

PUTRAJAYA JOINT DECLARATION ON ASEAN POST-2015 PRIORITIES TOWARDS AN ASEAN CITIZEN-CENTRIC CIVIL SERVICE

WE, the Heads of Civil Service of Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN") on the occasion of the ASEAN Heads of Civil Service Retreat in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, on 17 November 2015;

RECALLING the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration on the ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision, adopted at the 23rd ASEAN Summit on 9 - 10 October 2013, on the importance of realising a politically cohesive, economically integrated, socially responsible, people-oriented, people-centred and rules-based ASEAN as central elements of ASEAN Post-2015 Vision of the ASEAN Community;

FURTHER RECALLING the Nay Pyi Taw Declaration adopted at the 25th ASEAN Summit on 12 November 2014 which describes the central elements of the ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision including the promotion of adherence to shared values and norms including good governance and anti-corruption;

RECALLING the decision in the ASEAN Heads of Civil Service Meeting of the 17th ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) held in Yangon, Myanmar, on 26 September 2014 to heighten cooperation on civil service matters and good governance to support the ASEAN Community;

RECALLING the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on A People-Oriented, People-Centred ASEAN adopted at the 26th ASEAN Summit on 27-28 April 2015 which describes a high performing and dynamic civil service to support the establishment of a people-oriented, people-centred and rules-based ASEAN Community where all people, stakeholders and sectors of society can contribute to and enjoy the benefits from a more integrated and connected Community;

RECOGNISING the need for civil service reform and greater engagement of the peoples to meet their needs and expectations; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of good governance in promoting sustainable development in ASEAN;

hereby agree to endeavour:

- to continue strengthening good governance, integrity and cooperation in the civil service through regular engagements and consultations for the mutual benefit of ASEAN Member States;
- (ii) to promote effective cooperation and mutual assistance in civil service capacity building that narrows the development gap among ASEAN Member States;
- (iii) to foster technical cooperation in the field of civil service among ASEAN Member States particularly in the areas of capacity building, service delivery, and public sector reform;
- (iv) to continue to make Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) a priority in the delivery of public policies across ASEAN by having rules that are coherent and convergent across the economic community, and strengthening evidence-based decision making, stakeholder engagement and coordination inside of government in order to achieve greater connectivity, better public service delivery, inclusiveness and sustainable growth;
- (v) to promote the well-being and livelihood of the peoples of ASEAN through the highest standards of professionalism, efficiency, effectiveness, participatory approach, responsiveness, transparency and accountability in the civil service;

- (vi) to build and strengthen networking and partnerships within and among ASEAN Member States as well as with Dialogue Partners, UN Agencies, civil society, private sector, development partners and other stakeholders in supporting effective implementation of the commitments reflected in this Declaration; and
- (vii) to task the ACCSM, with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat to implement this Declaration through the ACCSM Work Plan 2016-2020, as well as to monitor and report its progress on a regular basis.

We are committed to the above aspirations which should serve as the guiding principles for the ACCSM in promoting a people-oriented and people-centred ASEAN that support the central elements contained in the ASEAN Vision 2025.

SIGNED in Cyberjaya, Malaysia, on this Seventeenth Day of November in the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, in a single original copy, in the English language.

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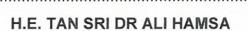
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