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Royal Message

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE**



The 15th anniversary of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) marks a significant milestone in the trajectory of multilateral defence cooperation within Southeast Asia. More meaningfully, it also signifies our continuing joint resolve in consolidating our ASEAN Community.

In view of the increasingly complex and dynamic nature of our strategic and security landscape, the tremendous strides made by the ADMM towards keeping our region safe and secure is by no means an easy feat. Since its inception, the ADMM has shown exemplary commitment and determination in ensuring our defence establishments are prepared and ready to cooperate in addressing evolving regional security challenges.

On this note, I am proud and heartened by the hard work and perseverance of all the men and women who made the ADMM what it is today.

Peace and stability is the heart of ASEAN's overall success. Dialogue and cooperation with our friends and partners have been fundamental in further elevating levels of trust, understanding and confidence towards ensuring the peace and stability of the region. As ASEAN continues to face significant challenges, this approach must endure in tandem with efforts to uphold ASEAN centrality and solidarity.

I hope you will enjoy this Commemorative Book and that it can inspire more collective successes in the years to come.

Foreword

I am immensely grateful that Brunei Darussalam has the pleasure to host this year's ADMM. This special year serves as an important juncture in our fifteen-year history as a formal and institutionalised platform of defence cooperation within ASEAN.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, I am happy that we can still convene through virtual means. I am also pleased to note that such continuity extends to other existing cooperative engagements reflecting the ADMM's strong commitment to maintaining a peaceful and stable ASEAN.

We have much to be proud of since the ADMM's founding in 2006. The ADMM has advanced progressively in building trust, confidence, and strengthening cooperation among our defence establishments to safeguard the region's peace and security effectively.

To mark this significant occasion, we are delighted to publish this Commemorative Book that chronicles the series of accomplishments under the ADMM so far.

With ADMM in its 15th year, it is time for us to reflect on our efforts and further explore ways to enhance

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Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof
Minister of Defence II
Chairman of 15th ADMM



our initiatives and processes. I am confident that the ADMM, as the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in ASEAN, can do and achieve more.

We have seen that the defence sector continues to be called upon to address cross-sectoral challenges in recent years. As we aim to ensure our initiatives are sustainable in the long run and long-lasting in impact towards the ASEAN Community, ADMM's approach must take on a strategic course. Effective cross-sectoral and cross-pillar coordination would enhance synergy and complementarity of effort.

Overall, this Commemorative Book is a token of appreciation of the collective efforts in the past 15 years and a celebration of the achievements we have had in those years. I hope this book serves as a powerful reminder of our journey and the lessons we have learned together. But, more importantly, with collective solidarity we can ensure that ASEAN's peace, stability and prosperity remain firmly entrenched.

Foreword

It is my pleasure to contribute the foreword to this commemorative publication as we mark the 15th anniversary of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) this year.

The road to closer defence cooperation among ASEAN Member States (AMS) was paved in 2003 when it was identified as an integral part of the ASEAN Vision 2020. This momentum gained strength at the 10th ASEAN Summit in the following year which saw the ASEAN Leaders adopt the ASEAN Security Community Plan of Action, which among others, called for the convening of an annual ADMM. The growing recognition of the role of regional cooperation in the promotion of peace and security, and the increasing comfort level among AMS to form a platform to tackle security issues of common concern culminated in the founding of the ADMM in 2006.

In the last 15 years, the ADMM has grown from strength to strength, marked by rapid development in its engagement, cooperation, and operations. The ADMM fostered a greater sense of camaraderie and grew to be the primary confidence-building mechanism to sustain and develop regional dialogue and cooperation, including engagements with key Dialogue Partners. The ADMM was also the launching pad for ASEAN's broader engagement with its Dialogue Partners with the establishment of the ADMM-Plus in 2010.

The ADMM-Plus further affirmed ASEAN's Centrality and its foundational role in the regional

Dato Lim Jock Hoi
Secretary-General of ASEAN



security architecture. More recently, the ADMM-Plus emerged as a tangible manifestation of the principles of the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), which underlined ASEAN's bridging role to connect security partners from the Indian Ocean and Asia-Pacific region.

The expansion of ASEAN defence cooperation speaks volume of the AMS's political will and trust to devote increasing resources to safeguard regional peace and stability. From peacekeeping to military medicine, and now to cyber security, the numerous initiatives showcase the relevance and adeptness of the ADMM in responding to challenges confronting the Community. It is commendable that the ADMM has consistently and regularly undertaken assessments of its activities to keep pace with the evolving defence dynamics and regional security architecture. In particular,

the stocktaking exercise taken as part of this year's commemorative activities would be very important to ensure the sustainability and alignment of the work of the defence sector with that of the ASEAN Community.

This commemorative volume is an important record and celebration of fifteen years of defence sector cooperation and the enduring friendships among its stakeholders. Notwithstanding the commendable effort of those involved in the writing process, this volume is but a tip of the iceberg representing the immense contribution made by the defence sector to peace and stability in the region. On behalf of the peoples of ASEAN, I take this opportunity to convey our profound gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the ASEAN armed forces and the defence sector for keeping the Community safe and upholding ASEAN Centrality.

Overview

The convening of the inaugural ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) in 2006 marks a significant milestone in ASEAN's almost 55 years of history. The ADMM was established, among others, to promote regional peace and stability through dialogue and cooperation in the defence and security sectors, and to promote mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as to enhance transparency and openness in the defence sector. Today, the ADMM remains as one of the important platforms in the region's security architecture and has kept a positive momentum to contribute towards the ASEAN Community-building.

Practical cooperation under the ADMM has grown steadily since its inception, in the various areas of non-traditional security, as well as in its confidence-

building measures. The ADMM's work covers a range of cooperation initiatives and practical mechanisms such as the ASEAN Direct Communications Infrastructure, ASEAN Our Eyes, ASEAN Militaries Ready Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Network of ASEAN Chemical, Biological and Radiological Defence Experts, ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network, as well as various guidelines including the Logistic Support Framework, Maritime Interaction, Military Air Encounters. Exchanges among officers and professionals through ASEAN Defence Interaction Programme, ASEAN Military Medicine Conference and ASEAN Centre of Military Medicine, defence establishments with NGOs and CSOs, defence industry and also on education and training are also pursued. Further to this are recent initiatives agreed upon towards safeguarding cyber space namely the



establishment of the ASEAN Cyber Defence Network (ACDN) and ADMM Cybersecurity and Information Centre of Excellence. The ADMM regularly reviews its existing initiatives and with the Stocking Paper on the ADMM and ADMM-Plus to ensure their sustainability and relevance in addressing current and future security challenges.

To promote inclusiveness, the ADMM has expanded its membership to eight of ASEAN's Dialogue Partners in the form of ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus), which was inaugurated on 12 October 2010 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. The ADMM will continue to remain in the driver's seat in its interactions and engagements with its Dialogue Partners in the ADMM-Plus to promote peace and security in the region through dialogue and cooperation.

This commemorative book documents the journey of the ADMM, in acknowledgement of its achievements and milestones, beginning from the inaugural Meeting to the 15th iteration of ADMM which was held on 15 June 2021. The approach to focus on the respective chairmanships serves to highlight the themes and priorities of the respective ADMM Chairs and also allows the ADMM to track the evolution of cooperation in the past 15 years. In addition, this publication encourages the defence sector to rethink the ADMM's modalities with respect to the rapid changes in the region's geopolitical and security landscape. This book also manifests the ADMM's commitment to being continually guided by ASEAN Centrality through each successive chairmanship.



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1st ADMM

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA | 8 - 9 MAY 2006

On 9 May 2006, the inaugural ADMM was held in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The Meeting was chaired by The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Malaysia and attended by ASEAN Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

The 1st ADMM adopted Concept Paper for the Establishment of an ADMM which institutionalised the ADMM as an ASEAN sectoral body. The Meeting agreed that the ADMM should be an integral part of ASEAN, and for the ADMM to add value and complement the overall ASEAN process. The Ministers and Deputy Ministers emphasised that the ADMM should be open, flexible and outward-looking in respect of actively engaging ASEAN's friends and Dialogue Partners as well as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF). They also agreed that the ADMM be focused on promoting

regional peace and stability through dialogue and cooperation in the area of defence and security; providing guidance to existing senior defence and military officials dialogue and cooperation in the field of defence and security within ASEAN and between ASEAN and dialogue partners; promoting mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges as well as enhancement of transparency and openness; and contributing to the establishment of an ASC as stipulated in the Bali Concord II and promoting the implementation of VAP on ASC.





ASEAN Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers pose for photograph during the media conference of the Inaugural ADMM, Kuala Lumpur, 2006. The meeting was chaired by The Right Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Malaysia.

With the establishment of the ADMM, the Ministers and Deputy Ministers also expressed support for the continuation of informal consultations amongst the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces, ASEAN Army Chiefs, ASEAN Navy Chiefs, ASEAN Air Force Chiefs, ASEAN Heads of Coast Guards, and ASEAN Heads of Military Intelligence units.

On the basis of the Concept Paper for the Establishment of an ADMM, the 1st ADMM agreed that the Philippines would be the next Chair, followed by Singapore, which would host the 2nd ADMM towards the end of 2007.

Following the 1st ADMM on 09 May 2006, a Technical Working Group (TWG) was convened in Manila, Philippines. The purpose of the meeting was to work on a draft Protocol to the Concept Paper for the Establishment of the ADMM, noting that the ADMM shall be “open, flexible, and outward-looking” in actively engaging ASEAN’s friends and Dialogue Partners in promoting peace and security in the region. This Protocol called for the establishment of an ADMM-Plus to facilitate the ADMM’s engagement of ASEAN’s friends and Dialogue Partners.

To support the ADMM, the Ministers and Deputy Ministers also agreed to establish an ASEAN Defence Senior Officials’ Meeting (ADSOM) to support the activities of the ADMM.



His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence Singapore, delivering his opening address at the 2nd ADMM in November 2007.



2nd ADMM

SINGAPORE | 13 - 15 NOVEMBER 2007

From 13 to 15 November 2007, Singapore hosted the 2nd ADMM. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency Teo Chee Hean, Minister for defence of The Republic of Singapore and attended by ASEAN Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

The 2nd ADMM adopted three papers, namely, the Protocol to the Concept Paper for the Establishment of the ADMM, the ADMM Three-Year Work Programme 2008-2010, and Concept Paper on the ADMM-Plus. These documents would contribute to the implementation of the ASC Plan of Action and the VAP. The ASEAN Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers also signed the ADMM Joint Declaration on Enhancing Regional Peace and Stability.

A significant outcome of the 2nd ADMM was the agreement on the objectives, principles, and modalities for the ADMM-Plus which would go on to be the “DNA” of the ADMM-Plus, and guide the ADMM’s engagements with ASEAN’s friends and Dialogue Partners in the years to come. The 2nd ADMM acknowledged that ASEAN’s future was increasingly intertwined with the developments of the larger Asia-Pacific region, and that ASEAN would benefit from the expertise, perspectives and resources of extra-regional countries in resolving regional security challenges.

As agreed during the 1st ADMM, the Inaugural ADSOM was held in Manila, Philippines from 25 to 26 January 2007. The meeting exchanged views on the fast-evolving transformations in the strategic situation in the region and in the world, while also agreeing that ASEAN should respond to the changing times and move at a faster pace. It was agreed further that an ADSOM Working Group (WG) for the ADSOM shall be established.



ASEAN Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers joining arms for a group photo at the 2nd ADMM that was held in Singapore in November 2007.



ADSOM, 25-26 January 2007

During the same year, the ASEAN Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers met for the second time at an ADMM Retreat held for the first time under the Philippines Chairmanship from 23 to 25 March 2007 in Bali, Indonesia. At the Retreat, the Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to contributing to the establishment of the ASEAN Security Community as an integral pillar of the ASEAN Community by 2015. They agreed that defence cooperation should move beyond confidence-building measures (CBMs) and advance towards more concrete, practical, and tangible cooperative activities. They also affirmed that the ASEAN Defence Annual Report 2006 – 2007 cooperation should not be inward-looking and that ASEAN should play a pivotal role in the broader Asia-Pacific region. The Retreat also allowed the Defence Ministers and Deputy Ministers to get together to discuss issues of shared interest and enhance mutual trust and understanding, as well as the opportunity to get to know one another better.



3rd ADMM

PATTAYA, THAILAND
25 - 26 FEBRUARY 2009

On 26 February 2009, the 3rd ADMM was held in Pattaya, Thailand. The Meeting was chaired by General Prawit Wongsuwon, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand and attended by the Defence Ministers, Deputy Minister and representative of AMS and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The 3rd ADMM adopted Concept Paper on the Use of ASEAN Military Assets and Capacities in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Concept Paper on ADMM-Plus: Principles for Membership, and Concept Paper on ASEAN Defence Establishments and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) Cooperation on Non-Traditional Security. The Ministers, Deputy Minister and representative also signed the 3rd ADMM Joint Declaration on Strengthening ASEAN Defence Establishments to

meet the Challenges of Non-Traditional Security Threats. This key instrument reaffirms the ADMM's earlier commitment to enhancing regional peace and stability, contributing to the realisation of the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) by 2015, and strengthening the ADMM mechanism in responding to security challenges. The Joint Declaration also captures principles, guidelines, and modalities, incorporated in three key documents that were adopted during the Meeting.



3rd ADMM, Pattaya, Thailand, 26 February 2009



3rd ADMM, Pattaya, Thailand, 26 February 2009



Opening Ceremony of the 4th ADMM



The 4th ADMM panorama



4th ADMM

HA NOI, VIET NAM | 11 MAY 2010

On 11 May 2010, the 4th ADMM was held in Ha Noi, Viet Nam. The Meeting was chaired by General Phung Quang Thanh, Minister of National Defence of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and attended by ASEAN Defence Ministers, Deputy Minister, representatives and Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The Meeting adopted Concept Paper on ADMM-Plus Configuration and Composition, which puts forth the ADMM+8 configuration and composition of 10 ASEAN Member States and 8 Dialogue Partners, namely Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and the United States; as well as Concept Paper on ADMM-Plus Modalities and Procedure, which sets out the modalities and procedures for operationalising the ADMM-Plus.

The 4th ADMM also adopted The Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Strengthening ASEAN Defence Cooperation for Stability and Development of the Region. This milestone document reaffirms the importance of establishing the ADMM-Plus as a robust, effective, open, and inclusive component of the regional security architecture that would enable the ADMM to cooperate with non-ASEAN countries to build capacity and better prepare ASEAN to address the complex non-traditional security challenges. In that regard, the 4th ADMM also agreed to establish the ADMM-Plus and welcomed Viet Nam to host the inaugural ADMM-Plus in 2010.

The inaugural ADMM-Plus was held in Ha Noi on 12 October 2010 and chaired by General Phung Quang Thanh, Minister of National Defence of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

The 1st ADMM adopted the Ha Noi Joint Declaration of the First ADMM-Plus, which hailed the ADMM-Plus as the highest ministerial defence and security consultative and cooperative mechanism for regional security issues amongst the ASEAN Member States and the eight Plus Countries, in which ASEAN plays the central role, with practical cooperation implemented through area-focused Experts' Working Groups.

The inaugural ADMM-Plus marked a significant milestone in ASEAN's history in general and ASEAN defence cooperation in particular by creating a multilateral defence and security cooperation mechanism for trust and confidence-building, and for the Plus Countries to contribute to ASEAN Centrality as well as capacity-building in response to non-traditional security threats of common concern in the region.



Signing Ceremony of the 4th ADMM Joint Declaration



The inaugural ADMM-Plus in Ha Noi, on 12 October 2010



5th ADMM

JAKARTA, INDONESIA | 19 MAY 2011

“Enhancing Defence Cooperation of ASEAN in the Global Community to Face New Challenges”

Indonesia as the Chair of ASEAN in 2011 had the honour to chair ASEAN defence related meetings for the first time. During its Chairmanship, Indonesia hosted the 5th ADMM on 19 May 2011 in Jakarta. The Meeting was chaired by the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Purnomo Yusgiantoro as the Indonesia ADMM Leader and attended by ASEAN Ministers of Defence, representatives, as well as the Secretary General of ASEAN.

The 5th ADMM adopted ADMM Three-Year Work Programme 2011-2013, Concept Paper on the Establishment of ASEAN Peacekeeping Centre Network (APCN), and Concept Paper on Establishing ASEAN Defence Industry Collaboration (ADIC). The establishment of ASEAN Peacekeeping Centres Network is aimed to promote and enhance cooperation among defence and armed forces within AMS through sharing experiences, expertise, and other related capacities in peacekeeping. Meanwhile, ADIC is a major milestone for participating AMS towards creating a coordinated defence industrial and technological base in the region.



The 5th ADMM group photo



At the sidelines of the 5th ADMM, the Ministers of Defence and representatives paid a courtesy call to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Indonesia, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono at the Indonesian Presidential Palace.

The Ministers of Defence and representatives signed the Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Strengthening Defence Cooperation of ASEAN in the Global Community to Face New Challenges, which among others, agreed to strengthen regional defence and security cooperation among AMS through concrete and practical cooperation to address defence and security issues and support the establishment of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) as platforms for practical cooperation between ASEAN and the

Plus Countries to strengthen the region's capacity and effectiveness in addressing common security challenges.

At the sidelines of the 5th ADMM, ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives had separate informal meetings with China and the United States to discuss ways to deepen defence cooperation. The informal meetings were the first of its kind to be conducted between ASEAN Member States and its Dialogue Partners in the ADMM-Plus.



During the 5th ADMM, Ministers and representatives' spouses had an opportunity to visit the Bogor Presidential Palace, where the President and his family live, as part of the Ladies Programme.



During the Gala Dinner, Minister Purnomo presented to Brunei Darussalam's representative a caricature of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam as a souvenir.



His Excellency Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro, the then Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia hosted a Gala Dinner during the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat (ADMM Retreat) on 24 October 2011 in Nusa Dua, Bali.

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The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting

Phnom Penh, Kingdom of Cambodia, 29 May 2012



The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (6th ADMM) on 29 May 2012, Phnom Penh, Cambodia



CAMBODIA 2012

6th ADMM

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA | 29 MAY 2012

“Enhancing ASEAN Community for a Harmonised and Secure ASEAN Community”

The Ministry of National Defence of the Kingdom of Cambodia hosted the 6th ADMM and its related meetings in 2012 for the first time. It was a historic and memorable event for the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces (RCAF) to chair the defence ministerial meeting since Cambodia’s accession to ASEAN in 1999. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency General Tea Banh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence.

The 6th ADMM adopted Concept Paper on the Review of Frequency of the ADMM-Plus Meetings, an important

document that shortened the interval of the ADMM-Plus Meetings. As reflected in the new interval of meetings, the ADMM-Plus would meet every two years from 2013 onwards as compared to once every three years previously. ASEAN decided to further intensify their engagement with the Plus Countries as it provides a platform for dialogue and consultation at the ministerial level in the areas of peace, security, and stability in the region. Nonetheless, the Ministers and representatives continued to reiterate the importance of maintaining ASEAN Centrality within the ADMM-Plus process.

ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives also signed the Joint Declaration on Enhancing ASEAN Unity for a Harmonised and Secure Community. The Joint Declaration highlighted the progress achieved by the ADMM and the ADMM-Plus in recent years as well as various areas in which cooperation could be enhanced. The Joint Declaration supported the 1st Meeting on the Establishment of APCN co-hosted by Indonesia and Thailand in Thailand in 2012 and the conduct of the combined exercise of ADMM-Plus HADR/Military Medicine in Brunei Darussalam in 2013, as the ADMM and ADMM-Plus initiatives respectively.

At the sidelines of the 6th ADMM, ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives, as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN also attended the ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting.

In the same year, the ADMM Retreat was conducted on 16 November 2012 in the historical city of Siem Reap. During the Retreat, ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives expressed their satisfaction of the ADMM's achievements in the past six years and agreed to accelerate the full realisation of the APSC Blueprint and to pursue more robust efforts on shaping and sharing of norms in future ADMM cooperation. The ADMM is a showcase of ASEAN's four and a half decades of successful confidence-building which has led to a greater level of understanding and cooperation among the defence establishments of the AMS.

At the sidelines of the Retreat, the ASEAN Defence Ministers and representative as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN had an informal meeting with the United States. Cambodia's chairmanship was concluded with the handover of the chairmanship of the ADMM to Brunei Darussalam.



ADMM Retreat on 16 November 2012, Siem Reap, Cambodia



Courtesy Call on Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister



6th ADMM Joint Declaration Signing Ceremony



ASEAN Defence Ministers and Representative group photo with His Majesty Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Ministers' Office during an Audience



7th ADMM

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM | 6-8 MAY 2013

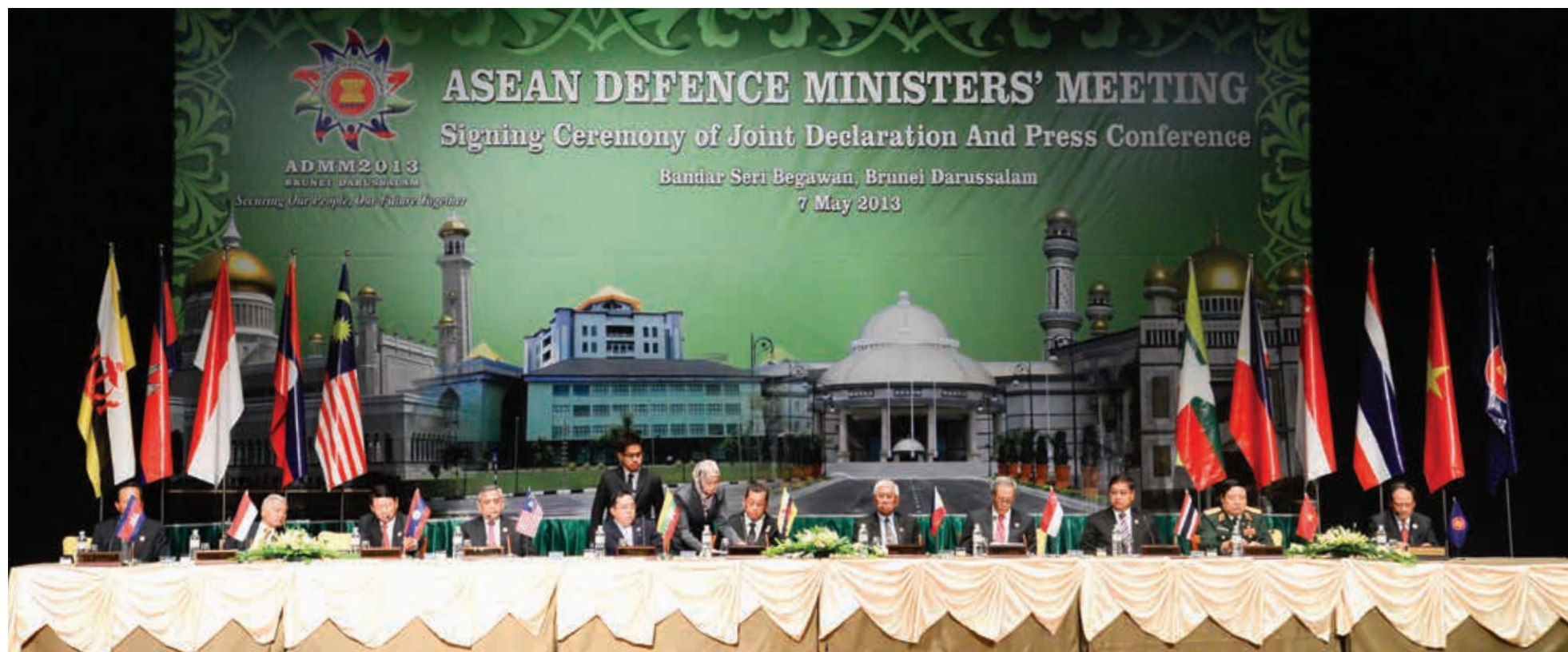
“Securing Our People, Our Future Together”

In 2013, Brunei Darussalam as the Chair of ASEAN, had the privilege to Chair the ADMM and ADMM-Plus for the first time since their establishment in 2006 and 2010 respectively. The 7th ADMM was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam on 7 May 2013. The Meeting was chaired by Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohammad Yasmin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister’s Office, Brunei Darussalam as appointed Chairman of the 7th ADMM.

The 7th ADMM adopted four Concept Papers of the new initiatives of the ADMM and ADMM-Plus. This includes two initiatives by Brunei Darussalam for the ADMM, notably Concept Paper on Establishing

ASEAN Defence Interaction Programmes that aims to bring junior defence and military officials together in promoting understanding, and Concept Paper on the Establishment of Logistics Support Framework that serves as guidelines to existing and future cooperation in non-traditional security challenges to include but not limited to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), search and rescue (SAR), peacekeeping operations (PKO), and anti-piracy.

The Brunei Darussalam Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers: “Securing Our People, Our Future Together” which was adopted by the 7th ADMM, declared to further strengthen and intensify the ADMM’s efforts in support of a cohesive, peaceful



Signing Ceremony of the 7th ADMM Declaration and Press Conference held on 7 May 2013



ASEAN Way Group Photo of the 7th ADMM

resilient ASEAN Political Community through concrete and action-oriented measure as well as to promote awareness of ASEAN identity within defence and military establishments.

Under Brunei Darussalam's stewardship, the 2nd ADMM-Plus adopted Concept Paper on the Establishment of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Humanitarian Mine Action which brings the number of EWGs to a total of six (6). In further streamlining the processes with ADMM-Plus, the ADMM also adopted Concept Paper on the Transition of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group Co-Chairmanship which facilitates a smooth transition of ADMM-Plus EWGs co-chairmanship to keep up the positive momentum of practical cooperation. The 2nd ADMM-Plus also adopted the Bandar Seri Begawan Joint Declaration on the Second ADMM-Plus. The Declaration aspires to, amongst others, work towards enhancing regional capacity and joint capabilities in addressing defence and security challenges of mutual interest by promoting capacity-building through greater engagements and interactions, enhancing interoperability through training and exercises, and establishing mechanisms for effective response.

This was illustrated with the successful hosting of the ADMM-Plus HADR and Military Medicine (MM) Exercise, a joint exercise which elevated practical defence cooperation between AMS and Plus Countries. The full support given by

all 18 ADMM-Plus Countries in ensuring the success of the Exercise underscored the importance of the ADMM-Plus as a platform for defence cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The ADMM Retreat was held on 28 August 2013 prior to the conduct of the 2nd ADMM-Plus. At the Retreat, the ASEAN Defence Ministers and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN had extensive discussions on the prevailing regional and international defence and security issues. The Ministers also agreed to enhance confidence building measures by developing practical measures, such as open lines of communications, to reduce miscalculations and misunderstanding, particularly with regard to incidents at sea.

At the sidelines of the ADMM Retreat, an ASEAN-United States Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was conducted and chaired by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Singamanteri Colonel (Rtd) Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Awang Haji Mohd Yasmin bin Haji Umar, Minister of Energy at the Prime Minister's Office. The United States Secretary of Defense, the Honourable Charles Timothy Hagel, attended the Meeting alongside other ASEAN Defence Ministers. The Informal Meeting reaffirmed commitment to maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and reiterated the ADMM-Plus as the platform to strengthen their defence cooperation and engagement.



Delegates of the 7th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat (ADMM Retreat), Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, 28 August 2013.



Group Photo of the ADMM-Plus



His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam with ADMM and ADMM-Plus armed forces personnel during the first joint multi-national exercises of ADMM-Plus on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief and Military Medicine in 2013.



ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives in a group photo at 8th ADMM, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 2014.



8th ADMM

NAY PYI TAW, MYANMAR | 19 -21 MAY 2014

“Defence Cooperation towards Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN Community”

On 20 May 2014, the 8th ADMM was convened in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Meeting was chaired by Lieutenant General Wai Lwin, Union Minister for Defence of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and attended by the Defence Ministers and representatives from AMS and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The 8th ADMM adopted the ADMM Three-Year Work Programme 2014-2016, Concept Paper on Establishing ASEAN Direct Communications Link, and the Additional Protocol to the Concept Papers for the Establishment of an ADMM and the ADMM-Plus, for future defence cooperation in the region. ASEAN

Defence Ministers and representatives also signed the Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers titled “Defence Cooperation Towards Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN Community” in keeping with the goals of a cohesive, peaceful, and resilient region with shared responsibility for comprehensive security.

At the sidelines of the 8th ADMM, an ASEAN-China Defence Ministers’ Informal Meeting was held on 20 May 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw. The Meeting was attended by ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives and Chinese State Councilor and Minister of National Defence.

In addition, ASEAN Defence Ministers, representatives and the Secretary-General of ASEAN attended an ASEAN-United States Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting on 3 April 2014 to discuss a wide range of security issues, mainly HADR.

Furthermore, the ADMM Retreat and an ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting were convened on 19 November and 20 November 2014 in Bagan, respectively. During the Meetings, the Ministers and representatives not only shared views on the regional security, stability, and peace including the growing number of non-traditional threats in the Asia-Pacific region, but also reaffirmed to implement the decisions of the ADMM. Defence Ministers and representatives also witnessed the handover of the chairmanship of the ADMM to the Defence Minister of Malaysia.



The 8th ADMM in session at Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 2014.



Signing Ceremony on 8th ADMM Joint Declaration by ASEAN Defence Ministers and representative at 8th ADMM



Handover of the 8th ADMM Joint Declaration to ASEAN Secretariat



Group photo of the ADMM Retreat held 19 November 2014



ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held on 20 May 2014



His Excellency Lieutenant General Wai Lwin, Union Minister for Defence of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and The Honourable Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, Minister of Defence Malaysia at the Handover Ceremony.



9th ADMM

LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA | 15-17 MARCH 2015

“ASEAN: Maintaining Regional Security and Stability for the People”

On 16 March 2015, the 9th ADMM was held in Langkawi, Malaysia. The Meeting was chaired by The Honourable Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence of Malaysia. The Meeting was also convened back-to-back with the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2015 (LIMA '15) which was held from 17 to 25 March 2015.

The 9th ADMM adopted the Guideline to the Request for Informal Engagements or Meetings by the ADMM-Plus Countries, which serves to provide a modality for informal engagements with individual Plus Countries in view of the proliferation of requests for such engagements in past years. The Meeting also approved new initiatives including the ASEAN Militaries Ready Group (AMRG) on HADR by Malaysia, which aims to form a group of ASEAN militaries for quick deployment

to disaster area under a single ASEAN banner, and the ASEAN Center of Military Medicine (ACMM) by Thailand which aims to promote cooperation among military medical services of ADMM-Plus Countries through the formation of a centre to facilitate coordination.

The 9th ADMM further adopted the Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Maintaining Regional Security and Stability for and by the People, highlighting the importance to strengthen and sustain ASEAN integration and community building towards the creation of a people-centred and people-oriented ASEAN, and the further need to develop ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision, including the ADMM and ADMM-Plus' inputs to chart ASEAN's ongoing efforts for regional integration.



The 9th ADMM was held in Langkawi, Malaysia in March 2015



ASEAN Defence Ministers and representative signing the Joint Declaration at the conclusion of the 9th ADMM, March 2015



The Honourable Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence Malaysia, chaired the 9th ADMM in Langkawi, Malaysia in March 2015.



The Honourable Dato' Seri Hishammuddin bin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence Malaysia, during the Press Conference after signing the Joint Declaration of the 9th ADMM.



ASEAN Defence Ministers and representative pose for a photograph after signing the Joint Declaration of the 9th ADMM.

The Meeting expressed concerns on the rise of terrorism and radicalisation, as well as condemned the brutalities committed by terrorist groups. The Meeting agreed that regional cooperation is important in tackling terrorism as it is a transnational problem, and for the ADMM to explore ways to combat terrorism in the region. Among ways suggested to improve cooperation in countering terrorism and extremism are through information-sharing, surveillance, and promoting awareness among the public.

The Meeting also reaffirmed its commitment to enhance practical cooperation in countering non-

traditional and transnational security concerns, as well as to strengthen constructive ties among AMS and Plus Countries to contribute to regional peace and security.

During Malaysia's Chairmanship of the ADMM, Defence Ministers and representatives as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN also attended an ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting on 16 October 2015 to discuss regional security issues including maritime security, counter-terrorism (CT), and cyber security.



10th ADMM Group Photo at National Convention Centre on 25 May 2016



28th and 29th ASEAN SUMMITS

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Chairmanship
2016
Turning Vision into Reality for a Dynamic ASEAN Community

10th ADMM

VIENTIANE, LAO PDR | 24-27 MAY 2016

“Promoting Defence Cooperation for a Dynamic ASEAN Community”

Since the inauguration of the ADMM in 2006, Lao PDR has demonstrated its active engagement in ASEAN, particularly through its Chairmanship of the ADMM in 2016, which coincides with the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the ADMM.

The 10th ADMM adopted the Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Militaries Ready Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Terms of Reference of the ASEAN Centre of Military Medicine (ACMM) and Concept Paper on the Establishment of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Cyber Security. The Meeting also adopted the Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Promoting Defence Cooperation for a Dynamic ASEAN Community which highlighted the formal establishment of the ASEAN Community 2015 on 31 December 2015.

In commemoration of the ADMM historic milestone, a number of activities were organised to reflect the achievements made since its inception in 2006. For example, the ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN together planted ADMM commemorative trees at Kaysone Phomvihanh Academy of National Defence (KPAND), a leading military educational institution in the Lao PDR. A showcase exhibiting the work accomplished by ADMM throughout the course of ten years was also set up at the Lao People's Army Museum where the public can visit and explore the journey of ADMM development. In addition, a commemorative book entitled 'ADMM and ADMM-Plus Concept Papers, Joint Declarations and Related Papers 2006-2016' compiling previously adopted documents were published and provided to all AMS.



ASEAN Defence Ministers and ASEAN Secretary General paid the courtesy call on Prime Minister of Lao PDR, His Excellency Thongloun Sisoulith on 25 May 2016

At the sidelines of the 10th ADMM, ASEAN Defence Ministers, representatives as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN attended an ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held on 25 May 2016. The Meeting discussed ways to further enhance and deepen ASEAN and China cooperation in defence as well as security issues including counter-terrorism, maritime security and border management.

An ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was also held in Vientiane on 16 November 2016 during which Japan announced the Vientiane Vision, which serves as a guiding principle for Japan's defence cooperation with AMS.



ASEAN Defence Ministers, representative and ASEAN Secretary General planted ADMM trees at Kaysone Phomvihanh Academy of National Defence on 26 May 2016



Commemoration Ceremony of ADMM at Lao People's Army Museum on 26 May 2016.



Opening Ceremony of ADMM Gallery at Lao People's Army Museum on 26 May 2016



11th ADMM

CLARK, PAMPANGA, PHILIPPINES
23 OCTOBER 2017

“Partnering for Change, Engaging the World”

The 11th ADMM and 4th ADMM-Plus were held back-to-back in Clark, Pampanga, Philippines from 23 to 24 October 2017. The Meetings were chaired by His Excellency Delfin N. Lorenzana, Philippine Secretary of National Defense of the Republic of the Philippines and attended by ASEAN Defence Ministers, representatives and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The 11th ADMM adopted ten (10) documents: ADMM Three-Year Work Programme (2017-2019), Concept

Paper on ADMM and ADMM-Plus Initiatives, Concept Paper on Guidelines for Maritime Interaction, Principles for ADMM-wide Education and Training Exchanges, Concept Paper on Streamlining ADMM-Plus EWGs, Guidelines regarding the Conduct of ADMM’s Informal Engagements or Meetings with Plus Countries, 2nd Additional Protocol to the Concept Papers on the Establishment of the ADMM and ADMM-Plus, Concept Paper on Linkages between ADMM and the Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI), Concept Paper on



Special Breakfast Meeting on Countering Violent Extremism, Radicalization, and Terrorism among ASEAN Defence Ministers and Representative, 23 October 2017.



11th ADMM Family Photo, 23 October 2017



Handover of the 11th ADMM Joint Declaration by the Chair, Defence Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana, to the ASEAN Secretary-General, His Excellency Le Luong Minh, 23 October 2017, ASEAN Convention Center

the Annualisation of the ADMM-Plus, and Concept Paper on Guidelines on Air Encounters between Military Aircraft. ASEAN Defence Ministers and representative also adopted Joint Statement of Special ADMM on CVE, Radicalization and Terrorism, Clark, the Philippines, 23 October 2017 and Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Partnering for Change, Engaging the World which reflects the endeavours of the ADMM to include statements on the recent developments in defence and security in the region. The number of substantive documents is a first in the eleven (11) years of the ADMM and seven (7) years of the ADMM-Plus.

Following this, His Excellency Delfin N. Lorenzana, Philippines Secretary of National Defence presented three ADMM-related books to the Secretary-General of ASEAN, namely: “The ADMM and ADMM-Plus in 2017: A Reader of PH Contributions”, which contains the outcome documents initiated by the Philippines; “Perspectives on Defence and Security”, which is a collection of the Secretary of National Defence’s presentations and remarks reflecting the Department of National Defense’s (DND’s) thrusts and strategic priorities; and “Security Community Building: From Dialogue to Practical Cooperation”, which is a collection of essays providing a framework for analysing defence and security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific through regional institutions, particularly the ARF, the ADMM, and the ADMM-Plus.



ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting, 23 October 2017, ASEAN Convention Center

Meanwhile, the 4th ADMM-Plus Leaders shared their views on regional and international defence and security issues. It was also announced that starting 2018, the ADMM-Plus will be convened annually. The ASEAN Direct Communications Infrastructure Phase I was also launched at the 4th ADMM-Plus.

At the sidelines of the 11th ADMM and 4th ADMM-Plus, Informal meetings between the ASEAN Defence Ministers, representatives and the Defence Ministers of the United States, Japan, and China were also convened separately. It may be noted that this is the first time that the ADMM initiated an invitation to convene an informal meeting with a Plus Country, which is the US, in line with the principles of the Guidelines regarding the Conduct of ADMM's Informal Engagements of Meetings with Plus Countries.



ASEAN-US Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting, 23 October 2017, ASEAN Convention Center



ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting, 23 October 2017, ASEAN Convention Center



The launching of ASEAN Direct Communications Infrastructure (ADI) Phase 1 during the 4th ADMM-Plus



5TH ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING-PLUS

Strengthening Cooperation, Building Resilience

20 OCTOBER 2018
SINGAPORE



A Group Photo of the 5th ADMM-Plus held on 20 October 2018



12th ADMM

SINGAPORE | 19 OCTOBER 2018

“Strengthening Cooperation, Building Resilience”

The 12th ADMM and 5th ADMM-Plus were held in Singapore from 19 to 20 October 2018. The Meetings were chaired by Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Singapore and attended by Defence Ministers of all 10 AMS and 8 Plus Countries as well as the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The 12th ADMM adopted the Guidelines for Air Military Encounters (GAME), the world’s first multilateral confidence-building measure of its kind for air encounters between military aircraft. The guidelines enhance aviation safety, reduce miscalculations, and build trust and confidence in the region. The 12th ADMM also adopted Indonesia’s Concept Paper on “Our Eyes” Initiative as a regional CT information-sharing platform. The Meeting approved the establishment of a Network of ASEAN CBR Defence Experts the ADMM,

a platform for sharing best practices, form professional linkages, and facilitate mutual assistance in response to a CBR incident in an effort to enhance ASEAN’s collective resilience against chemical, biological and radiological (CBR) threats. The 12th ADMM also approved the conduct of a one-off ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise in 2019.

Meanwhile, the 5th ADMM-Plus adopted a Joint Statement on Practical Confidence-Building Measures, reinforcing the ADMM-Plus’ commitment to strengthening confidence-building measures and practical cooperation through the seven EWG to maintain regional peace and stability.

At the sidelines of the 12th ADMM and 5th ADMM-Plus, an ASEAN-US Defence Ministers’ Informal Meeting was held on 19 October 2018 during which US Secretary of Defense

James Mattis welcomed the conduct of the inaugural ASEAN-US Maritime Exercise in 2019. An ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was held over breakfast preceding the conduct of the 5th ADMM-Plus on 20 October 2018. During the Meeting, His Excellency Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Defense Japan, stated that Japan will be working on supporting the enhancement of interoperability among defence authorities in the region and promoting even more practical defence cooperation between Japan and ASEAN.

In that year, an ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was convened twice, first at the sidelines of the ADMM Retreat on 6 February and the second at the sidelines of the 12th ADMM and 5th ADMM-Plus in October. During the first Meeting in that year, the ADMM's approval for the conduct of the ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise was conveyed to China. At the second iteration in that year, ASEAN-China discussed ways to build closer ties between the two sides.

Under Singapore's stewardship, the ADMM also made significant headway in practical cooperation with the Plus Countries. The ADMM-Plus militaries actively engaged in multilateral exercises and cooperation across the seven EWG domains in 2018, which culminated in five field-training exercises in 2019. AMS' militaries also participated in the ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise held in Zhanjiang in October 2018, one week after the ADMM and ADMM-Plus. The Exercise focused on maritime safety, including the practice of the Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea (CUES), SAR, and medical evacuation.

Singapore's successful chairmanship was made possible due to the strong support by all AMS. Together, ASEAN made progress in enhancing practical cooperation, strengthening collective capacity to respond to a wide range of security challenges and anchored the role of the ADMM and ADMM-Plus as a key tenet of the regional security architecture.

19 OCTOBER 2018
SINGAPORE



Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence, Singapore (standing, left) presenting the signed Joint Declaration to the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Political-Security Community Dr Hoang Anh Tuan.



The ASEAN-US Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was held over lunch and co-chaired by His Excellency Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence, Singapore, and The Honourable James Norman Mattis (centre, in purple tie), U.S. Secretary of Defence on 19 October 2018.



Dr Ng Eng Hen, Minister for Defence Singapore, and His Excellency General Wei Fenghe, State Councilor and Minister of National Defence, at the ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting on 19 October. In his first meeting with the ASEAN Defence Ministers, General Wei said that China was committed to building closer ties with ASEAN.



Representatives from the ASEAN and China navies during the closing ceremony of the ASEAN-China Maritime Exercise in Zhanjiang, China, in October 2018.



ADMM-Plus militaries conducting drills as part of the EWG on Maritime Security Field Training Exercise in May 2019.



ASEAN
THAILAND 2019
ADVANCING PARTNERSHIP
FOR SUSTAINABILITY

13th ADMM

BANGKOK, THAILAND | 11 JULY 2019

“Sustainable Security”

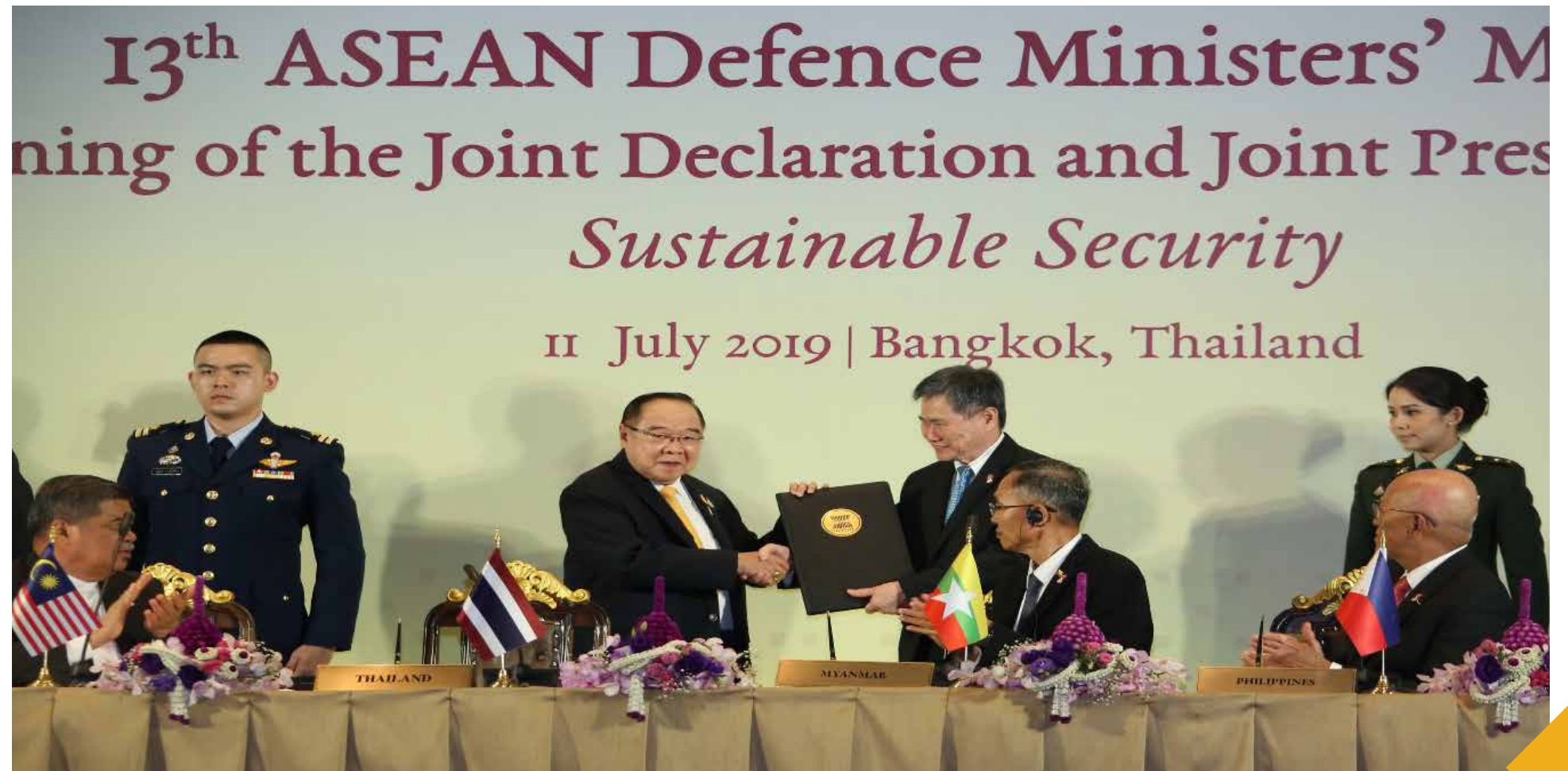
The 13th ADMM was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 11 July 2019. The Meeting was chaired by General Prawit Wongsuwon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Thailand and attended by the Ministers of Defence of ASEAN and the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The 13th ADMM adopted Concept Paper on Guidelines for Assessment of ADMM Initiatives, Concept Paper on the Role of ASEAN Defence Establishments in Supporting Border Management, Concept Paper on the Expansion of the ASEAN Direct Communications Infrastructure in the ADMM Process to the Plus Countries, Terms of Reference of ASEAN Our Eyes, Concept Paper on Establishment of ASEAN Military Medicine Conference and ADMM Guidelines for Maritime Interaction. The Ministers also signed the

13th ADMM Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Sustainable Security which reflected the commitment of the ADMM to the promotion of sustainable security through strengthening, consolidating, and optimising defence cooperation as well as supporting cross-pillar and cross-sectoral activities in response to non-traditional and transnational security threats in the region that leaves no one behind, while upholding ASEAN Centrality. The Joint Declaration captures the development of defence cooperation and new initiatives adopted at the Meeting including, the inclusion of the ACMM as a subsidiary body under the ADSOM in Annex 1 of the ASEAN Charter, and discussion on security implications and the role of defence establishments in combating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing.



13th ADMM, Bangkok, Thailand, 11 July 2019.



Handover of the 13th Joint Declaration to the Secretary-General of ASEAN.

Under Thailand's Chairmanship, the 6th ADMM-Plus was held in Bangkok on 18 November 2019. The Meeting adopted the Joint Statement by the ADMM-Plus Defence Ministers on Advancing Partnership for Sustainable Security which reflected the commitment of the ADMM-Plus Defence Ministers to the maintenance of regional peace, stability, and security as well as advancing partnership in order to effectively respond to regional security threats in a sustainable manner, particularly through the ADMM-Plus EWGs and ASEAN-led mechanisms based on mutual trust, mutual respect, and mutual benefits.

Prior to the 6th ADMM-Plus, ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was convened on 17 November 2019 to exchange views under the theme of "Review given efforts and discuss how to further collaboration to enhance the regional security". An ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was also convened on the same day. During the Meeting, the Defence Ministers pledged to further strengthen defence cooperation to safeguard regional stability. In addition, an ASEAN-US Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was also held to explore ways to promote information sharing and enhance cooperation non-traditional security issues.



6th ADMM-Plus, Bangkok, Thailand, 18 November 2019.



ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting convened on 17 November 2019.



ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held on 17 November 2019.



ASEAN-US Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held on 17 November 2019.



The ADMM Retreat on 19 February 2020.



14th ADMM

HANOI, VIET NAM | 2020

“Defence Cooperation for A Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN”

The Ministry of National Defence of Viet Nam had the honour to chair the ADMM and ADMM-Plus for the second time in 2020 amid the outbreak of COVID-19.

The ADMM Retreat, the first meeting of ASEAN defence ministers in the year 2020, chaired by General Ngo Xuan Lich, Minister of National Defence of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, was held in Ha Noi on 19 February 2020, when the COVID-19 outbreak was still in its early stage. Cognisant of the gravity of the health crisis, the Meeting issued the Joint Statement by the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Defence Cooperation Against Disease Outbreaks to underscore the commitment to

mobilise the defence sector’s resources in coping with the pandemic.

At the sidelines of the Retreat, ASEAN-Australia Defence Ministers’ Informal Meeting was held for the first time to discuss ways to boost defence cooperation between Australia and ASEAN.

The 14th ADMM and the 7th ADMM-Plus were held back-to-back on 9 and 10 December 2020 respectively, via video teleconference. The virtual conduct took into consideration the ongoing situation on the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 14th ADMM adopted the Three-Year Work Programme 2020-2022, Concept Paper on the ASEAN Flag to be Displayed Next to the National Flag at the Compound of ASEAN Member State's Military Units Participating in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, Concept Paper on Developing the Linkage between the ADMM and the ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Meeting, and Concept Paper on Enhancing the Defence Attaché Post among ASEAN Member States as well as two standard operating procedures (SOPs) of the ASEAN Our Eyes and the AMRG on HADR. In addition, the Meeting adopted Joint Declaration of the ASEAN Defence Ministers on Strengthening ASEAN Defence Cooperation for Stability and Development of the Region which affirms the determination by ASEAN defence sectoral to cooperate and collaborate among AMS as well as between ASEAN and its partners outside the region in response to emerging non-traditional security challenges.

To showcase the excellent work of the ADMM and the ADMM-Plus and to promote understanding on ASEAN defence sector, Viet Nam organised an informal interface between the ADMM and the Guests of the Chair, namely, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the United

Nations, on 9 December 2020. Despite the currently limited engagement with the ASEAN defence sector, the Guests highlighted several commonalities: shared values on multilateralism, security concerns, and regional stability interests. This meeting was held as a one-off activity at the discretion of the Chair.

The 7th ADMM-Plus held on 10 December 2020 adopted the Joint Declaration by the ADMM-Plus Defence Ministers on Strategic Security Vision of the ADMM-Plus which affirms that the ADMM-Plus has remained open and inclusive, where cooperation is based on mutual respect. It marked the first time that the ADMM and ADMM-Plus signed the Joint Declarations in a virtual format.

At the sidelines of the 14th ADMM/7th ADMM-Plus, ASEAN Defence Ministers and the Secretary-General of ASEAN attended an ASEAN-US Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting on 9 December 2020 to exchange of views of security challenges in the region. An ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting then followed, to review past efforts and further cooperation to contribute to regional security. An ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was also held to discuss cooperation between ASEAN and China on COVID-19.



ASEAN-Australia Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held on the sidelines of ADMM Retreat on 19 February 2020



The 14th ADMM was held virtually on 09 December 2020.



The 7th ADMM-Plus was held virtually on 10 December 2020.



The 10th Anniversary of the Founding of the ADMM-Plus.



ASEAN-Japan Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting held on 10 December 2020.



Handover of ADMM Chairmanship to Brunei Darussalam

The year 2020 was also a special year for defence cooperation in ASEAN, especially with its Dialogue Partners, as it marked the 10th anniversary of the founding of the ADMM-Plus. A commemorative event was organised on 10 December 2020 to celebrate this milestone, which included a one-off “Guests of the Chair” session to further grace the event

A handover ceremony was held virtually following the conclusion of the 7th ADMM-Plus which oversaw the official handover to Brunei Darussalam as Chair of the ADMM in

2021. Present to receive the Chairmanship token on behalf of Brunei Darussalam was His Excellency Pengiran Haji Sahari bin Pengiran Haji Salleh, Brunei Darussalam Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

With the solidarity, support, and assistance of Member States, partners and friends of ASEAN, the ASEAN defence sector as part of the ASEAN Political-Security Community had sustained the momentum of cooperation amidst the challenging time of the COVID-19 crisis, for a Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN.



15th ADMM

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM | 15 JUNE 2021

“We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper”

In 2021, Brunei Darussalam as the Chair of ASEAN, had the privilege to Chair the ADMM and ADMM-Plus for the second time since their establishment in 2006 and 2010 respectively. The 15th ADMM was held virtually on 15 June 2021 marking the second time the Meeting was held by virtual means. The Meeting was chaired by Yang Berhormat Pehin Datu Lailaraja Major General (Rtd) Dato Paduka Seri Haji Awang Halbi bin Haji Mohd Yussof, Second Minister of Defence, in his capacity as Brunei Darussalam ADMM Leader.

The 15th ADMM agreed on the adoption of eight (8) new and revised Concept and Discussion Papers and one (1) SOP. Amongst adopted were papers championed by Brunei Darussalam, namely Stocktaking Paper on the ADMM and ADMM-Plus with an intended outcome to deliver a strategy for the future of the

ADMM; Concept Paper on Enhancing Usage of the ASEAN Direct Communications Infrastructure (ADI) as Defence Communications Architecture that lays out a proposed conceptual framework for ADI Phase 2 usage; and revisions to the Concept Paper on ADIP to ensure its sustainability in the coming years.

The Meeting also adopted the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration in Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the ADMM Towards A Future-Ready, Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN, which among others, underscored the resolve to intensify efforts to promote a caring, future-ready, and prosperous ASEAN through the pursuit of practical cooperation that contributes to ASEAN's capacity and unity to effectively prepare for current and future security challenges and agreed on the annual convening of the ADMM-Plus.



Virtual group photo of the 15th ADMM



Adoption of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration in Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the ADMM Towards A Future-Ready, Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN by the 15th ADMM

Further to this, the 8th ADMM-Plus Meeting also agreed to issue the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration by the ADMM-Plus in Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the ADMM on Promoting a Future-Ready, Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN, lays out the commitment of the ADMM-Plus as one of the main defence platforms in support of AMS' capacity and preparedness to address current and emerging challenges.

An ASEAN-China Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was also held at the sidelines of the 15th ADMM in June which highlighted the 30 years of ASEAN-China Dialogue Partnership and shared views on regional security challenges.



Virtual group photo of the 8th ADMM-Plus



Adoption of the Bandar Seri Begawan Declaration by the ADMM-Plus in Commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of the ADMM Towards A Future-Ready, Peaceful and Prosperous ASEAN

ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat



Under Brunei Darussalam's stewardship of ADMM and its related meetings, Brunei Darussalam also hosted the ADMM Retreat on 10 November 2021 that provides an opportunity for the defence ministers to share perspectives on the regional security environment and in this context, ensuring that the ADMM remains prepared and future ready in years to come.

At the sidelines of the ADMM Retreat, for the first time, ASEAN-Republic of Korea Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was also held to discuss ASEAN-ROK cooperation in non-traditional security issues such as maritime security, disaster relief, cyber security and peacekeeping. As well as this, an ASEAN-Australia Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting was held to deliberate on the future direction of ASEAN-Australia partnership.



The Inaugural ASEAN-Republic of Korea Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting



The ASEAN-Australia Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting

Handover Ceremony of the ADMM Chairmanship 2022 to The Kingdom of Cambodia





ASEAN Defence Ministers and representatives pose for a final group photograph during the Handover Ceremony of the ADMM Chairmanship 2022 to the Kingdom of Cambodia

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