



JOINT STATEMENT OF THE SIXTH ASEAN PLUS THREE EDUCATION MINISTERS MEETING

14 October 2022
Online and Ha Noi, Viet Nam

1. The Sixth ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting (6th APT EMM) was held hybrid in Ha Noi, Viet Nam on 14 October 2022 in conjunction with the 6th East Asia Summit Education Ministers Meeting (6th EAS EMM). The Meeting was preceded by the 12th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Education (12th SOM-ED+3) held on 12 October 2022.
2. The meeting was co-chaired by H.E Nguyen Kim Son, Minister of Education and Training of Viet Nam and H.E. Huai Jinpeng, Minister of Education, China under the theme “Joint efforts to reimagine learning and building resilience of education systems in the ASEAN and beyond in the new context”.
3. We congratulate Viet Nam and China on their assumption of co-Chairmanship of the ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting for 2022 to 2023. We express satisfaction for the stronger partnerships between ASEAN Member States and the People’s Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea as guided by the ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action on Education 2018–2025.
4. We recognise the need to safely reopen and keep schools open, recover learning loss, and build resilience in education in ASEAN and ASEAN Member States against future pandemics, disasters and emergencies particularly in the post-COVID pandemic context.
5. We reaffirm the role of APT cooperation in addressing the learning crisis including the need to accelerate learning recovery and build resilience in education in the post-COVID era. We appreciate the support and contribution of the Plus Three countries to ASEAN Member States and ASEAN’s initiatives in education among others, the (1) on-going implementation of the APT Plan of Action 2018-2025; and (2) the initiatives of the Working Group on Student Mobility and Quality Assurance of Higher Education among ASEAN Plus Three Countries (APTWG) including a) conducting feasibility study of identifying relevant competencies or learning outcomes in subject areas; b) the ongoing revision of APT Joint Guidelines on the Institutional Provision for New Modes of Higher Education.
6. We note with appreciation the substantive progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action on Education 2018–2025. We commend the continued cooperation and commitments made by the ASEAN Plus Three countries to lead projects and activities under the Plan of Action.
7. We reiterate the need for an adaptive and enabling environment with

supporting instruments that would facilitate student mobility with quality assurance among APT countries. In this regard, we look forward to the (i) continued use of the adopted Guide on Making Information Available Online to Promote Student Mobility in ASEAN Plus Three Region and the (ii) convening of this year's 9th ASEAN Working Group on Student Mobility and Quality Assurance of Higher Education among ASEAN Plus Three Countries to further the work in the areas of student mobility and quality assurance.

8. We reiterate the importance of substantial alignment between the work of the ASEAN Plus Three Plan of Action on Education 2018–2025 and the recently adopted ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2021-2025 with the aim to ensure efficiency and synergies among various ASEAN education cooperation frameworks.
9. We value the contribution of scholarships to social and economic development. In this regard, we note with appreciation the report of the People's Republic of China on ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship Programme, establishment of China-ASEAN TVET Consortium, and other people-to-people connectivity initiatives, which have benefitted students, teachers, scholars, professionals and senior government officials since 2019. We also appreciate the People's Republic of China initiative to convene the 15th ASEAN-China Education Cooperation Week and the 3rd ASEAN-China Education Ministers Roundtable which endorsed Vision and Action on ASEAN-China Education Cooperation and Development (2022-2030) and set the direction of education cooperation for building an amicable home together.
10. We note with appreciation the report of the Republic of Korea on the Higher Education for ASEAN Talents (HEAT) Scholarships, the ROK TVET Mobility Programme and the ASEAN Cyber University Project. We also value its support on ASEAN student mobility through CAMPUS Asia and AIMS programme and the progress made on the development of the APT Joint Guidelines on Institutional Provision for New Modes of Higher Education. In addition, we commend the government's long-standing support on e-learning through the ASEAN Cyber University Project and its contribution on Global Citizenship Education.
11. We note with appreciation the report of Japan on education exchange and cooperation among APT countries and Education for Sustainable Development. We commend the government of Japan's continuous support in strengthening people-to-people connectivity and enhancing understanding and respect among ASEAN Plus Three countries including Japan scholarship and exchange programmes such as MEXT scholarship, ASIA KAKEHASHI Project, Sakura Science Exchange Program, ASEAN University Network /Southeast Asia Engineering Education Development Network (AUN/SEED-Net) Program, as well as the establishment of ASEAN Corner in selected universities in ASEAN Member States. We also note with appreciation its support in advancing SDGs among ASEAN Plus Three countries through the regional programmes on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) such as the SEAMEO-Japan ESD Award, UNESCO Programme on ESD, and EDU-Port Japan.

12. We remain committed and look forward to continued collaborations between ASEAN Plus Three Countries, ASEAN University Network, and other relevant entities including the ASEAN TVET Council on programmes and initiatives that contribute to the intended outcome of APT Plan of Action on Education 2018-2025 and the ASEAN Workplan on Education 2021-2025.
13. We express our sincere appreciation to Viet Nam for the effective chairmanship and excellent arrangements made in hosting the 6th APT EMM, as well as the ASEAN Secretariat, for its technical assistance to the Meeting.
14. We agree to meet again in 2024 at the 7th ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers Meeting under the Chairmanship of Thailand.

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