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In welcoming the elevation of the dialogue relations between Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK), the Leaders of ASEAN and the ROK adopted the Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity at the 13th ASEAN-ROK Summit on 29 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. Satisfied with the close and progressive cooperation that ASEAN and the ROK have forged since the establishment of the dialogue relations in 1989, the Leaders agreed upon strategic areas of future cooperation covering political, economic, environmental, social, cultural fields and on regional and global issues.

The Leader of the ROK reaffirmed his support for the Bali Concord II signed on 7 October 2003 and the Cha-Am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community (2009-2015) signed on 1st March 2009 by the ASEAN Leaders to realise the ASEAN Community by narrowing the development gaps within ASEAN and accelerating integration of ASEAN.

The Leaders of ASEAN and the ROK at the 13th ASEAN-ROK Summit on 29 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, adopted this ASEAN-ROK Plan of Action to provide concrete actions and initiatives for realising their commitments as reflected in the Joint Declaration in conformity with their obligations under international law and in accordance with their domestic laws and policies.

1. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION

1.1 Expanding Exchanges in the Political and Security Field:

- 1.1.1 Continue high-level contacts between ASEAN and the ROK through existing bilateral, regional and multilateral mechanisms within the frameworks of ASEAN, ASEAN Plus Three (APT), and ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and increase exchanges between officials in the political and security areas;
- 1.1.2 Work towards contributing to the realisation of the goals and objectives as set out in the ARF Vision Statement and its Plan of Action in support of strengthening the ARF;
- 1.1.3 Promote concrete cooperation projects within the ARF including cooperation in cybersecurity and countering cyber-terrorism;
- 1.1.4 Continue the ASEAN-ROK Future-Oriented Cooperation Project, which promotes exchanges between diplomats and government officials of both sides, and extend the Project to cover exchanges among officials in the political, national security and national defence fields;
- 1.1.5 Strengthen cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK government-affiliated research institutes in the political and security fields such as the ASEAN-Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS) through exchange of experts, joint research projects and joint seminars; and

- 1.1.6 Promote linkages and increase exchange visits among military and security training institutions to enhance cooperation in the region.
- 1.2 Strengthen cooperation and increase consultation through the ARF and the APT process with a view to achieving peace, security and stability in the region.
- 1.3 Promote the ARF and the ADMM-Plus as useful platforms for security cooperation, in particular for forging practical cooperation to address the security challenges facing the region.
- 1.4 Explore ways to establish ASEAN-ROK security-related dialogue through existing ASEANROK consultation channels such as ASEAN-ROK Dialogue.
- 1.5 Enhance multilateral and regional cooperation aimed at non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and their means of delivery, including related materials in line with the relevant international conventions and treaties and support the implementation of the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone (SEANWFZ).
- 1.6 Promote and enhance cooperation on Human Rights, Good Governance, Democracy and Rule of Law through, among others, the following:
 - 1.6.1 Collaborate with ASEAN on human rights through regional dialogues, seminars and workshops, education and awareness raising activities, as well as exchange of best practices and other capacity building initiatives aimed at enhancing the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - 1.6.2 Support the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), which is the first regional mechanism and overarching institution for the promotion and protection of human rights in ASEAN, and its work plan and cooperate in multilateral for a including the Bali Democracy Forum and the UN Human Rights Council;
 - 1.6.3 Support the work of the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC);
 - 1.6.4 Promote sharing of experiences and best practices through workshops and seminars on good governance, democracy and human rights; and
 - 1.6.5 Strengthen and deepen cooperation with ASEAN against corruption, through, inter-alia, encouraging the ratification or accession to, and implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).
- 1.7 Promote and enhance cooperation in combating terrorism and transnational crimes:
 - 1.7.1 Strengthen cooperation in combating terrorism in a comprehensive manner at bilateral, regional and international levels including the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue as well as other regional frameworks such as the ARF and the APT process, and the UN;
 - 1.7.2 Enhance the regional capacity to combat terrorism and other transnational crimes by exchanging information, sharing best practices and expertise, strengthening capacity building among their law enforcement agencies making use of the existing centres in ASEAN such as the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Thailand, the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT) in Malaysia and the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) in Indonesia;

- 1.7.3 Strengthen cooperation in the eight priority areas of ASEAN and ASEAN Plus Three cooperation namely terrorism, trafficking in persons, arms smuggling, sea piracy, money laundering, illicit drug trafficking, international economic crime and cyber crime through the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC), the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC), the ASEAN Plus Three process and other mechanisms;
 - 1.7.4 Develop a framework for cooperation to effectively implement the ASEAN-ROK Joint Declaration for Cooperation to Combat International Terrorism through SOMTC+ROK Consultation and other existing mechanisms, and closely cooperate in the fields of immigration controls, law enforcement, transport security, and prevention of financing of terrorists, capacity building and related organisations;
 - 1.7.5 Further strengthen cooperation in drug detection and forensic tools development, in particular forensic management; and
 - 1.7.6 Cooperate and coordinate to effectively prevent, disrupt and combat transnational crime, including trafficking in persons, arms smuggling, and cyber crime through sharing of information, intelligence and best practices, promoting cyber security, technology transfer, strengthening trainers' networks, technical assistance and capacity building in the area of law enforcement.
- 1.8 Promote cooperation on maritime issues, including security:
- 1.8.1 Increase and enhance cooperation in the fields of maritime security and safety, and marine environmental protection in accordance with international law by promoting capacity building, training and technical cooperation, information sharing, intelligence exchange, sharing best practices and knowledge as well as other appropriate forms of cooperation respecting the principle of sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity and non-intervention in the domestic affairs of other States and bearing in mind the primary responsibilities of the littoral States in this matter.
- 1.9 Promote the role of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) as the code of conduct for inter-state relations in Southeast Asia as well as encourage other countries outside the region to accede to the Treaty to further promote regional peace, security, stability, prosperity, mutual confidence and trust.
- 1.10 Promote the principles of sovereign equality, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of other States as envisaged in the TAC.

2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION

2.1. Consultation Channels for Economic Cooperation:

- 2.1.1. Enhance consultation to establish comprehensive economic cooperative relations through the existing ASEAN Economic Ministers-ROK (AEM-ROK) Consultations, the Senior Economic Officials' Meeting (SEOM)-ROK Consultations and between respective ASEAN sectoral and other bodies and the ROK in areas such as finance, construction and transportation, agriculture and commodities, labour, tourism, energy, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), forestry, mining and fisheries;
- 2.1.2. Promote cooperation and exchanges between business organisations of ASEAN and the ROK to pursue closer private sector collaboration;

2.1.3. Strengthen cooperation of private sector within the context of East Asia Business Council (EABC) with the view to promoting greater linkages between firms in ASEAN, the Republic of Korea, Japan and China; and

2.1.4. Continue cooperation to help the ASEAN-Korea Centre serve as an effective channel for the enhancement of trade, investment, tourism and culture between ASEAN and the ROK. Utilise the ASEAN-Korea Centre to facilitate promotional activities for ASEAN-ROK Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA), trade and investment, including product exhibitions, exchange of trade and investment missions, and exchange of information on trade and investment.

2.2. ASEAN-ROK Free Trade Agreement (AKFTA):

2.2.1. Ensure the implementation and expand areas of economic cooperation, including cooperation projects referred to in Chapter 3 of the AKFTA in support of the AKFTA under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation (CEC) between ASEAN and the ROK and its Annex;

2.2.2. Complete the tariff liberalization within the agreed timeframes and pursue further liberalisation in accordance with the relevant provisions of the ASEAN-ROK Trade in Goods Agreement;

2.2.3. Fully engage in the consultation process of the Implementing Committee in order to monitor and improve the implementation of the AKFTA; and

2.2.4. Disseminate information of the AKFTA to the business community and achieve maximum utilisation of the Agreement by making the implementation procedures of the AKFTA more business-friendly, including through the ASEAN-Korea Centre.

2.3. ASEAN-ROK Economic Cooperation Fund:

2.3.1. Closely monitor the implementation of the ASEAN-ROK economic cooperation projects and develop guidelines for improved project selection and impact assessment; and

2.3.2. Augment and strengthen funding mechanisms such as ASEAN-ROK Economic Cooperation Fund to explore ways to expand cooperative activities.

2.4. Trade Promotion Activities:

2.4.1. Make mutual efforts to expand trade through various avenues such as goods exhibitions and expositions as well as through the exchange of trade delegations;

2.4.2. Facilitate the increased entry of ASEAN imports, especially agricultural products, into the ROK market; and

2.4.3. Support continued participation of the ASEAN Chair in the future G-20 Summits, and their related meetings as appropriate, on a regular basis.

2.5. Customs Cooperation:

2.5.1. Promote exchange of information, subject to the national laws of each side and with the exception of confidential information, on the respective customs procedures, enforcement and risk management techniques in the ASEAN and the ROK;

- 2.5.2. Promote secure and efficient trade between ASEAN and the ROK through supply chain security measures in accordance with international agreements;
- 2.5.3. Continue consultations and cooperation within the ASEAN-ROK Customs Consultation with a view to enhancing policy coordination in the customs areas;
- 2.5.4. The ROK will provide training opportunities for ASEAN customs officials to share expertise on streamlining and simplification of customs procedures;
- 2.5.5. Endeavour to promote application of information technology in customs procedures to facilitate trade; and
- 2.5.6. Strengthen customs cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK to improve utilisation of the AKFTA, including exchanging customs experts.

2.6. Investment Promotion:

- 2.6.1. Enhance cooperation through the existing dialogue mechanisms and the ASEAN Plus Three process to develop cooperative measures and actions for promoting mutual investment, conducting capacity building activities, exchanges of experts and sharing related experiences, technology, information and policies;
- 2.6.2. The ROK will conduct investment missions into ASEAN and encourage more private companies from the ROK to invest in ASEAN Member States and vice versa;
- 2.6.3. Hold the ASEAN-Korea CEO Summit in the ROK and ASEAN, when appropriate, among others, with the proposal of active participation by the SMEs, to strengthen business networks and promote trade opportunities following the successful outcome of the inaugural CEO Summit held in Jeju Island in June 2009;
- 2.6.4. Encourage the establishment of an ASEAN-Korea Business Council which should be private sector driven and not government imposed, to promote their active involvement in the implementation, inter alia, of the AEC Blueprint and AKFTA and to organise promotional activities;
- 2.6.5. ASEAN will take measures to further improve its investment environment, so as to draw additional investments from outside the region, including the ROK;
- 2.6.6. Promote close cooperation by introducing environment friendly technology and undertaking cooperative projects and studies to deal with climate change and in exchange programmes related to reducing green house gas emissions on the basis of training, education and public awareness on climate change mitigation; and
- 2.6.7. Support rural household electrification programmes of CLMV, including solar, bio mass, bio gas, micro hydro and off-grid electrification.

2.7. Financial Cooperation:

- 2.7.1. Strengthen cooperation within the ASEAN Plus Three Finance Ministers' Meeting (AFMM+3) Process to support stable economic growth in the region;
- 2.7.2. Support the development and growth of the Asian bond markets for the security and advancement of the region's financial market; including exploring creative and innovative and mutually beneficial approach to push forward the Asian Bond Markets

Initiative (ABMI) in line with the new ABMI Roadmap to lay foundation for the development and expansion of regional bond markets through mobilization of savings for productive investments, particularly infrastructure development, to spur regional growth;

- 2.7.3. Enhance regional financial stability through Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM), the Asian Bond Markets Initiative (ABMI), including the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) and the enhancement of the macroeconomic surveillance in the region;
- 2.7.4. Actively participate in policy dialogue on macroeconomic and financial policies to reinforce economic and financial integration in the region;
- 2.7.5. Undertake proactive and decisive policy actions to restore market confidence and ensure continued financial stability to promote sustainable economic growth; and
- 2.7.6. Cooperate in building up capacity of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam (CLMV) in the fields of analysis, policy-planning, and human resources development.

2.8. Energy Security:

- 2.8.1. Promote close cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK to enhance capacity building of energy security including in the areas of institutional framework, technology transfer through workshops, seminars, and dispatch of technical experts;
- 2.8.2. Strengthen cooperation in renewable energy technology and alternative energy and energy efficiency in order to reduce the usage of fossil fuels;
- 2.8.3. Cooperate closely in the research and development of renewable and alternative energy, such as wind, solar, hydro, bio, civilian nuclear energy, and vehicle engine compatible to biofuel; and expand cooperation on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM); and
- 2.8.4. Collaborate between the institutions of both sides to enhance energy efficiency by increasing exchange of expertise in the related fields.

2.9. Infrastructure Development:

- 2.9.1. The ROK will support the implementation of the Master Plan on Connectivity developed by ASEAN which will enhance linkages between South East Asia and beyond;
- 2.9.2. Pursue ways to strengthen policy consultation and the exchange of information and technology in the areas of airport facilities, city development and other infrastructures, such as the "ASEAN Highway Network Development Project." To this end, ASEAN and the ROK will cooperate to conduct seminars and exchange of experts;
- 2.9.3. The ROK will support the efforts of the respective countries to establish the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link, and cooperate to provide technical and financial assistance such as by participating in feasibility study projects, etc; and
- 2.9.4. Enhance technical cooperation and promote capacity building in infrastructure, including the planning, design, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, tunnels, railways, ports and the development of smart transport systems.

2.10. Cooperation on Construction, Distribution and Transportation:

- 2.10.1. Cooperate for the implementation of the Framework of Transport Cooperation between Transport Authorities of ASEAN and the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of the ROK, which was adopted in December 2009, and the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap;
- 2.10.2. Forge closer cooperation to enhance transport infrastructure, networks, and operations, including air, maritime, road, rail, and multi-modal transport for fast, efficient, safe, and secure movement of goods and people in the region;
- 2.10.3. Exchange information, experiences, and best practices in transport operation, infrastructure development, and safety measures;
- 2.10.4. Need to establish a cooperative system between ASEAN and the ROK that covers all modes of transportation, including logistics;
- 2.10.5. Strengthen competitiveness and efficiency in logistics in terms of operation, related equipment by promoting exchanges of experts and information, and by sharing experiences and technology in the related policies;
- 2.10.6. Exchange experts, information and experiences on the Intelligence Transport System (ITS) and Database (DB) system in the transportation field in order to improve traffic flow and to enhance the effectiveness of transportation related policies;
- 2.10.7. Encourage dialogue between governments and related businesses to exchange information and technology; cooperate to share experiences and best practices in order to establish standard specifications in the fields of railway, subways, Light Rail Transit (LRT) and others;
- 2.10.8. Cooperate to improve the safety of automobiles through the development of safety standards in accordance with international standards set by the Working Party 29: World Forum for Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulation, promotion of communication between governments and related businesses to strengthen the competitiveness of the automobile industry and exchange visits of experts, and share experiences and best practices;
- 2.10.9. Deepen cooperation in the area of aviation through concluding an air services agreement between ASEAN and the ROK for both air passenger and air freight services between ASEAN and the ROK;
- 2.10.10. Explore the establishment of a framework for strengthening ASEAN-ROK sea transport cooperation;
- 2.10.11. Promote ASEAN-ROK sea transport cooperation through effective measures to ensure navigation safety, encourage information sharing, enhance port linkages and promote human resource development; and
- 2.10.12. Promote ship building manufacture by technological transfer and exchange of knowhow.

2.11. Food, Agriculture and Forestry:

- 2.11.1. Enhance cooperation in the field of agriculture through the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Plus Three and implement major agreements reached at this meeting;
 - 2.11.2. Endeavour to launch cooperation projects to exchange information and technology, and to develop joint-research and development projects in the fields of food production, poverty alleviation, agricultural and livestock industry, agricultural machinery, agricultural products marketing, improvement of agricultural infrastructure by encouraging more investment and involvement of private sector and development of rural areas;
 - 2.11.3. Develop joint collaborative projects in post-harvest technology, including food storage, processing and distribution;
 - 2.11.4. The ROK will continue to contribute to ASEAN's efforts on enhancing human resources development in the agriculture, forestry, livestock and fisheries sectors through programmes such as organising workshops in ASEAN Member States, the dispatch of experts, exchanges of know-how and best practices on enhancing the agricultural productivities, post harvest handling, food security, and providing opportunities for ASEAN young farmers to learn techniques, management and farm working practices;
 - 2.11.5. Encourage the progress of agriculture-related industries such as agricultural technologies and crop varieties development and breeding technologies through the conduct of exhibitions, expositions and seminars; and
 - 2.11.6. Provide technical assistance for research and development in the area of conservation and sustainable use of agricultural land and plant genetic resources.
- 2.12. Marine Affairs and Fisheries:
- 2.12.1. Make mutual efforts to exchange information and expertise in the fields of fisheries, deep sea fisheries, aquaculture, sea farming, quality control, processing and distribution of marine and fisheries products, and postharvest technology;
 - 2.12.2. Develop measures to harmonise the technological standards of marine and fisheries products in order to promote trade in this field between ASEAN and the ROK; and
 - 2.12.3. Undertake cooperative measures to develop human resources and promote investment in the related industries of fisheries in the ASEAN Member States.
- 2.13. Narrowing the Information Gap and Strengthening Competitiveness in ICT:
- 2.13.1. The ROK will cooperate closely in building IT infrastructure and in developing policies and human resources to narrow development gap in the IT sector among ASEAN Member States, as part of the "Special Cooperative Project for narrowing East Asia Information Gap" which was adopted at the 6th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Economic Officials Meeting in 2002;
 - 2.13.2. The ROK will create an educational environment that fosters the improvement of IT capacity in ASEAN Member States, particularly for disadvantaged groups, by providing more ICT electronic infrastructure access and facilities including the Information Access Centres, particularly to CLMV and the less-developed areas of ASEAN Member States;

- 2.13.3. The ROK will cooperate to nourish effective IT policy development of ASEAN by sharing information and experiences with IT policy makers and experts from ASEAN Member States;
 - 2.13.4. Further strengthen the consultations and advance joint programmes and initiatives in building the ICT knowledge partnership between ASEAN and the ROK, ICT human resource development, information security, e-government, digital convergence and collaboration to address new challenges brought about by technology changes;
 - 2.13.5. The ROK will assist in the wide distribution of information technology throughout the ASEAN Member States by holding computer and internet training sessions for local residents with the help of World Friends Korea who are dispatched to each ASEAN Member State for foreign internet training;
 - 2.13.6. The ROK will lend support to students of ASEAN Member States so that they can complete their undergraduate programme pursue master's/post-graduate studies, in the field of IT at Korea's major universities including Seoul National University and Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology;
 - 2.13.7. Work towards establishing a region-wide IT network given the ROK's capacity in IT, including digital media, animation, film production, gaming technology and comics; and
 - 2.13.8. Promote and support the implementation of the ASEAN ICT Master Plan 2009-2015.
- 2.14. Strengthening Competitiveness in Science and Technology:
- 2.14.1. The ROK will assist in promoting exchange of information to strengthen scientific technology competitiveness, and developing technology management and innovation to build the capabilities of Science & Technology experts and officials in ASEAN;
 - 2.14.2. Implement joint efforts to enhance economic growth and ASEAN's community well being by intensifying cooperation activities, promoting R&D collaboration, and technology development in the areas of food technology, new materials, micro-electronics, nonconventional energy, meteorology, advanced materials technology, environment technology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, space technology and applications and other high value-added industries, especially latest technology of marine biology or genetic engineering; and
 - 2.14.3. Promote joint research and young generation scientists exchange programmes, including the gifted in science.
- 2.15. Fostering Small and Medium Enterprises:
- 2.15.1. The ROK will assist ASEAN in implementing the Strategic Action Plan for ASEAN SME Development 2010-2015;
 - 2.15.2. Initiate discussions for developing effective measures to foster small and medium-sized enterprises, particularly within ASEAN local communities;
 - 2.15.3. Support SMEs to gain access to the international market and enjoy the benefits of the AKFTA; and

- 2.15.4. Cooperate for a more efficient ASEAN Plus Three cooperation, particularly on ROK-led initiatives to build up networks among ASEAN and ROK SMEs.

2.16. Cooperation in the Field of Labour:

- 2.16.1. Develop "More and Better Jobs" through training programmes and the exchange of experts in the fields of labour standards, labour relations, labour market information, gender equality in employment, as well as development of vocational skills;
- 2.16.2. Enhance cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK on migrant workers in order to optimise the productivity for the benefit of both the employers and the employee;
- 2.16.3. Explore cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK on the comprehensive management of migration, especially on the promotion of legal migration through, inter alia, policy dialogue and sharing of best practices;
- 2.16.4. Continue expanding the Official Development Assistance (ODA) for sustainable economic and social development and poverty alleviation in the ASEAN Member States, especially in the less-developed countries of ASEAN;
- 2.16.5. The ROK will share its development experience and to expand training and capacity building programmes for the development of human resources, and overseas volunteer programmes. At the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit in 2009, the ROK announced its plans to invite 7,000 trainees from ASEAN Member States over the next seven years; and
- 2.16.6. Continue the annual Human Resources Development Programme for Officials of ASEAN Member States, including setting up networks among the students, experts and researchers who graduated from the ROK, bearing in mind the priorities for human resource development emphasised by the ASEAN Labour Ministers in the context of globalisation, HRD planning and labour market monitoring, enhancing labour mobility, strengthening social security and tripartite cooperation.

2.17. Enhancing Cooperation in Tourism:

- 2.17.1. Strengthen cooperation to implement the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 through joint programs on marketing and promotions, human resources development, travel and investment facilitation, research and study on the outbound market and characteristics of Korean tourists;
- 2.17.2. Promote cooperation in tourism by strengthening related networks in the government and private sector to regularly exchange information on tourism and cooperate to develop efficient policies for the advancement of the tourism industry;
- 2.17.3. Pursue, with a view to promoting ASEAN's tourism industry, diverse projects utilizing ASEAN's rich cultural heritage such as the creation of a "Cultural Map of ASEAN";
- 2.17.4. Jointly cooperate in developing exchange programmes, tourism professional capacity building, sustainable tourism destination management and development strategic planning to foster professionalism in the tourism industry. As a part of these efforts, the ROK will continuously provide education programmes on Korean language and Korean culture for ASEAN tourism professionals and to encourage Koreans to travel to ASEAN Member States; and

- 2.17.5. Continue cooperation to help the ASEAN-Korea Centre serve as a focal point for the enhancement of tourism and cultural exchanges between ASEAN and the ROK.

2.18. Food Safety and Food Security:

- 2.18.1. Closely and actively cooperate in promoting mutual understanding of their respective policies and regulations in the areas of food safety, animal (including fish) and plant quarantine and disease control;
- 2.18.2. Share information and technologies in the related areas;
- 2.18.3. Develop human resources in the field of quarantine and inspection through efforts such as organising training programs and workshops for ASEAN;
- 2.18.4. Work towards the early conclusion of the Agreement on ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) to ensure food security in the region; and
- 2.18.5. Share each other's expertise to enhance technology on food safety and quality assurance standards, post-harvest technique and biotechnology, in line with the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework.

3. SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION

3.1. ASEAN-ROK Future-Oriented Cooperation Project (FOCP) Fund:

- 3.1.1. Actively and continuously conduct future-oriented cooperation projects to promote and strengthen people-to-people exchanges in the fields of culture, media, education, and the arts, and encourage mutual understanding among the peoples of ASEAN and the ROK; and
- 3.1.2. Make efforts to improve the efficiency of exchange programmes for government officials and educational programmes for junior or mid-level diplomats through the FOCP to encourage mutual understanding among government officials from ASEAN and the ROK.

3.2. Increase Understanding and Awareness between ASEAN and the ROK:

- 3.2.1. Promote exchange activities including Korea-ASEAN Cooperation Forum (KACF) with a view to further deepening mutual understanding;
- 3.2.2. The ROK will initiate and continue various programmes for Koreans and people of ASEAN Member States to mutually experience each others' culture through the "Korea Foundation Cultural Centre" in Seoul, which was established in 2005;
- 3.2.3. Promote greater exchanges of students and teachers to facilitate the sharing of experiences for further cross-cultural understanding between ASEAN and the ROK;
- 3.2.4. Encourage the ROK to increase the number of scholarships to ASEAN and ROK students to pursue tertiary education, and to promote ASEAN studies in the ROK and Korean studies in ASEAN;
- 3.2.5. Organise activities in ASEAN and the ROK to promote public awareness on ASEANROK relations, including regular media and information exchanges,

networking and strengthening human resource development in the field of information through the cooperation and assistance of the ASEAN-Korea Centre; and

- 3.2.6. Strengthen and broaden the network beyond government institutions to the parliamentarians, business circles and other stakeholders.

3.3. Exchange in the fields of Culture and Arts:

- 3.3.1. Increase culture and arts networking and exchange and human resource development through the reciprocal holding of exhibitions, cultural performances, youth and female personnel exchange programme, cultural awareness promotions and other similar projects;
- 3.3.2. Provide further opportunities to share experiences and best practices on creating and implementing culture and arts policies, and encourage people-to-people exchange in various fields of culture and arts, such as performance art and cultural heritage; and
- 3.3.3. Increase exchanges of experiences and information in the field of art management by holding workshops and networking the professionals in this area in order to promote the culture and arts industry in both ASEAN and the ROK.

3.4. Consular Cooperation

- 3.4.1. Strengthen consular cooperation, in the protection of our nationals, including tourists, business people, officials who are travelling to ASEAN and the ROK as well as permanent residents, workers residing in the ASEAN Member States and the ROK, without impinging on the sovereignty of ASEAN Member States and the ROK in upholding their domestic laws and policies.

3.5. Exchange of Mass Media:

- 3.5.1. Encourage mutual participation in International Film Festivals that are held in ASEAN and the ROK and increase exchange of popular culture through instruments such as films, TV programmes and print media;
- 3.5.2. The ROK will extend training programmes that invite ASEAN experts and students in the fields of TV, film, theatre, dance, and music production to cooperate in the development of human resources of ASEAN popular culture; and
- 3.5.3. Promote exchange and closer cooperation in broadcasting to contribute to the broadcasting industry development and to enhance the cultural diversity of the ROK and ASEAN.

3.6. Preservation of Cultural Heritage:

- 3.6.1. Strengthen joint research on the preservation and conservation of cultural heritage; and
- 3.6.2. The ROK will support the capacity building of ASEAN experts in the field of cultural heritage preservation through the "Asia Cooperation Programme in Conservation Science."

3.7. Expanding Youth Exchanges:

- 3.7.1. Continue to implement the "ASEAN-Korea Youth Exchange Programme" which has been held annually since 1998, and strengthen follow-up measures, such as the establishment of networks among participants, so as to encourage continued interaction among the participating youths, including exchanges of young scholars, young business people and young officials;
- 3.7.2. Jointly organise a variety of programmes and activities such as the "ASEAN Youth Camp" for youths and future leaders, facilitating interactions among the private and public sectors of both sides and the young leaders of civic organisations;
- 3.7.3. Focus on implementing cooperation areas agreed at the ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Youth (SOMY) to enhance coherence of youth policies and cooperation; and
- 3.7.4. Continue to implement, expand and develop various programmes involving the ASEANROK youth, such as young parliamentarians, legislators and local community leaders, young good-will ambassadors, community based adventure activities, ASEAN-ROK young volunteers, young and upcoming new talents including artistes, young sportsmen, exchange and attachment of the academic staff of the learning institutions, including research centres, study visits or programme for youth and women and exchange programme for civil society organisations to strengthen closer relations and promote better understanding for the future generations.

3.8. Promoting ASEAN and Korean Studies:

- 3.8.1. The ROK will make efforts to promote Korean studies including language education by expanding Korean research programmes in ASEAN universities, holding training programmes by Korean language experts in ASEAN Member States and supporting the development of Korean language teaching materials;
- 3.8.2. The ROK will make efforts to provide necessary support for ASEAN teachers to study Korean language and fellowship opportunities for ASEAN students majoring in Korean Studies;
- 3.8.3. The ROK will explore measures for continuously expanding Korean language fellowship programmes to ASEAN diplomats, officials and students in order to help develop their Korean language proficiency;
- 3.8.4. The ROK will make best efforts to provide necessary support in the establishment, operation, and activities of the centers for Korean Studies in the ASEAN Member States; and
- 3.8.5. The ROK, to promote mutual understanding between ASEAN and the ROK, will provide scholarship opportunities for the participation of Korean students in the ASEAN Studies Programme launched by the ASEAN University Network (AUN).

3.9. Education Cooperation:

- 3.9.1. Support the establishment of ASEAN-ROK Cyber University;

- 3.9.2. Continue to carry out workshops, joint research and training, and exchange of fellowships with the ASEAN University Network (AUN) through the existing ASEAN-Korea Academic Exchange Programme;
 - 3.9.3. Continue the provision of scholarships for ASEAN students through the existing International College Student Exchange Programme;
 - 3.9.4. The ROK will support educational programmes in the field of science and technology;
 - 3.9.5. Initiate ICT Education Network in order to promote ICT human resources development; and
 - 3.9.6. The ROK will assist in vocational and technical education by, among others, encouraging the private educational institutions to provide more industrial attachments to young ASEAN technicians to hone their competencies and skills.
- 3.10. Sports:
- 3.10.1. Cooperate to develop diverse joint projects that promote ASEAN-ROK sports exchange;
 - 3.10.2. Promote exchange of information of sports medicine and science, technical information, and research related to the development of ASEAN-ROK sports;
 - 3.10.3. Exchange of athletes and sports teams to attend games or joint training camps between ASEAN-ROK sports community;
 - 3.10.4. Exchange of coaches, officials, referees, researchers and other sports experts; and
 - 3.10.5. Exchange of knowledge of construction, operation and management of sports venues/facilities.
- 3.11. Cooperation on Social Welfare and Development:
- 3.11.1. Strengthen the capacity of ASEAN in establishing the social security systems;
 - 3.11.2. Continue to implement joint activities addressing public health, the welfare of children, women, elderly and people with disabilities;
 - 3.11.3. Support the strengthening of entrepreneurship skills for women, youth and persons with disability; and
 - 3.11.4. Cooperate to support the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC).
- 3.12. Environment:
- 3.12.1. Encourage the ROK to share its practices gained from its “Low-Carbon Green Growth” which introduced environment-friendly technology and undertake cooperative projects and studies to deal with climate change. Promote cooperation in exchange programmes related to reducing green house gas emissions on the basis of training, education, and public awareness on climate change mitigation;

- 3.12.2. The ROK will provide short-term training programmes and offer master and doctorate degree courses to ASEAN students in order to help develop their capacities in the field of environment;
 - 3.12.3. The ROK will increase training programmes, including capacity building with ASEAN based on the agreed eleven priority areas of environmental cooperation, as in section D of the ASCC Blueprint;
 - 3.12.4. Cooperate closely on capacity building and transfer of technology, through training courses and exchange visits, in water resources management to ensure sustainable usage and access to clean water;
 - 3.12.5. Cooperate in preventing forest degradation through the sharing of related policies, information and experiences, especially in the areas of tropical forest rehabilitation, forest fire prevention and control and landslide prevention; contribute to improving income growth and the living standard of local communities through sustainable forest management; and explore the possibility of establishing a regional mechanism for forestry cooperation;
 - 3.12.6. Cooperate in preventing coastal and marine pollution through exchange of experts, sharing related policies, data and information;
 - 3.12.7. Promote the development and transfer of clean technology;
 - 3.12.8. Share the ROK's expertise on sustainable management and conservation of biodiversity, including through green technology, with ASEAN and in particular with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB); and
 - 3.12.9. Strengthen cooperation in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), especially on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD) including through clean development mechanism, sustainable forest management, wasteland restoration, and peatland management.
- 3.13. Health:
- 3.13.1. Cooperate in establishing effective monitoring and surveillance systems for newly emerging infectious diseases (EID), including zoonotic diseases in the region and actively participate in prevention efforts through regular workshops, joint researches expert exchanges, and training activities, including the promotion of a common guiding principle on health screening at ports of entry;
 - 3.13.2. Strengthen monitoring and actively participate in establishing a cooperative network system for ASEAN Plus Three EID monitoring and information sharing;
 - 3.13.3. Continue to support the implementation of Home Based Care for Older People aiming to expand and replicate the pilot model to other areas and to strengthen the development of delivery system and policy of home based care at national and regional level;
 - 3.13.4. Mutually recognise the seriousness of the regional situation of HIV and AIDS and cooperate in the prevention of such diseases, exchange related information to provide effective joint measures against the spread of HIV/AIDS, and cooperate to develop joint policies and programmes for combating HIV and AIDS;

- 3.13.5. The ROK will provide technical assistance to ASEAN for establishing and improving local hospitals, especially in underdeveloped areas to improve hospital facilities and the overall medical environment of CLMV countries;
 - 3.13.6. Strengthen collaboration in cancer and infectious disease research activities, which the ROK is both active and strong in, including networking research centres among ASEAN and the ROK;
 - 3.13.7. Cooperate closely in the stockpiling of antiviral, other essential medicines and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to respond effectively to pandemic outbreaks;
 - 3.13.8. Cooperate in maximising the benefits and minimising the risks of Traditional and Complementary and Alternative Medicine (TM/CAM) under the ASEAN Plus Three Framework of Cooperation on Integration of Traditional Medicine/ Complementary and Alternative Medicine into National Healthcare Systems;
 - 3.13.9. Cooperate closely in promoting community-based support for people affected by chronic diseases; and
 - 3.13.10. Support the transfer of technology and exchange of knowledge between ASEAN and the ROK on health promotion.
- 3.14. Cooperation in Disaster Management:
- 3.14.1. Support the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) and expand scientific and technological cooperation and information exchange to support the establishment of an ASEAN early-warning system to reduce the risks of natural disasters;
 - 3.14.2. Enhance joint effective and timely response to assist the affected countries in the event of major natural disasters;
 - 3.14.3. Exchange of expertise and experience in enhancing capacities on disaster management and response;
 - 3.14.4. Strengthen community-based preparedness and participation through promotion of indigenous knowledge and practices; public awareness, education; and sharing of best practices and lessons learned to build disaster resilient community;
 - 3.14.5. Jointly develop and implement various cooperative projects, including training programmes, workshops in strengthening disaster management and emergency response skills of disaster responders and enhancing public awareness and preparedness on disaster prevention and mitigation in order to minimise human and material losses in the region; and
 - 3.14.6. Exchange best practices and information on urban search and rescue and promote linkages and exchange of visits.
- 3.15. Cooperation in Strengthening Civil Service Matters
- 3.15.1. Promote and strengthen cooperation in Civil Service matters through the ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters with the ROK (ACCSM+ROK) and ACCSM Plus Three Mechanisms; and

- 3.15.2. 3.15.2 To study possible areas of cooperation which the ACCSM could undertake with the ROK and the Plus Three in the future.

4. COOPERATION IN REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FORA

- 4.1. Acknowledging the necessity for revitalising the UN system, ASEAN and the ROK will closely cooperate to contribute to the UN reform to better reflect every member country's interests under the principles of democracy, representation and effectiveness;
- 4.2. Extend support to Lao PDR that has yet to join the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and cooperate for her early accession to the WTO; and
- 4.3. Strengthen collaboration and policy consultation between ASEAN and the ROK in major multilateral fora including the WTO, ARF, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the G-20, Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM), and Forum for East Asia Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).

5. FOSTERING EAST ASIA COOPERATION

- 5.1. Strengthen East Asia cooperation by implementing the APT Cooperation Work Plan and by promoting and strengthening functional cooperation in the various agreed sectors within the ASEAN Plus Three framework;
- 5.2. Utilise the APT Summit and East Asia Summit to promote dialogue cooperation and community building in the region;
- 5.3. Encourage active participation and involvement of the business community, academia and all sectors of society in promoting and strengthening East Asian cooperation;
- 5.3.1. Promote East Asian studies and encourage greater participation from experts and scholars not only from the government, but also from other areas such as the private sector, the academia and non-government organisations (NGOs);
- 5.3.2. Cooperate in promoting the interest and addressing the challenges facing the APT countries through mechanisms such as the East Asia Forum (EAF), Network of East Asia Think-tanks (NEAT) and other related meetings; and
- 5.3.3. Explore the better utilisation of existing mechanisms such as the EAF, the NEAT, the Network of East Asian Studies (NEAS) and other initiatives to avoid overlapping in efforts in implementing the APT Cooperation Work Plan and enhancing East Asia cooperation.
- 5.4. Promote East Asian identity by strengthening cooperation in the social and cultural fields to elevate the cooperation to the same level as political and economic cooperation. Towards this end, ASEAN and ROK could consider initiatives such as the designation of an East Asia Week to increase awareness and understanding of East Asian identity and society.

6. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- 6.1 Basic Framework for Development Cooperation:
- 6.1.1 ASEAN-ROK Special Cooperation Fund

- 6.1.1.1 The ROK will continue to support the ASEAN-ROK Special Cooperation Fund (SCF) to promote the exchange of experts and information and the establishment of cooperative projects in various areas, including the environment, forestry, agriculture, fisheries, health, culture, education, economics and human resources development;
 - 6.1.1.2 Further expand cooperative projects into the fields of arts, tourism, ICT, and science and technology to forge mutual understanding between the peoples of ASEAN and the ROK;
 - 6.1.1.3 Closely cooperate in the ASEAN-ROK Joint Planning and Review Committee to enhance the effectiveness and ensure the transparent operation of the ASEAN-ROK funds; and
 - 6.1.1.4 The ROK will continue its efforts to increase its contribution to the ASEAN-ROK SCF to assist in further expanding cooperative projects.
- 6.1.2 The ROK will contribute to the economic and social development of ASEAN Member States by strengthening bilateral consultation and coordination.
- 6.1.2.1 The ROK will cooperate with ASEAN Member States to examine the possibility of providing technical support for the development of human resources for the least developed countries (LDC) of ASEAN.
- 6.1.3 Promoting the Development Cooperation Network:
- 6.1.3.1 To promote the efficiency and coherence of development cooperation policies towards ASEAN, the ROK will strengthen networks among its government-related agencies and examine the possibility of establishing a channel for regular dialogue;
 - 6.1.3.2 Explore, for better coordination of development cooperation activities and projects, a channel for regular dialogue, if necessary with the participation of the ASEAN Secretariat, among the development cooperation agencies of ASEAN and the ROK; and
 - 6.1.3.3 Strengthen networking between the ASEAN Secretariat and the ROK to further enhance the capacity building of the ASEAN Secretariat.
- 6.2 Mekong sub-region:
- 6.2.1 The ROK will examine the possibility of providing technical and technological support to the countries in the Mekong sub-region in collaboration with international organisations such as the Mekong River Commission, the World Bank, and the ADB for the development of the Mekong River Basin region in accordance with the local requirements.
- 6.3 Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS):
- 6.3.1 The ROK will examine the possibility of participating in ACMECS projects, particularly in the fields of ICT, transportation, infrastructure, agriculture, environment and human resources development, and consult with ACMECS countries on the modalities for its participation.

6.4 Cambodia – Laos – Viet Nam (CLV) Development Triangle:

6.4.1 The ROK will study the CLV Development Triangle and explore the possibility to provide relevant assistance in enhancing ASEAN's integration efforts.

6.5 Brunei Darussalam Indonesia Malaysia the Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMPEAGA):

6.5.1 The ROK will cooperate with the BIMP-EAGA countries to promote human resources development and capacity building in the following areas: agriculture, fisheries, tourism, transportation, environment, ICT, the small and medium enterprises;

6.5.2 The ROK will explore the possibility of dispatching experts to the BIMP-EAGA countries to examine and study prospective areas for cooperation. BIMP-EAGA countries will provide information on relevant projects to the ROK;

6.5.3 Encourage resource development through direct investment, project contracting and technology sharing;

6.5.4 Explore the possibility of establishing dialogue channel between the BIMP-EAGA countries and the ROK, as well as between relevant private sector organisations, in order to synergise links and expand mutual trade and investment; and

6.5.5 Explore opportunities for possible technical and capital assistance for BIMP-EAGA programmes and projects.

6.6 Fostering Grass-Root Economies:

6.6.1 The ROK will support training programmes aimed at sharing information on its agricultural policy and rural development experiences such as the "Saemaul Campaign", advanced technologies for rice cultivation and development of water resources for agriculture, and livestock technologies to support the development of rural areas and agriculture infrastructures including the development of irrigation system in ASEAN Member States particularly in CLMV; and

6.6.2 Upon the request of each ASEAN Member States, the ROK will progressively increase dispatch of overseas volunteer teams which are currently working to support income growth in rural areas through small size project developments, mainly in ASEAN rural areas and small towns.

6.7 Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI):

6.7.1 The ROK will contribute to narrowing the development gap in ASEAN and deepening integration through the prompt completion of the IAI projects in which it is participating; and

6.7.2 The ROK will contribute its third tranche of USD five million for the years 2013-2017, and will examine the possibility of making an additional contribution in the future.

FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. The actions, initiatives and activities outlined in this Plan of Action will be implemented using available resources, such as the ASEAN-ROK SCF, the ASEAN-ROK FOCF, ASEAN-ROK

Economic Cooperation Fund, project funding from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and other sources. ASEAN and the ROK will extend financial support to the implementation of the measures in this Plan of Action based on their respective capacities.

2. The ROK has increased its contribution to the ASEAN-ROK Special Cooperation Fund and ASEAN-ROK Future Oriented Cooperation Project Fund by US\$ 2,000,000.00 in total beginning the fiscal year of 2010 to support the effective implementation of various actions and measures proposed in this Plan.
3. ASEAN and the ROK, with the assistance of their respective line agencies and the ASEAN Secretariat, will formulate a detailed implementation plan to prioritise the implementation of this Plan of Action. The ROK will provide the ASEAN Secretariat with necessary technical assistance and support for the coordination and implementation of this Plan of Action.
4. ASEAN and the ROK will monitor the progress of the implementation of this Plan of Action through existing mechanisms within the dialogue framework such as the ASEAN-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue and the ASEAN-ROK Joint Planning and Review Committee (JPRC) and report regularly on the progress of the implementation at the ASEANROK Summits.
5. At appropriate intervals of the implementation of this Plan of Action, ASEAN and the ROK will conduct comprehensive reviews to ensure the effectiveness and timely execution of the measures and actions in the Plan of Action.
6. Both sides may make revisions to this Plan of Action, as and when necessary based on mutual consultation and consent, given the dynamic developments in the ASEAN-ROK dialogue partnership as well as the region.