

Annex F

Summit Statements in FY2020

THE 14th EAST ASIA SUMMIT ENERGY MINISTERS MEETING

20 November, 2020

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE 14 th EAST ASIA SUMMIT ENERGY MINISTERS MEETING,

Energy Sector Response to the Pandemic and Contributions to Sustainable Recovery

2. Recognising that the energy sector of the EAS region has been and will continue to be significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, both in the short and medium term, a special session to discuss the energy sector's response to the pandemic and contributions to sustainable recovery was held among the EAS energy ministers and international organisations, including the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

5. In the Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE&C) Work Stream, the Ministers noted the progress of activities implemented under the initiatives on distributed energy systems (DES), energy savings potential, and roadmap formulation to promote energy efficiency (EE) technologies for EAS participating countries. In particular, the Ministers noted the successful conduct by Japan of the third round of energy audits at Tablas Island, Philippines, which showcased DES as an important policy option to respond to the increasing availability of small power generation and intelligent grid technologies. **The Ministers also noted the release of the EAS Energy Outlook 2019/2020 prepared by the ERIA, which also covers analysis on necessary energy investment up to 2050.**

Promotion of Innovative Technologies and Low Carbon Society

12. On the initiative to promote carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) and carbon recycling, the Ministers noted the importance of CCUS and carbon recycling in supporting the goals of decarbonisation, recovery and economic growth. **The Ministers welcomed the cooperation initiative led by Japan and ERIA to establish the "Asia CCUS Network", which is expected to realise the partnership that would help implement knowledge and experience sharing and research activities in the EAS region.**

14. The Ministers noted the progress of implementation of the rolling 3-year Roadmap on EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research for 2019-2021 and appreciated the contributions of ERIA towards energy policy research activities under the EAS energy cooperation platform. They welcomed the successful convening of the 3rd East Asia Energy Forum (EAEF 3) focusing on CCUS on 17 November 2020 organised by ERIA and Viet Nam and noted the “Reflections from the 3rd East Asia Energy Forum (EAEF3)”.

THE 15TH EAST ASIA SUMMIT

20 November, 2020

CHAIRMAN’S STATEMENT OF THE 15TH EAST ASIA SUMMIT

Environment and Energy

9. We welcomed the progress made in EAS energy cooperation, including the successful conduct of distributed energy system audits in select ASEAN Member States led by Japan, the ongoing feasibility study on wind power with energy storage systems in select ASEAN countries led by the Republic of Korea, and the evaluation of carbon emission reduction through mobility electrification and introduction of alternative biofuels led by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). We noted the expanded EAS initiatives on promotion of natural gas, hydrogen and carbon recycling, and carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS) and looked forward to the initiatives contributing to energy transitions in the region. **We welcomed the contribution of ERIA to the implementation of the EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research Roadmap for the 3 ECTF work streams.** We welcomed the successful convening of the 3rd East Asia Energy Forum (EAEF 3) focusing on CCUS on 9 November 2020 organized by ERIA and Vietnam, and the EAS New Energy Forum held on 24th September 2020 organized by China. **We encouraged ERIA to continue high quality policy-based research and pragmatic recommendations reflecting the regional energy situation after COVID-19.**

ASEAN Connectivity

24. We welcomed the successful convening of the ACCC Consultations with Dialogue Partners and Other External Partners on Connectivity and 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium on Enhancing ASEAN Cohesiveness, Responsiveness through Resilient Connectivity and Human Capital Development, with support from the ERIA, on 26 August 2020 and 28 August 2020, respectively.

Economic Cooperation and Trade

27. We commended ERIA for its continued research and analysis on key regional economic issues that support economic integration and the digital economy in the region. We welcomed the report of the 13th ERIA Governing Board Meeting held on 16 October 2020. We encouraged ERIA to continue providing support to the Chair of the ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit by undertaking high-quality policy-based research, especially those that will help the EAS region respond well to the after-effects of COVID-19 pandemic. We welcomed and encouraged further efforts to support the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) in building a network of smart cities that are resilient, innovative and well-connected, in line with the 2018 EAS Leaders' Statement on ASEAN Smart Cities.

THE 23rd ASEAN PLUS THREE SUMMIT

14 November, 2020

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 23rd ASEAN PLUS THREE SUMMIT,

Review and Future Direction of APT Cooperation

8. We emphasised the need to strengthen APT collaboration in advancing the region's recovery from the adverse socio-economic effects of the pandemic. In this regard, we welcomed the ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action (APT POA) on Mitigating the Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic which was endorsed at the 23rd AEM Plus Three Consultations on 28 August 2020, to implement ASEAN Plus Three Economic Ministers' Joint Statement on Mitigating the Economic Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic adopted on 4 June 2020). We looked forward to the effective implementation of the APT POA which would bring about collaboration and coordination between ASEAN and the Plus Three countries, as well as prepare the region for future emergency situations, and achieve post pandemic economic recovery. **We recognised the collaborative work of the four research institutes from APT members (CAITEC, JETRO, KIEP and ERIA) in completing the Final Joint Study on "10+3 Cooperation for Improvement of Supply Chain Connectivity" that would benefit the region and enhance ASEAN-Plus Three economic relations. In addition, we adopted the APT Leaders' Statement on Strengthening APT Cooperation for Final Economic and Financial Resilience in the face of Emerging Challenges to realise the commitment of the APT countries to cooperate and collaborate on overcoming the challenges brought about by COVID-19.**

Review and Future Direction of APT Cooperation

21. We noted the successful convening of the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Consultations with Dialogue Partners and Other External Partners on Connectivity and the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium on Enhancing ASEAN Cohesiveness, Responsiveness through Resilient Connectivity and Human Capital Development, with support from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), on 26 August 2020 and 28 August 2020, respectively.

THE 23rd ASEAN-JAPAN SUMMIT

12 November, 2020

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 23rd ASEAN-JAPAN SUMMIT

15. We welcomed the support of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) in promoting our close economic partnership and Japan's contribution to the Institute.

17. We welcomed the successful convening of the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) Consultations with Dialogue Partners and Other External Partners on Connectivity and the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium on Enhancing ASEAN Cohesiveness, Responsiveness through Resilient Connectivity and Human Capital Development, with support from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), on 26 August 2020 and 28 August 2020, respectively.

22. We welcomed the progress in the implementation of the ASEAN-Japan Environmental Cooperation Initiative which aims to promote cooperation in various areas of environmental protection including environmental education, sustainable cities, water resources management, chemicals and waste management, biodiversity through the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), and climate change, particularly through the new ASEAN-Japan Climate Change Action Agenda. **ASEAN Leaders expressed appreciation for Japan's continued support for an environmentally-sustainable ASEAN through the ASEAN Japan Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation (AJDEC), the first ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Dialogue on Environmental Cooperation (AJMDEC), and for Japan's commitment to strengthening its cooperation with ASEAN in addressing the issue of climate change through Japan's support for the ongoing development of ASEAN State of Climate Change Report, and combating marine plastic debris through the ASEAN Plus Three Marine Plastics Debris Cooperative Action Initiative, which includes the establishment of the Regional Knowledge Centre for Marine Plastic Debris at the ERIA.**

THE 17th ASEAN-INDIA SUMMIT

12 November, 2020

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 17TH ASEAN-INDIA SUMMIT

9. We emphasised the importance of strengthening ASEAN-India connectivity cooperation to advance the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 as well as exploring synergies between the MPAC 2025 and India's connectivity strategies under India's Act East Policy through "Connecting the Connectivities" approach. We looked forward to concrete cooperation in sustainable infrastructure, including through capacity building activities and enhancement of investment and business environments. **We noted the completion of the study by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) commissioned by India on "The India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway and Its Possible Eastward Extension to Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Viet Nam: Challenges and Opportunities".** We looked forward to timely completion of the India-Thailand-Myanmar Trilateral Highway as well as the commencement of the development of its extension to Lao PDR, Cambodia, and Viet Nam.

THE 37th ASEAN SUMMIT

12 November, 2020

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT OF THE 37TH ASEAN SUMMIT

Sub-Regional Development

32. We commended the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for publishing the "Sub-regional development strategy in ASEAN after COVID-19: inclusiveness and sustainability in the Mekong subregion (MEKONG 2030) report" which provides insights with regard to ASEAN's sub regional development and its role in ASEAN Community building.

ASEAN Economic Community

64. We acknowledged the significant contribution of ASEAN's Dialogue and Development Partners in ASEAN's market integration efforts through the technical assistance and capacity-building programs they have established and implemented in ASEAN. **We expressed our appreciation to the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for its support to ASEAN economic integration through studies that aim to contribute to upgrading the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) – which is being undertaken also in collaboration with ARISE PLUS, addressing the non-tariff measures in the region, facilitating trade through the follow-up study on the ASEAN Seamless Trade Facilitation Indicators-Trade**

Transaction Cost (ASTFI-TTC), enhancing the utilisation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs), addressing issues in facilitating mobility of ASEAN professionals that includes a study on the impact of the 4IR in ASEAN professional services, and promoting good regulatory practice in the region.

THE 20th ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (AMAF) PLUS THREE

21 October, 2020

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT OF THE 20TH OF AMAF PLUS THREE

8. We appreciated the progress of the Research Project on Cold Chain Development and Application of Digital Technologies to FVC, towards Higher Value Added of ASEAN Agriproducts that the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) is implementing, and noted the utilisation of digital technology is one of the important cooperation areas for further development of the food value chain in ASEAN.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANILA PLAN OF ACTION

9 September, 2020

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANILA PLAN OF ACTION TO ADVANCE THE PHNOM PENH DECLARATION ON EAS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (2018-2022)

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COOPERATION

2. Progress has been made in energy cooperation through the implementation of the EAS Energy Cooperation Task Force (EAS ECTF) three Work Streams and the EAS Mid-Term Energy Policy Research Roadmap, including the research supported by Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for the three EAS ECTF Work Streams and the work conducted in response to particular needs of the EAS participating countries for economic analysis. The work supporting ECTF work streams include (i) energy outlook and savings potential, (ii) evaluation of carbon emissions reduction through mobility electrification, (iii) introduction of alternative biofuels, (iv) hydrogen and liquefied natural gas (LNG) demand potential, and (v) investment in LNG logistics infrastructure. The 13th EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting (EMM) on 5 September 2019 in Bangkok noted the expanded range of fuels and technologies covered in the current regional initiatives and appreciated the ongoing and new initiatives which include energy efficiency technologies, distributed energy systems, next generation biofuels, solar photovoltaics (PVs) and energy storage solutions, wind power technology, promotion of natural gas, mobility decarbonisation, carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), carbon recycling and hydrogen technologies. The progress of the

ECTF's work is expected to be reported at the 14th EAS EMM to be hosted by Viet Nam via videoconference, back-to-back with the 38th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) which will take place on 2-6 November 2020.

COOPERATION ON ASEAN CONNECTIVITY

10. Cooperation and engagement between the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and the non-ASEAN EAS participating countries continued to be enhanced to support the implementation of Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025, including through the ACCC+1 mechanisms, such as with China, India, Japan and the ROK, and ACCC Consultations with Dialogue Partners (DPs) and Other External Parties (OEPs) on Connectivity, as well as the convening of annual ASEAN Connectivity Symposiums and related ASEAN Connectivity events/forums. The 10th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium on "Connecting ASEAN through Financing Sustainable Infrastructure" was held on 27 August 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The ACCC Consultations with DPs and OEPs on Connectivity and the 11th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium were held on 26 and 28 August 2020 via videoconference. Other activities include the Regional Forum on Infrastructure Productivity held on 30 September-1 October 2019 at the ASEAN Secretariat as well as the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS) Socialisation Forum for Cities on 20-21 February in Jakarta, attended by DPs, OEPs, relevant sectoral bodies and other international institutions. **ERIA supported the implementation of the first project under Initiative 4 of MPAC 2025 on "Study of MSMEs Participation in the Digital Economy in ASEAN" and the World Bank provided technical support for the implementation of the first project of Initiative 1 under MPAC 2025: "Developing a Rolling Pipeline of Priority ASEAN Infrastructure Projects".**

ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE

12. The EAS participating countries continue to strengthen economic cooperation and regional economic engagement to promote trade and investment in the EAS region through the existing EAS mechanisms such as Senior Economic Officials' Meeting-EAS (SEOM-EAS) Consultations and the EAS Economic Ministerial Meeting (EAS-EMM) Consultations. The 7th EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting held on 10 September 2019 in Bangkok discussed, among others, recent economic developments as well as trade and investment performance in the region, and the opportunities of the digital economy that would drive the 4th Industrial Revolution. The Meeting also discussed the need to promote inclusive growth through policies aimed at delivering new opportunities for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and building new skills. The 9th Meeting of the Senior Economic Officials' Meeting-EAS (SEOM-EAS) Consultations was held on 26 July 2020, while the 8th EAS Economic Ministers' Meeting was held on 28 August 2020, both via videoconference hosted by Viet Nam. The Meeting agreed to task ERIA to undertake policy-based research to improve trade and investment including making value chains resilient to shocks of EAS economies, effectively address the impending recession, promote new technologies and develop a framework for the EAS regional economic integration.

THE ASEAN COORDINATING COUNCIL'S SPECIAL SESSION ON SUB-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

9 September, 2020

CHAIRMAN'S PRESS STATEMENT OF THE ASEAN COORDINATING COUNCIL'S SPECIAL SESSION ON SUB-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2. The Ministers were briefed by the Secretary-General of ASEAN, President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the President of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) on their perspectives regarding ASEAN's role in narrowing the development gap and enhancing ASEAN's competitiveness as a region, promoting sustainable and equitable development in the region, and presenting the prospective role of sub-regional cooperation frameworks in regional integration efforts. The Ministers appreciated ADB's long partnership with ASEAN in promoting sub-regional and regional development as well as its timely support for COVID-19 pandemic response. The Ministers commended efforts by ERIA as a regional think-tank in conducting quality research work to facilitate ASEAN's regional integration process.

THE 8th EAS ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING (EAS-EMM)

28 August 2020

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE EIGHT EAS ECONOMIC MINISTER'S MEETING

7. The Ministers acknowledged the significant contribution of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) through activities that support economic integration and digital economy in the region. The Ministers welcomed ERIA's paper on "Accelerating restoration of economic growth, maintaining market stability and strengthening resilience of the EAS region in response to the COVID-19 pandemic". The Ministers encouraged ERIA to undertake policy-based research to improve trade and investment including making value chains resilient to shocks of EAS economies, effectively address the impending recession, promote new technologies and develop a framework for the EAS regional economic integration and development after overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic, taking into account existing initiatives.

THE 52nd ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' (AEM) MEETING

25 August 2020

JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE 52ND ASEAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS' (AEM) MEETING

39. The Ministers thanked the ERIA for its continued support and contribution to ASEAN economic integration and AEC-building efforts. The Ministers noted that, in cooperation with UNCTAD, ERIA is developing the Cost Effectiveness Tool Kit for Non-Tariff Measures, which intends to aid ASEAN Member States in reviewing NTMs on imported intermediate inputs for their design, enforcement and compliance, with a view of promoting domestic value addition for creation of regional value chains. Other contribution from ERIA include on-going and future research activities by ERIA, such as: (i) the study on ASEAN Seamless Trade Facilitation Indicators (ASTFI) and Trade Transaction Cost (TTC), that would help determine the reduction by 10% in trade transactions cost in the region by 2020; (ii) an assessment of the impact of the ATIGA on intra-ASEAN trade since the entry into force of ATIGA in 2010, which is a component of the ATIGA General Review; (iii) the completed ASEAN Regulatory Management System (RMS) study, which provides a baseline on the implementation of core principles of Good Regulatory Practices in ASEAN, including recommendations; and (iv) on-going work on the impact study of ASEAN Economic Integration, which will be a valuable input to the mid-term review of the AEC. Further, the Ministers are cognisant of the contribution of ERIA in supporting the RCEP negotiations and the conduct of focus group discussions and capacity building to AMS officials related to services sectors to contribute towards developing their respective Schedules of Non-Conforming Measures under the ATISA.

THE 32nd ASEAN-AUSTRALIA FORUM

22 May 2020

ASEAN AND AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

14. Australia further noted that its development cooperation programs with ASEAN (and several member states) were already pivoting to focus on the impacts of COVID-19. **The ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Program Phase II (AADCP II) is supporting the development of ASEAN priority logistics routes to sustain and facilitate vital regional supply chains; TRIANGLE in ASEAN is helping thousands of migrant workers who are particularly vulnerable at this uncertain time; the ASEAN-Australia Counter Trafficking Program is mitigating the risk of exploitation and human trafficking for women, children and other vulnerable groups who might be at higher risk due to impacts of COVID-19; the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia is providing policy advice on mitigating COVID-19 impacts and promoting ASEAN's economic recovery; and Australia is supporting the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) to conduct rapid assessments on the impact of COVID-19 focused on 'second wave crises' such as those relating to livelihoods, social welfare, migrant labour, informal workers and other vulnerable groups.** The Forum discussed how ASEAN and Australia could further enhance cooperation on the COVID19 crisis through these and other initiatives.