



“ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations”

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT OF THE 14th ASEAN-JAPAN SUMMIT BALI, INDONESIA 18 NOVEMBER 2011

1. The 14th ASEAN-Japan Summit, chaired by H.E. Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, was held on 18 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia. The Heads of State/Government of the ASEAN Member States had a very productive meeting with H.E. Mr. Yoshihiko Noda, Prime Minister of Japan.
2. The ASEAN Leaders warmly congratulated H.E. Mr. Yoshihiko Noda on his election as Prime Minister of Japan and welcome him to the ASEAN-Japan Summit for the first time. ASEAN Leaders also expressed their conviction that the meeting would be very fruitful in enhancing ASEAN-Japan relationship in the future.
3. We reiterated that ASEAN and Japan have always been partners in support of one another in the face of difficult times. In this context, the people of ASEAN share Japan’s grief as the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami struck on March 11, 2011. We commended the people of Japan for their continued resilience spirit, and we applauded Japan’s efficient and rapid recovery progress. We reaffirmed our commitment to implement the outcome of the Special ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on 9 April 2011.
4. We appreciated Japan’s contribution to the ASEAN integration and community building efforts, and reaffirmed the importance of our long-standing friendship and strategic partnership based on enhancing peace, stability, and prosperity in the region. We welcomed the adoption of the Joint Declaration for Enhancing ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership for Prospering Together (Bali Declaration) and the ASEAN-Japan Plan of Action 2011-2015. ASEAN and Japan are determined to further strengthen their cooperation under the 5 strategies namely: 1) strengthening political-security cooperation in the region, 2) intensifying cooperation towards ASEAN community building, 3) enhancing ASEAN-Japan connectivity for consolidating ties between ASEAN and Japan, 4) creating together a more disaster-resilient societies and 5) addressing together common regional and global challenges.

5. We recognized that disaster management is an issue of highest priority for ASEAN and Japan. We welcome the official launching of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) to ensure close cooperation and coordination so that we will be better prepared to overcome natural disasters that may emerge in the future. Japan's tangible assistance is very significant in strengthening regional arrangement and readiness for better coordination and response to natural disasters. The ASEAN leaders appreciated the progress of establishment of the "Disaster Management Network for the ASEAN Region", which Japan had proposed on the occasion of the ASEAN-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting in July 2011. ASEAN and Japan leaders reaffirmed our determination to continue exploring effective use of science and technology such as satellite system as well as jointly developing the regional network for disaster preparedness and disaster relief with AHA Centre in the hub through the "Disaster Management Network for the ASEAN Region".

6. We welcome the successful convening of the ARF Disaster Relief Exercise (ARF DiREx 2011) co-chaired by Indonesia and Japan in Manado, Indonesia, March 2011. The ARF DiREx provided substantive contributions to the efforts in enhancing the regional capacity on disaster management, particularly in improving coordination. We expected this exercise to be conducted on a regular basis. ASEAN leaders welcomed Japan's proposal to hold an international conference in the disaster-stricken Tohoku region in 2012 to share its experiences and lessons learned on the Great East Japan Earthquake with an emphasis on human security, as well as to host the Third World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015.

7. We welcome the holding of the 6th ASEAN-Japan Counter-Terrorism Dialogue in Phnom Penh on 9-11 February 2011, and we hope that the Dialogue could be continued, while at the same time synergized with other similar mechanisms in the region. We were pleased with the establishment of the ASEAN Maritime Forum as the implementation of the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) Blueprint.

8. The ASEAN leaders also expressed the appreciation for Japan's decision to implement feasibility studies in Myanmar, initiated by Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) with the use of Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF), which will make an important contribution to enhancement of ASEAN Connectivity. Japan welcomed ASEAN's decision to have Myanmar assume ASEAN's Chairmanship for the 2014.

9. ASEAN Leaders noted that people-to-people contact is an important dimension in building closer relations between ASEAN and Japan. We welcomed the progress in the implementation of the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) which have invited approximately 8,700 youths from ASEAN member states in four years. The ASEAN Leaders welcomed Japan's idea to implement exchange program of about 3,000 youths between ASEAN countries and Japan by the end of March 2013.

10. We also underlined Japan's assistance to narrowing the development gaps

through capacity building within the framework of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration and Other Sub-Regional Growth Areas. We emphasized on equitable economic development, in order to promote benefits and economic dividends for our people in the region. We also encourage cooperation to promote sustainable. We also encouraged cooperation to promote sustainable development, utilization, conservation and management of water resources in the Mekong River region, which will contribute of enhancing food security and livelihood.

11. We envisaged stronger cooperation on maritime issues in particular to ensure freedom of navigation, safety of navigation, unimpeded commerce, and peaceful settlement of disputes in the region in accordance with international law of the sea including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). In this vein, both sides confirmed to support the undertakings of the ASEAN Maritime Forum, ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers Meeting(ATM+Japan); ASEAN-Japan Senior Transport Officials Meeting(STOM+Japan), ASEAN-Japan STOM Leaders' conference, and other relevant forum and foster cooperation through the use off these mechanisms.

12. We were pleased with the substantive outcomes of the negotiation on trade in services and investment under the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic partnership (AJCEP). We reinforced our commitment to strive for a conclusion of these negotiations in tandem by the 18th AEM-METI Consultations of the 15th ASEAN-Japan Summit in 2012.

13. We appreciated the efforts for improving business environment through the dialogue between the Economic Ministers of ASEAN and Japan, the Secretary-General of ASEAN and the Federation of Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN (FJCCIA). We underlined that the improvement of business environment in ASEAN would be of mutual benefit to both ASEAN and Japan. We welcome the planned Road Show to Japan by ASEAN Economic Ministers in March 2012 with the aim of promoting business relations and economic cooperation between ASEAN and Japan.

14. The ASEAN leaders appreciated the Japan's strong commitment for enhancing connectivity under the visions namely "Formation of the Vital Artery for East-West and Southern Economic Corridor" and "Maritime Economic Corridor" as well as projects of soft infrastructure throughout ASEAN region. In this regard, the ASEAN leaders welcomed "List of flagship projects for enhancing ASEAN Connectivity". The ASEAN leaders also appreciated the initiative to invite 1000 trainees from East Asia to Japan for human resource development in the field of infrastructure. The ASEAN leaders highly valued Japan's cooperation on transportation network development including Japan's initiative on logistics improvement as well as ongoing efforts for expansion of "Open Skies" with ASEAN countries. We also recognized the importance on the enhancement of connectivity with the other areas in East Asia, and underlined to promote the idea of "connectivity master plan plus", with appropriate reference to the Comprehensive Asia Development Plan (CADP).

15. We recognized the importance of sustainable development through

stimulating innovation in both ASEAN and Japan. From this perspective, we welcomed various initiatives by the Japanese government in the areas of Bilateral Offset Credit Mechanism, improvement in access to finance to SMEs, development of Smart Community, promotion of ASEAN Sustainable Chemical Safety Plan, and protection of intellectual property.

16. We endorsed the development of a road map for ASEAN-Japan Economic Relations in the next 10 years. We noted the progress on the developing the framework for the roadmap and tasked our officials to complete the roadmap by the 18th AEM-METI Consultation.

17. Japan Leader welcomed the conclusion of the negotiations between ASEAN and the Nuclear-Weapon States (NWSs) to enable NWSs to accede the South East Asia Nuclear Weapon Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Protocol which will further contribute to the maintenance of regional peace and security.

18. Recognizing the importance of achieving in a peaceful manner denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, we encouraged the parties to steadily implement measures under the relevant UNSC resolutions and create an environment conducive to the resumption of the Six-Party Talks, and addressing the issue of humanitarian concerns of the international community such as the abduction issue.

19. We reaffirmed and promote cooperation, where appropriate, within the United Nations framework, including the continuing process of UN Reform.