



**The 16th Ministerial Meeting of the
ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)
28 August 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

Joint Media Statement

1. The 16th Ministerial Meeting on the ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) was held on 28 August 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar and chaired by H.E. Dr. Kan Zaw, Union Minister of National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar.
2. The Ministers noted the progress made in implementing the identified projects for sustainable development of the Mekong Basin. Twenty-two projects have been initiated, covering eight areas including infrastructure, trade and investment, agriculture, forestry and minerals, industry, tourism, human resource development as well as science and technology, with estimated aggregated cost of US\$338.8 million. Projects that have been completed included studies on ASEAN highway network and inland freight development, ASEAN Interconnection Master Plan (ASEAN power grid) and Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL) feasibility; as well as human resource development on ground water resources management and geographic information system for forestry personnel.
3. The Ministers discussed the progress of AMBDC's flagship project, SKRL Project, which includes the rehabilitation of existing railways, construction of border bridges, feasibility studies for the construction of missing links in ASEAN Member States. The Ministers were pleased with the timely implementation of SKRL sections from Singapore to Phnom Penh, and underscored the urgency for technical and financial assistance for the remaining segments.
4. The ASEAN Ministers expressed their sincere appreciation to the Chinese government for her active participation and continued support in the development of the ASEAN-Mekong Basin. The Chinese government, through the provincial governments bordering ASEAN Member States, have also undertaken numerous cooperation projects in the fields of transportation, power, telecommunications, environment, agriculture, human resource development, health, tourism, trade facilitation and investment.
5. The Ministers acknowledged the importance of resources mobilisation for the timely conclusion of the identified projects under AMBDC. The Ministers agreed to explore collaboration between AMBDC and other development partners in implementing the identified projects.

LIST OF MINISTERS

1. **Dato Lim Jock Hoi**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Brunei Darussalam (representing The Hon. PehinDato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Brunei Darussalam)
2. **H.E. Sun Chanthol**, Senior Minister and Minister of Commerce, Cambodia
3. **H.E. He Lifeng**, Vice Chairman, National Development and Reform Commission, People's Republic of China.
4. **Mr. Iman Pambagyo**, Indonesian Ambassador to the WTO (representing H.E. Muhammad Lutfi, Minister of Trade, Indonesia)
5. **H.E. Mrs. Khemmani Pholsena**, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR
6. **Datuk Dr. Rebecca Fatima Sta. Maria**, Secretary General of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia (representing H.E. Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Malaysia)
7. **H.E. Dr. Kan Zaw**, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development, Myanmar
8. **Mr. Angelo Salvador M. Benedictos**, Assistant Director, Bureau of International Trade Relations, Department of Trade and Industry, the Philippines (representing H.E. Gregory L. Domingo, Secretary of Trade and Industry, the Philippines)
9. **Ms. Sulaimah Mahmood**, Director, ASEAN Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore (representing H.E. Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore)
10. **H.E. Ms. Chutima Bunyapraphasara**, Permanent Secretary, Acting for the Minister of Commerce, Thailand
11. **H.E. Dr. Vu Huy Hoang**, Minister of Industry and Trade, Viet Nam
12. **H.E. Le Luong Minh**, Secretary-General of ASEAN