung Sindur, Bogor, Indonesia for the following animal vaccines: Newcastle Disease Vaccine – live, Newcastle Disease Vaccine –

inactivated, Marek's Disease Vaccine – live, Infectious Laryngotracheitis Vaccine – live, Infectious Bronchitis Vaccine – live, Infectious Bronchitis Vaccine – inactivated, Egg Drop Syndrome '76 Vaccine – inactivated, Infectious Coryza Vaccine – inactivated, Fowl Cholera Vaccine – inactivated;

- x. Standard on ASEAN Good Aquaculture Practices (GAP) for Shrimp Farming and its Strategic Plan of Action;
- xi. Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020; and,
- xii. Proposal on Strengthening Forestry Policy and Cooperation under SOM-AMAF and AMAF.

Strengthening Food Security Arrangements

4. The Ministers commended good progress in the implementation of the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and the Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Food Security (SPA-FS), including the finalisation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement, as well as the development of platforms for private sector and civil society engagement. The Ministers urged the close collaboration and partnership among dialogue partners, development partners and international organisations to foster coordination and implementation of activities as well as monitoring and reporting of progress of the AIFS Framework and the SPA-FS.

5. The Ministers noted and supported the ongoing initiative and cooperation with ADB on technical assistance to support the implementation of AIFS framework particularly on the area of rice reserve, rice trade and food security information system through existing mechanisms such as the Preparatory APTERR Council, ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board (AFSRB), and ASEAN Food Security Information System Project Steering Committee (AFSIS-PSC). The Ministers also supported the EC-FAO Food Security Programme: Linking Information and Decision Making to Improve Food Security, and Learning Programme for Food Security Professionals.

6. The Ministers further supported the Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP), led by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), as it represents an important expansion and development of 2008's ASEAN Rice Action Plan, as well as the proposal on pilot testing of ASEAN Rice Trade Forum to be implemented under the ADB Technical Assistance on food security.

Responding to the Impact of Climate Change

7. The Ministers recalled the Declaration of Joint Response to Climate Change by the 16th ASEAN Summit, in which the Leaders tasked the agriculture and forestry sectors to engage in cooperation in research and development and knowledge sharing, and reaffirmed their agreement on the effective implementation of Reduced Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)-plus mechanisms in phases, as these initiatives will contribute to enhanced food production, agricultural productivity and water resources sustainability, while adapting to the adverse effects of climate change and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions from the sectors, thus ensuring sustainable livelihoods of farmers and food security in the ASEAN region.

8. In this connection, the Ministers commended the progress in the implementation of the “ASEAN Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security (AFCC)”, particularly with the forestry sector’s initiatives in addressing the impact of climate change, namely Sustainable Forest Management; implementation of REDD Plus (Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) in Developing Countries); and the ASEAN Regional Knowledge Network on Forest and Climate Change (ARKN-FCC). These are aimed to discuss common issues and positions, particularly on REDD Plus to support negotiation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF). The Ministers also welcomed the impending start of the ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change: Agriculture, Forestry and related Sectors (GAP-CC) upon the signing of the Note of Exchange and Implementation Agreement.

Strengthening of Cooperation on Sectoral and Priority Issues

9. Following the ASEAN Ministerial Statement, issued during the 32nd AMAF Meeting, on “ASEAN Cooperation on Animal Health and Zoonoses: HPAI and Beyond”, the Ministers supported the Comprehensive Proposal for the Establishment of the Regional Coordination Mechanism on Animal Health and Zoonoses (RCM), including the Terms of Reference of the Preparatory Committee to implement the preparatory phase of the RCM.

10. The Ministers commended the successful organisation of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Conference on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security Towards 2020 “Fish for the People 2020: Adaptation to a Changing Environment” on 13-17 June 2011 in Bangkok. The Ministers also endorsed the Resolution on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020 and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2020, which were adopted during the Conference.

11. The Ministers supported the Special Ministerial Event to commemorate ASEAN and International Year of Forests 2011 during the 33rd AMAF Meeting. The objective of the Ministerial side event is to raise the profile of the ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry and to appreciate the support from the various partner organisations on the achievements of key initiatives under the ASEAN Cooperation in Forestry.

Strengthening Partnership with Dialogue Partners, International Organisations and Private Sector

12. The Ministers expressed appreciation for the assistance and support, in advancing cooperation on food, agriculture and forestry in ASEAN region, rendered by various dialogue partners and international organizations, among others: Australia, China, European Commission, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea, United States of America, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and the Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC).

13. In view of promoting public-private partnership and enhancing synergies and complementarity between the two sectors in food security, the Ministers supported the dialogues between AMAF and representatives of private sector that commenced for the first time during the 33rd AMAF Meeting.

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14. The ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry will meet in Lao PDR in 2012.

15. The Ministers from other ASEAN Member States expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government and People of Indonesia for hosting the 33rd AMAF Meeting and for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

LIST OF MINISTERS

H.E. Pehin Dato Yahya, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam

H.E. Mr. Chan Tong Yves, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia

H.E. Dr. Suswono, Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia

H.E. Mr. Vilayvanh Phomkhe, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR

H.E. Mr. Noh Bin Omar, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia

H.E. Mr. Ohn Than, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar

H.E. Dr. Joel S. Rudinas, Undersecretary of Agriculture, Philippines

H.E. Dr. Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for National Development and Defence, Singapore

H.E. Miss. Supatra Thanaseniwat, Permanent Secretary of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

H.E. Dr. Nguyen Thi Xuan Thu, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam

H.E. Mr. S. Pushpanathan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community

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