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This Plan of Action aims at implementing the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-Republic of Korea (ROK) Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity adopted in October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam to deepen and enhance the strategic partnership, friendly relations, mutually beneficial and meaningful cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK in the period of 2016-2020. The POA also aims at realising the commitments expressed in the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations adopted on 12 December 2014 in Busan, ROK. In addition, it seeks to address emerging regional and global challenges of common interests and concern over the next five years.

This POA builds upon the progressive cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK that began in 1989 and the implementation of the previous POA 2011-2015. This POA aims to contribute to the realisation of the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 as well as to further implementation of the Bali Declaration on ASEAN Community in a Global Community of Nations “Bali Concord III” (2011-2022) and its Plan of Action (2012-2017).

ASEAN and ROK hereby endeavour to pursue cooperation in conformity with their obligations under international law and in accordance with their respective domestic laws, regulations, and policies.

## **1. POLITICAL AND SECURITY COOPERATION**

### **1.1. Political Cooperation**

- 1.1.1. Strengthen cooperation in ASEAN-led regional processes and arrangements, such as ASEAN Plus One, ASEAN Plus Three, ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM)-Plus and the East Asia Summit (EAS), and enhance engagement at other relevant regional and multilateral fora, to promote peace, stability, security, development and prosperity in the region;
- 1.1.2. Strengthen cooperation in the area of political-security matters by further developing the dialogue on security related issues as part of the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue;
- 1.1.3. Enhance high level engagement to raise the profile of ASEAN-ROK relations, encourage further constructive dialogue and cooperation activities through the existing regional mechanisms to promote peace, security and stability in the region;
- 1.1.4. Increase exchanges between legislative bodies of both sides including through the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA);
- 1.1.5. Promote exchange and educational programmes for junior and mid-level diplomats and government officials of both sides;
- 1.1.6. Enhance cooperation to support ASEAN's efforts in peace and reconciliation in the region through relevant ASEAN mechanisms, and the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR).

## 1.2. Security Cooperation

- 1.2.1. Support the implementation of the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) as an effective instrument in promoting and strengthening nuclear non-proliferation and note the ongoing efforts of States Parties to the Treaty on the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (Bangkok Treaty) and the nuclear weapon States to resolve outstanding issues, pertaining to the signing and ratification of the Protocol to that Treaty;
- 1.2.2. Actively contribute to the realisation of the goals and objectives set out in the ARF Vision Statement 2020 and the Hanoi Plan of Action to Implement the ARF Vision Statement in support of strengthening the ARF and advancing the ARF evolution from confidence-building measures to preventive diplomacy and to elaborate approaches to conflict resolution;
- 1.2.3. Continue to promote cooperation within the ARF in view of implementing the existing plan of action and work plans on priority areas of cooperation, as well as explore new areas of common interest and concern;
- 1.2.4. Continue to promote the ARF and the ADMM-Plus as useful platforms for security and defence cooperation, in particular for forging practical cooperation to address the security challenges facing the region;
- 1.2.5. Strengthen cooperation at the Track II Level, in particular between ASEAN and the ROK government-affiliated research institutes in the political and security fields, including through exchange of experts, joint research projects and joint seminars;
- 1.2.6. Foster cooperation to promote conflict prevention and resolution, preventive diplomacy and conflict management to enhance peace, security and stability in the region. 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;
- 1.2.7. Support ASEAN Member States' active participation in the United Nations Peacekeeping and Post-Conflict Peace Building efforts;
- 1.2.8. Support efforts to address humanitarian aspects of landmines and explosive remnants of war in the region through ROK's support in financial and technical assistance, and capacity building, and support the work of the ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) in addressing this issue.

## 1.3. Maritime Security and Maritime Cooperation

- 1.3.1. Promote maritime security and safety, freedom of navigation and over flight, unimpeded commerce, the exercise of self-restraint, the non-use of force or the threat to use force, and resolution of disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the relevant standards and recommended practices by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and International Maritime Organisation (IMO);
- 1.3.2. Enhance ASEAN-ROK cooperation in maritime security through the promotion of capacity building and sharing of best practices relating to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code within the relevant and appropriate framework;

- 1.3.3. Promote maritime cooperation, including maritime security, search and rescue and safety of navigation in the region, through appropriate and relevant ASEAN mechanisms, and ASEAN-led fora such as EAS, ADMM-Plus, the ARF, ASEAN Maritime Forum and its Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum (EAMF) and where appropriate, promote technical cooperation, capacity building, exchange of experience and sharing of knowledge and expertise;
  - 1.3.4. Promote cooperation for the protection and conservation of marine environment, and sustainability of the oceans, in accordance with the UNCLOS and where appropriate other relevant international conventions to address the common challenges such as sea and land-based pollution, as well as build synergies with other regional frameworks;
  - 1.3.5. Strengthen cooperation in the field of search and rescue of people and vessels in distress at sea in the framework of ASEAN-led mechanisms.
- 1.4. Non-Traditional Security
- 1.4.1. Strengthen cooperation at bilateral, regional and international levels, as well as enhance the regional capacity to combat terrorism and other transnational crimes by exchanging information, sharing best practices and expertise, and capacity building of law enforcement agencies including through making use of existing relevant centres in ASEAN;
  - 1.4.2. Develop a framework to 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 organisation;
  - 1.4.3. Strengthen cooperation in the eight areas between ASEAN and the ROK namely terrorism, trafficking in persons, arms smuggling, sea piracy, money laundering, illicit drug trafficking, international economic crime and cybercrime through the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime Plus Three (AMMTC+3), the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime + ROK (SOMTC+ROK), the SOMTC Plus Three (SOMTC+3), the ASEAN Plus Three process and other mechanisms;
- 1.5. Good Governance and Human Rights
- 1.5.1. Promote further dialogue and strengthen cooperation in the areas of good governance, democracy and rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms;
  - 1.5.2. Support ASEAN's efforts in enhancing human rights and fundamental freedoms in ASEAN through regional dialogue, education and awareness raising activities, continuing support for workshops, seminars or conferences, capacity-building initiatives as well as exchanges of best practices and information among ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders. This includes support for the promotion, dissemination and implementation of the ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD), the Phnom Penh Statement on the adoption of the AHRD, relevant ASEAN Declarations and instruments, as well as international instruments pertaining to human rights to which all ASEAN Member States are parties;

- 1.5.3. Support the work of the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC);
- 1.5.4. Strengthen cooperation against corruption through, inter-alia, implementing the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).
- 1.6. Promotion of Moderation
  - 1.6.1. Support the implementation of the Langkawi Declaration on the Global Movement of Moderates to promote peace, security, upholding rule of law, sustainable and inclusive development, equitable growth and social harmony;
  - 1.6.2. Encourage cooperation on inter-faith and inter-civilisation dialogue and contribute internationally and regionally, to the promotion of tolerance and understanding through initiatives, such as Global Movement of Moderates (GMM), and promote moderation as a core value to counter extremism in all aspects;

## **2. ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

- 2.1. Trade and Investment
  - 2.1.1. Enhance cooperation through the existing ASEAN Economic Ministers-ROK (AEM-ROK) Consultations, the Senior Economic Officials' Meeting (SEOM)-ROK Consultations and existing dialogue mechanism and ASEAN Plus Three Process to develop cooperative measures and actions for promoting mutual investment, conducting capacity building activities, exchanges of experts and sharing best practices and related experiences, technologies, information and policies;
  - 2.1.2. Strengthen efforts to boost economic cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK, to improve the trade balance between both sides including where possible by providing greater market access for goods and services;
  - 2.1.3. Make mutual efforts to expand trade through various avenues such as goods and services exhibitions as well as through trade delegations and investment missions from the ROK to ASEAN and vice versa;
  - 2.1.4. Promote and facilitate ASEAN exports, especially agricultural and fisheries products, to the ROK;
  - 2.1.5. Enhance economic cooperation, especially capacity building, in various fields such as finance, customs, transport, agriculture, labour, tourism, energy and minerals, food security, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), material and components industry development, human resource management and development, sustainable development forestry, sustainable mining, fisheries, logistics, intellectual property rights, connectivity and infrastructure development for greater sustainable development;

## 2.2. Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs)

- 2.2.1. Strengthen cooperation for shared prosperity in areas of mutual interests related to trade in goods, trade in services, and investment through trade facilitation and other regulatory improvements and encourage greater involvement from the private sectors. Maximise the utilisation of the ASEAN-ROK Free Trade Agreement toward expanding ASEAN-ROK trade value to USD 200 billion by 2020;
- 2.2.2. Ensure the implementation and expand areas of economic cooperation, including cooperation projects referred to in Chapter 3 of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea (Framework Agreement) and its Annex;
- 2.2.3. Work to ensure that tariffs will be eliminated and reduced as set out in the ASEAN-Korea Trade in Goods Agreement and where possible, strengthen cooperation in trade facilitation, assess the utilisation of preferential tariff treatment, endeavour to improve the market access by, among others, further liberalisation in line with the discussions at the SEOM-ROK Consultations, as well as tackle non-tariff measures (NTMs), in order to promote and increase FTA utilisation effectively;
- 2.2.4. Encourage the discussion on Work Programme (Article 27) in order to promote the benefits and opportunities arising from the Agreement on Investment under the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation among the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asia Nations and the Republic of Korea to the investors of both parties;
- 2.2.5. Closely monitor the implementation of the ASEAN-ROK economic cooperation projects and develop guidelines for improved project selection and impact assessment including augmenting and strengthening funding mechanism such as ASEAN-ROK Economic Cooperation Fund to explore ways to enhance cooperative activities;
- 2.2.6. Continue to enhance regional economic partnership and integration through the timely conclusion and implementation of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations and other economic and trade agreements that are being negotiated between ASEAN Member States and ROK.

## 2.3. Finance

- 2.3.1. Strengthen cooperation within the ASEAN Plus Three Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors Meeting (AFMGM+3) Process to support stable and sustainable economic growth, as well as maintain financial market stability in the region;
- 2.3.2. 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 mobilisation of savings for productive investments, particularly infrastructure development, to spur regional growth;

- 2.3.3. Enhance regional financial stability through Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM), the ABMI, including the Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility (CGIF) and the enhancement of the macroeconomic surveillance in the region;
  - 2.3.4. Actively participate in policy dialogue on macroeconomic and financial policies to reinforce economic and financial stability in the region, among others through the ASEAN Plus Three Macroeconomic Research Office;
  - 2.3.5. Undertake proactive and decisive policy actions to restore market confidence and ensure continued financial stability to promote sustainable economic growth;
  - 2.3.6. Cooperate in capacity building programmes in the fields of analysis, policy-planning, human resources development and capital market to narrow development gaps in ASEAN.
- 2.4. Customs
- 2.4.1. 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;
  - 2.4.2. Promote secure and efficient trade between ASEAN and the ROK through supply chain security measures in accordance with international instruments;
  - 2.4.3. Continue consultations and cooperation within the ASEAN-ROK Customs Consultation with a view to enhancing coordination in the customs areas;
  - 2.4.4. Provide training opportunities for ASEAN customs officials to share expertise on streamlining and simplification of customs procedures;
  - 2.4.5. Promote application of information technology in customs procedures to facilitate trade;
  - 2.4.6. Strengthen customs cooperation between ASEAN and the ROK to improve utilisation of the AKFTA, including the exchanging of views by customs experts.
- 2.5. Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
- 2.5.1. Initiate discussions for developing effective measures to foster small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), particularly for enhancing competitiveness and resilience of ASEAN SMEs and promoting linkages of SMEs with the regional and global value chain network;
  - 2.5.2. Strengthen business networks and promote trade opportunities through the continued holding of the ASEAN-Korea CEO Summit in the ROK and ASEAN, when appropriate, with the active participation by the SMEs, including through the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation;
  - 2.5.3. Promote the role of the ASEAN-ROK Business Council as a business driven consultative body that will both assist ASEAN and the ROK SMEs in entering each other's markets and in promoting bilateral trade and investment;

- 2.5.4. Promote SMEs partnership and cooperation through human resources development, international market and financial access facilitation to enjoy the benefits of AKFTA as well as sharing of best practices that will strengthen SMEs and industries linkages in the supply chain networks;
  - 2.5.5. Promote cooperation on innovation between ASEAN and the ROK, including the establishment of an ASEAN-ROK innovation centre to enhance innovation capacity, optimise human capital development and improve the capacity and capability of ASEAN Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- 2.6. Energy
- 2.6.1. Enhance cooperation in energy security between ASEAN and the ROK through capacity building in areas such as technology transfer through workshops, seminars, and dispatch of technical expert;
  - 2.6.2. Strengthen cooperation in renewable energy technology, energy storage systems, alternative energy and energy efficiency in order to reduce the usage of fossil fuels; and expand cooperation on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) as defined in the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
  - 2.6.3. Cooperate closely in the research and development of renewable and alternative energy, such as wind, solar, hydro, bio, civilian nuclear energy, industrial waste and vehicle engine compatible to biofuel;
  - 2.6.4. Collaborate between the institutions of both sides to enhance energy efficiency by increasing exchange of expertise in the related fields;
  - 2.6.5. Support the rural household electrification programmes of ASEAN Member States including through solar, bio mass, bio gas, micro hydro and off-grid electrification to narrow development gaps in ASEAN;
- 2.7. Infrastructure
- 2.7.1. Strengthen cooperation to improve infrastructure development in the region by encouraging sustainable infrastructure investment through public and private partnership and other modalities to mobilise private sector investment, where appropriate;
  - 2.7.2. Enhance technical cooperation and promote capacity building in infrastructure, including the planning, design, construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, tunnels, railways, ports, Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) and the development of smart transport systems.
- 2.8. Transportation
- 2.8.1. 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 revised ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap;



- 2.8.2. Forge closer cooperation to enhance transport infrastructure, including among others, environmentally friendly airports, and strengthen transport networks and operations, including air, maritime, road, rail, Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) and multi-modal transport for fast, efficient, safe, sustainable and secure movement of goods and people in the region;
  - 2.8.3. Exchange information, experiences, best practices, and experts in transport operation, infrastructure development, transportation policies and safety measures;
  - 2.8.4. Encourage dialogue between governments and relevant businesses to exchange information and share experiences and best practices in order to support the efforts to establish standard specifications in the fields of railway, subways, Light Rail Transit (LRT) and others;
  - 2.8.5. Deepen cooperation in the area of aviation through the work of the ASEAN-ROK Working Group on Regional Air Services Arrangements in concluding an air services agreement between ASEAN and the ROK, noting that ASEAN Transport Ministers had expressed their heightened expectations for early conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial air services agreement while the ROK's view that such development would require sufficient time to discuss;
  - 2.8.6. Explore the establishment of a framework for strengthening ASEAN-ROK sea transport cooperation;
  - 2.8.7. Promote ASEAN-ROK maritime transport cooperation through effective measures to ensure navigation safety, encourage information sharing, enhance port linkages and promote human resource development;
  - 2.8.8. Promote ship building by exchange of technology and know-how.
- 2.9. Food, Agriculture, and Forestry
- 2.9.1. Enhance cooperation in the field of food, agriculture, and forestry through the existing ASEAN-ROK mechanisms and ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) Plus Three and implement major agreements reached at this meeting;
  - 2.9.2. Endeavour to launch cooperation projects to exchange information and technology, and to develop joint-research and development projects in the fields of food production, conservation of agriculture genetic resources, agricultural and livestock industry, agricultural machinery, agricultural and forestry products marketing, improvement of agricultural and forestry infrastructure by encouraging more investment and involvement of private sector and development of rural areas;
  - 2.9.3. Develop joint collaborative projects in crop production and post-harvest technology, including food storage, processing and distribution;
  - 2.9.4. Support ASEAN's efforts on enhancing human resources development in the food, agriculture, and forestry sectors through programmes such as organising workshops, the dispatch of experts, exchanges of know-how and best practices on enhancing the agricultural productivities, post-harvest handling, food security and safety, and providing opportunities for ASEAN farmers to learn techniques, management and farm working practices;

- 2.9.5. 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;
- 2.9.6. Enhance cooperation on research and development in the areas of conservation and the sustainable use of agricultural and forest land and plant genetic resources, including through the provision of technical assistance and funding support in agriculture and forestry;
- 2.9.7. 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 to narrow development gaps in ASEAN;
- 2.9.8. Explore joint cooperation on increasing rural income and sharing development experiences, through various projects including training programmes in related areas to develop expertise in the field of agricultural and forestry policy;
- 2.9.9. Strengthen cooperation in the context of sustainable forest management and forest rehabilitation to reduce deforestation and forest degradation as well as to mitigate the impact of climate change in the region;
- 2.9.10. Effectively implement the ASEAN-ROK Forest Cooperation (AFoCo) Agreement and continue the ongoing dialogues and endeavour to establish the Asian Forest Cooperation Organisation;
- 2.9.11. Closely and actively cooperate in promoting mutual understanding of their respective policies, regulations and protocols in the areas of food safety, animal (including fish) and plant quarantine and disease control;
- 2.9.12. Share information and technologies in the related areas;
- 2.9.13. Develop human resources in the field of quarantine and inspection through efforts such as organising training programs and workshops for ASEAN;
- 2.9.14. Continue to improve the effective implementation of the Agreement on ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR);
- 2.9.15. Share each other's expertise to enhance technology on food safety and quality assurance standards, crop production and post-harvest technique and biotechnology, in line with the ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework;
- 2.9.16. Make mutual efforts to exchange information and expertise in the fields of fisheries, aquaculture, and post-harvest technology;
- 2.9.17. Develop measures to harmonise the technological standards of marine, fisheries and aquaculture products in order to promote trade in this field between ASEAN and the ROK;

- 2.9.18. Undertake cooperative measures to develop human resources and promote investment in fisheries and aquaculture in the ASEAN Member States;
  - 2.9.19. Promote cooperation in fisheries to enhance the capacity to preserve and manage the marine resources;
  - 2.9.20. Promote responsible fishing practices and combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, particularly to sustain fishery resources, ensure food security, alleviate poverty, and optimise benefits of the people and economies in the region.
- 2.10. Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- 2.10.1. Promote and support the implementation of the ASEAN ICT Master Plan 2016-2020;
  - 2.10.2. Continue to support and cooperate closely to build up IT infrastructure, develop policies and human resources to narrow development gap in the IT sector among ASEAN Member States, through capacity building, sharing information, experiences with IT policy makers and experts;
  - 2.10.3. Create an educational environment that supports the improvement and development 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 to narrow development gaps in ASEAN;
  - 2.10.4. Further strengthen consultations, joint programmes and initiatives to build up the ICT knowledge partnership between ASEAN and the ROK in the fields of ICT human resource development, information security, e-government, digital convergence and collaboration to address new challenges brought about by technology changes;
  - 2.10.5. Assist in the wide distribution of information technology throughout the ASEAN Member States by organising 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;
  - 2.10.6. Provide opportunities for IT-related undergraduate and/or post-graduate level studies in ROK institutions through exchange programmes and other platforms;
  - 2.10.7. Work towards establishing a region-wide IT network, including digital media, animation, film production, gaming technology and comics;
  - 2.10.8. Initiate ICT Education Network in order to promote ICT human resources development.
- 2.11. Tourism
- 2.11.1. Strengthen cooperation in tourism through joint programmes on marketing and promotions, quality tourism development, human resources development, travel and investment facilitation, research and study on the outbound market and characteristics of ASEAN and Korean tourists;
  - 2.11.2. Strengthen 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 including crisis communication mechanism establishments;

- 2.11.3. Promote tourism of ASEAN and ROK through various joint projects utilising rich cultural heritage, diverse tourism products and experiences to encourage mutual visits;
  - 2.11.4. Develop exchange programmes, tourism professional capacity building, sustainable tourism destination management and development of strategic planning to foster professionalism in the tourism industry. As a part of these efforts, the ROK will continuously strive to provide education programmes on Korean language and Korean culture for ASEAN tourism professionals;
  - 2.11.5. Continue cooperation to support the role of the ASEAN-Korea Centre in promoting tourism and cultural exchanges between ASEAN and the ROK.
- 2.12. Science, Technology and Innovation
- 2.12.1. Exchange of information to strengthen scientific technology and innovation competitiveness, and developing technology management and innovation to build the capabilities of Science & Technology experts and officials in ASEAN;
  - 2.12.2. Continue to support human resource development, sharing of knowledge and enhancing cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation for green growth and sustainable development to promote technical cooperation among private sectors of both sides;
  - 2.12.3. Explore joint efforts to enhance economic growth by intensifying cooperation activities, promoting R&D collaboration and technology transfer and development in the areas of food technology, food processing, human nutrition, new materials, information technology, medical technology, micro-electronics, renewable and alternative energy, meteorology, environmental management, advanced materials technology, environment technology, biotechnology, green growth, nanotechnology, space technology and applications and other high value-added industries, especially latest technology of marine biology or genetic engineering;
  - 2.12.4. Encourage joint research activities and exchanges of youth experts, and scientists, including the Gifted in Science; as well as promote technical cooperation among public-private entities of both sides.

### **3. SOCIO-CULTURAL COOPERATION**

#### **3.1. Disaster Management**

- 3.1.1. Strengthen cooperation in disaster management to mitigate the impacts of disaster, reducing disaster losses and enhancing emergency response to disasters including collaboration with the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) and supporting the implementation of the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER) Work Programme 2010-2015 and beyond, as well as its priority projects;
- 3.1.2. Strengthen cooperation on meteor-hydrology and disaster warning as well as enhance the effective and timely response to affected countries in the event of major natural disasters including technical, humanitarian and financial assistance;

- 3.1.3. Strengthen community-based preparedness and participation, among others, through promotion of disaster-related knowledge and practices including those indigenous to ASEAN and ROK; public awareness, education; and sharing of best practices and lessons learned to build disaster resilient community;
  - 3.1.4. Jointly develop and implement various cooperative projects, including training programmes, exchange of expertise and experience, 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;
  - 3.1.5. Exchange best practices and information on urban search and rescue and promote linkages and exchange of visits.
- 3.2. Environment
- 3.2.1. Enhance cooperation in responding to climate change, which supplement activities under the ASEAN Action Plan on Joint Response to Climate Change (AAP-JRCC) of the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC); including seeking ways to cooperate with the Global Green Growth Institute and Green Climate Fund (GCF), and sharing ideas and promoting capacity development on climate change;
  - 3.2.2. Enhance cooperation in environmental management for sustainable development including integrated and sustainable water resources management; environmentally sustainable cities; resource efficiency, sustainable consumption, environmentally sound technologies and cleaner production; biodiversity conservation;
  - 3.2.3. Further cooperate to ensure our people's universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation, clean air, basic healthcare and other social services so that they may lead to healthy and productive lives and thereby contribute to the ASEAN and global community;
  - 3.2.4. 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 greenhouse gas emissions which supplement activities under the ASEAN Action Plan on Joint Response to Climate Change (AAP-JRCC) of the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) on the basis of training, education, and public awareness on climate change mitigation;
  - 3.2.5. Adopt a cautious approach in dealing with engineering technology with any potential negative impact on the environment;
  - 3.2.6. 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, including water resources/ risk management and sustainable development of minerals;
  - 3.2.7. Increase training programmes, including capacity building with ASEAN on environmental cooperation;

- 3.2.8. Cooperate closely on capacity building, transfer of technology and knowledge sharing, through training courses and exchange visits, participation in platforms such as the Singapore International Water Week and other high-level events, in water resources management to ensure sustainable usage and access to clean water;
  - 3.2.9. Cooperate in preventing, controlling and mitigating coastal and marine pollution through exchange of experts, training, sharing related policies, data and information, and strengthening existing regional cooperation framework on marine environment;
  - 3.2.10. Promote the development and transfer of clean technology;
  - 3.2.11. 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;
  - 3.2.12. Promote close and mutual cooperation by introducing environment friendly technology and undertaking cooperative projects and studies to deal with climate change and in exchange programmes related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions on the basis of training, education and public awareness on climate change mitigation;
  - 3.2.13. Strengthen regional cooperation on biodiversity conservation and management through the exchange of knowledge, capacity building program to address the loss of biodiversity and support for the work of ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB);
  - 3.2.14. Support efforts to control illegal transboundary trade of wild flora and fauna through the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN) and through national initiatives in support of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES);
  - 3.2.15. Explore cooperation and support for the implementation of national biodiversity national action plan and the development of domestic legislative, administrative or policy measure on access and benefit-sharing to address poverty and promote environmental sustainability.
- 3.3. Health
- 3.3.1. Share experiences and knowledge on health issues, including strengthening of healthcare systems;
  - 3.3.2. Continue support to existing collaboration on traditional medicine; ageing related to health issues; universal health coverage; Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory, surveillance-Field Epidemiology Training Network (FETN), risk communication, rabies, malaria, dengue, and pandemic preparedness and response]; disaster medicine (health implication in disaster management); non-communicable diseases; and HIV/AIDS;
  - 3.3.3. 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 collaboration in control of trans boundary EIDs with relevant agencies;

- 3.3.4. Enhance collaboration among ASEAN Plus Three countries to improve preparedness and response initiatives or mechanisms including information sharing and monitoring communicable diseases, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies;
  - 3.3.5. Cooperate to develop joint policies and programmes for combating HIV and AIDS in the region, including by exchanging relevant information for joint measures to control and prevent the spread of HIV/ AIDS;
  - 3.3.6. Provide technical assistance to ASEAN for establishing and improving local health care services, especially in underdeveloped areas to improve quality of medical facilities and the overall healthcare environment of ASEAN Member States;
  - 3.3.7. 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;
  - 3.3.8. Cooperate closely in the stockpiling of antiviral, other essential medicines and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to respond effectively to pandemic outbreaks;
  - 3.3.9. Cooperate in the field 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;
  - 3.3.10. Cooperate closely in promoting community-based support for people affected by chronic diseases;
  - 3.3.11. Support the transfer of technology and exchange of knowledge between ASEAN and the ROK on health promotion;
  - 3.3.12. Enhance cooperation to operationalise the ASEAN Post-2015 Health Development Agenda comprising of four clusters with twenty health priorities, including promoting a healthy lifestyle; responding to all hazards and emerging threats; strengthening health system and access to care; and ensuring food safety;
  - 3.3.13. Continue collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA) on drug resistance in Malaria;
- 3.4. Education
- 3.4.1. Continue to support upgrading and expanding exchanges of educational and human resources between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea for advancement of e-learning in higher education in ASEAN Member States;
  - 3.4.2. Continue to carry out workshops, joint research and training, and exchange of fellowships, exchange of teachers and students with the ASEAN University Network (AUN) through the existing ASEAN-Korea Academic Exchange Programme as well as among ASEAN and ROK academic institutions;

- 3.4.3. Continue the provision of scholarships for ASEAN students through the existing International College Student Exchange Programme and promote ASEAN studies in the ROK and Korean studies in ASEAN, including through centers for Korean studies in ASEAN Member States;
  - 3.4.4. Support educational programmes in the field of science and technology as well as increase Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) opportunities for ASEAN students;
  - 3.4.5. Promote greater exchanges of students and teachers to facilitate the sharing of experiences for further cross-cultural understanding between ASEAN and the ROK;
  - 3.4.6. 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;
  - 3.4.7. Make efforts to provide necessary support for ASEAN teachers to study Korean language and fellowship opportunities for ASEAN students majoring in Korean Studies.
- 3.5. Information
- 3.5.1. Promote further cooperation in the fields of information and mass media, including the implementation of regular media visits, inclusive involvement and participation of the public, commercial and community media to promote the processes of ASEAN integration and ASEAN-ROK partnership;
  - 3.5.2. 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;
  - 3.5.3. Encourage technical cooperation among broadcasters, content producers, and develop human resources and sharing of knowledge information and media sector;
  - 3.5.4. 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;
  - 3.5.5. Enhance cooperation in the field of co-production, co-financing and co-distribution of diverse content projects between the two regions and undertake other industry engagements to foster talent in multi-media in ASEAN Member States;
  - 3.5.6. Organise activities in ASEAN and the ROK to promote public awareness on ASEAN-ROK 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.
- 3.6. Culture and Arts
- 3.6.1. Promote mutual understanding of diverse and rich culture between the ROK and ASEAN Member States, and foster greater awareness of cultural heritage, including activities in collaboration with the ASEAN-Korea Centre, such as tourism and education in development of cultural curriculum on shared histories in our region;



- 3.6.2. Promote cooperation in the area of culture and arts, including through the development of creative industries and increased networking and exchange, and human resource development through exhibitions, cultural performances, exchange programmes, cultural awareness promotions, and other similar projects to foster greater awareness about cultural heritage of ASEAN and ROK;
  - 3.6.3. Implement the ASEAN-ROK Cultural Exchange Year 2017, and work toward the establishment of an “ASEAN Culture House” in the ROK to enhance understanding of ASEAN and Southeast Asian culture in the ROK;
  - 3.6.4. Encourage 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;
  - 3.6.5. 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;
  - 3.6.6. 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;
  - 3.6.7. Strengthen joint research on the preservation and conservation of cultural heritage and support the capacity building of ASEAN experts in the field of cultural heritage preservation including through the Asia Cooperation Programme in Conservation Science.
- 3.7. Youth and People-to-People Exchange
- 3.7.1. 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;
  - 3.7.2. Continue to implement, expand and develop various exchange programmes involving the ASEAN-ROK youth; including through the ASEAN-ROK youth exchange program and ASEAN Youth Camp;
  - 3.7.3. Support capacity building programs related to youth, especially on issues related to Technical, Vocational, Education, and Training (TVET), entrepreneurship 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;
  - 3.7.4. Establish and expand a network for future generations, including through the ROK’s initiative under the “ASEAN-ROK Next-generation Opinion Leaders Programme;
  - 3.7.5. Strengthen consular cooperation, especially in the protection of the nationals of both sides, including tourists, business people, officials who are travelling to ASEAN and the ROK as well as students, permanent residents and workers residing in the ASEAN Member States and the ROK.

### 3.8. Sports

- 3.8.1. Promote the exchange of knowledge on sports medicine and science, skills and expertise, the construction, operation and management of sports venues/facilities and sports research;
- 3.8.2. Promote the exchange of athletes, coaches, officials, referees, researchers and other sport experts;
- 3.8.3. Support the development of technical specialists in the ASEAN sports sector through scholarship programmes at the postgraduate levels.

### 3.9. Civil Service Matters

- 3.9.1. Explore possible areas of cooperation in civil service matters through the ACCSM Plus Three Mechanism to promote and strengthen cooperation between both sides.

### 3.10. Labour and Migrant Workers

- 3.10.1. Support ASEAN Member States in providing more and decent jobs to the people 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 technical and vocational skills;
- 3.10.2. 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;
- 3.10.3. 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;
- 3.10.4. Cooperate to support the implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers and the work of ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC);
- 3.10.5. Share experiences and expand training and capacity-building programmes for the development of human resources, and overseas volunteer programmes;

### 3.11. Social Welfare and Development

- 3.11.1. Support the operationalisation of the Regional Framework and Action Plans to implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection including strengthening the capacity of ASEAN in establishing social security systems and improving access to social protection programmes and services;
- 3.11.2. Support the implementation of the ASEAN Social Work Consortium (ASWC) Work Plan;
- 3.11.3. Continue to implement joint activities addressing public health, the welfare of children, women, elderly, people with disabilities, and the poor through support for ASEAN initiatives to implement the Strategic Framework on Social Welfare and Development 2016-2020, Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication 2016-2020, and ASEAN Committee on Women Work Plan 2016-2020;

- 3.11.4. Support the strengthening of entrepreneurship skills for women, youth and persons with disability;
- 3.11.5. Continue expanding the Official Development Assistance (ODA) for sustainable economic and social development and poverty alleviation in ASEAN Member States;
- 3.11.6. Contribute to the economic and social development of ASEAN Member States by strengthening bilateral consultation and coordination;
- 3.11.7. Promote the efficiency and coherence of development cooperation policies towards ASEAN and strengthen networks among its government-related agencies and examine the possibility of establishing a channel for regular dialogue;
- 3.11.8. Increase dispatch of overseas volunteer teams to undertake works that support income growth in rural areas through project development, mainly in ASEAN rural areas and small towns.

## **4. CONNECTIVITY**

- 4.1. Enhance support for the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity especially in the area of physical infrastructure and ICT including through financial and technical support;
- 4.2. Continue cooperation on the ASEAN Connectivity agenda, including through communication, outreach and implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) and through other regional fora including sub-regional frameworks;
- 4.3. Continue to convene meetings between the ASEAN Connectivity Coordinating Committee (ACCC) and the ROK's Task Force on ASEAN Connectivity;
- 4.4. Support the development of an ASEAN Public Private Partnership (PPP) development agenda, including in the areas of legal and regulatory reform and public sector capacity building to support the development of commercially viable PPP projects;
- 4.5. Encourage private sector investment in infrastructure projects, including through public private partnership (PPP) schemes and other financing modalities for the implementation of the MPAC, particularly its prioritised projects, which will contribute to the ASEAN Community building;
- 4.6. Further strengthen policy consultation and the exchange of information and technology in the areas of airport facilities, city development and other infrastructures, through capacity building programmes, seminars and exchange of experts;
- 4.7. 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;
- 4.8. Foster cooperation to develop maritime connectivity to promote economic growth, narrow development gaps, and contribute to regional integration and community building process, as well as to increase greater people mobility.

## 5. COOPERATION IN THE REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

### 5.1. East Asia Cooperation

- 5.1.1. Continue to support ASEAN Centrality in the evolving regional architecture including to support ASEAN's efforts in promoting norms and principles enshrined in, among others, the ASEAN Charter and other relevant ASEAN instruments such as the TAC and the EAS Declaration on the Principle for Mutually Beneficial Relations (Bali Principles) towards the development of a rules-based regional architecture;
- 5.1.2. Work closely to strengthen the EAS, with ASEAN as the driving force, as a leaders-led forum for dialogue and cooperation on broad strategic, political and economic issues of common interest and concern with the aim of promoting peace, stability and economic prosperity and integration in East Asia;
- 5.1.3. Continue to support ASEAN Plus Three cooperation as a main vehicle to realise the long-term objective of establishing an East Asian community with ASEAN as the driving force including through effective implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Work Plan 2013-2017;
- 5.1.4. Implement the Action Plans for the selected recommendations of the East Asia Vision Group (EAVG) II, which have been mutually agreed;
- 5.1.5. Encourage active participation and involvement of the business community, academia, and other relevant stakeholders in promoting and strengthening East Asian cooperation, including through the relevant mechanisms such as the East Asia Forum (EAF), Network of East Asia Think Tanks (NEAT), and other mechanisms.

### 5.2. Multilateral Fora

- 5.2.1. Cooperate closely to contribute to the UN reform, including the Security Council;
- 5.2.2. Continue to cooperate for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and beyond, as well as support the formulation of the UN post-2015 development agenda to eradicate poverty and achieve sustainable development;
- 5.2.3. Continue to contribute to the strong, sustainable, inclusive and balanced growth of the world economy through strengthening collaboration and policy consultation between ASEAN and ROK in the multilateral fora;
- 5.2.4. Strengthen collaboration and policy consultation between ASEAN and the ROK in major multilateral fora including the WTO, ARF, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the G20, Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM), and Forum for East Asia Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC) especially in the area of mutual interest such as promoting sustainable development and addressing global and regional challenges;
- 5.2.5. Strengthen coordination and cooperation on G20-related matters including supporting the continued participation of the ASEAN Chair in future G20 Summits and, where appropriate, its related meetings.

## **6. INITIATIVE FOR ASEAN INTEGRATION (IAI) AND NARROWING DEVELOPMENT GAP**

- 6.1. Continue to contribute to narrowing development gaps in the region through the implementation of Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan II 2009-2015 and its successor document and other sub-regional economic cooperation frameworks, including the Mekong-ROK Action Plan (2014-2017) adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> Mekong-ROK Foreign Ministers' Meeting in July 2014 in Seoul;
- 6.2. Continue to provide financial and technical support for the development of human resources, for the least developed countries (LDC) of ASEAN;
- 6.3. Continue to support CLMV Countries, in the implementation of the IAI;
- 6.4. Continue to support the less developed countries of ASEAN, including CLMV Countries in wider areas, among others, human resources development, rural household electrification programmes, information technology curriculum and IT teacher trainings, and further increase the number of fellowships and scholarships;

## **7. SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION**

- 7.1. Provide 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;
- 7.2. Enhance cooperation within the sub-regional cooperation mechanisms, especially the Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund for cooperation projects, particularly in the fields in which the ROK has expertise, such as infrastructure, ICT management and water resource management;
- 7.3. Examine the possibility of participating in ACMECS projects, particularly in the fields of transportation, infrastructure, agriculture, environment and human resources development, and consult with ACMECS countries on the modalities for its participation;
- 7.4. Further study the CLV Development Triangle and explore the possibility to provide relevant assistance in enhancing ASEAN's integration efforts;
- 7.5. Cooperate with the BIMP-EAGA Member Countries to promote human resources development and capacity building in areas such as agriculture, fisheries, tourism, transportation, environment, ICT, and small and medium enterprises.

## **8. STRENGTHENING ASEAN'S INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY**

- 8.1. Support ASEAN's efforts to implement measures aimed to build capacities in the ASEAN Secretariat as well as in other ASEAN institutions, organs and bodies, through various programmes including human resources development, knowledge management and ICT system upgrade with a view to supporting the ASEAN Community;
- 8.2. Strengthen networking between the ASEAN Secretariat and the ROK to further enhance the capacity building of the ASEAN Secretariat.

## **9. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

- 9.1. This Plan of Action will be taken forward using the ASEAN-ROK cooperation fund and other available funding sources from ASEAN and the ROK;
- 9.2. Concerned sectoral bodies in ASEAN and agencies in the ROK will jointly draw up specific work programmes/projects to implement the actions and measures outlined in this Plan of Action;
- 9.3. Review of this Plan of Action will be made through appropriate ASEAN-ROK mechanisms, including through the relevant ASEAN-ROK Ministerial Meetings, ASEAN-ROK Dialogue and ASEAN-ROK Joint Cooperation Committee. Progress report of the implementation of this Plan of Action will be submitted to the annual ASEAN-ROK Summit;
- 9.4. ASEAN and the ROK will further enhance the effectiveness and ensure the transparent operation of the ASEAN-ROK funds.