



JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE FIRST ASEAN-JAPAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DISASTER
MANAGEMENT (1ST AMMDM PLUS JAPAN)
14 October 2021, via virtual conference

1. The First ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (1st AMMDM Plus Japan) was held on 14 October 2021 via virtual conference, under the co-chairmanship of H.E. K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law of the Republic of Singapore, and H.E. Satoshi Ninoyu, Minister of State for Disaster Management of Japan.

2. We affirm the longstanding relationship between ASEAN and Japan, under the auspices of the ASEAN-Japan Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM Plus Japan), and common objective to achieve substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and assets, and enhance disaster resiliency of our region through joint collaboration and cooperation in disaster management.

3. We upheld the purpose of the AMMDM Plus Japan to provide guidance and strategic directions towards policy dialogue, coordination mechanisms and collaborative programmes to develop mutually beneficial cooperation and partnerships between ASEAN and Japan in the field of disaster management. In this connection, we concurred on and adopted the Terms of References for the AMMDM Plus Japan and the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management Plus Japan (ACDM Plus Japan). We task the ACDM Plus Japan to implement the directives of the AMMDM Plus Japan.

4. We remain committed to intensify coordination between disaster management, through maximizing their contributions in realization of the *ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)*, the *ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN, One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region*, and other commitment such as the *ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management* as well as the *ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025*.

5. We reaffirmed our commitments to the implementation of the Sendai Framework

for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (SFDRR), acknowledging the importance of its Guiding Principles such as reducing underlying disaster risk factors through investment and “Build Back Better” approach. We also reaffirmed our intention to improve information, knowledge, and experience sharing between ASEAN and Japan towards enhancing our capacities in disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and rehabilitation and achieve the framework’s goals.

6. We discussed and concurred that the SFDRR, AADMER and its Work Programme will serve as guides in the operationalization of ASEAN-Japan collaborative work programmes and plans in disaster management. Under these guides, we committed to developing the ASEAN-Japan Work Plan on Disaster Management under the strategic directions set by the AADMER Work Programme 2021 - 2025, which outlines ASEAN-Japan priorities for cooperation and resource mobilization for collaborative initiatives in disaster management, including public-private partnership initiatives.

7. We reiterated the commitment to “*One ASEAN, One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region*” to achieve faster response, mobilise greater resources and establish stronger coordination to support ASEAN’s collective response to disasters.

8. We recalled the “Joint Statement of the 23rd ASEAN-Japan Summit on Cooperation on ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific” and reiterated its commitment to further reinforce ASEAN-Japan Strategic Partnership through enhanced practical cooperation and synergy in the four areas as outlined in the AOIP, including disaster management.

9. We appreciated Japan’s continued support towards the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (AHA Centre) as the operational engine for the AADMER and the primary regional coordinating agency on disaster management and emergency response, including through the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT), the Disaster Emergency Logistics System for ASEAN (DELSA) Project, and the establishment of an Integrated ICT System and the AHA Centre Executive (ACE) Programme for disaster management officials in ASEAN. We task the ACDM Plus Japan to continue to explore possible joint collaboration to support the enhancement of AHA Centre’s capacities and operations in the region.

10. We appreciated Japan’s support for the publication of the “ASEAN Mapping Exercise to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Sectoral Bodies and Entities Associated with ASEAN on Disaster Management” Report, which was launched at the

sidelines of the 1st AMMDM Plus Japan. With this initiative, we are certain that the ACDM-led Joint Task Force to Promote Synergy with Other Relevant ASEAN Bodies on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (JTF on HADR) platform will be revitalized to promote a more holistic whole-of-ASEAN approach to disaster management in addressing increasingly complex disaster scenarios and support the ASEAN Vision 2025 for ASEAN to be the global leader in disaster management.

11. We confirmed that the AMMDM Plus Japan would be held on an annual basis, following the chairmanship of the AMMDM on alphabetical order.

12. Finally, we expressed appreciation to Singapore and Japan for their leadership in the conduct of the inaugural AMMDM Plus Japan, and look forward to Thailand's Chairmanship of the AMMDM and co-Chairmanship of the AMMDM Plus Japan in 2022.