



**JOINT STATEMENT**  
**OF THE FIRST ASEAN-CHINA MINISTERIAL MEETING ON DISASTER**  
**MANAGEMENT (1<sup>ST</sup> AMMDM PLUS CHINA)**  
14 October 2021, via virtual conference

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1. The First ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (1<sup>st</sup> AMMDM Plus China) 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. Huang Ming, Minister for Emergency Management of the People's Republic of China.

2. We affirm the steadfast relationship between ASEAN and China, under the auspices of the ASEAN-China Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM Plus China), and common objective to pursue people-centered development and protection of people's lives as top priorities towards achieving substantial reduction of disaster losses in lives and enhance disaster resiliency of our region through joint collaboration and cooperation in disaster management.

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

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*. We appreciate China's efforts to promote the international and regional networks and

mechanisms in disaster management.

5. We discussed and agree to adopt the ASEAN-China Work Plan on Disaster Management 2021-2025 under the strategic directions set by the AADMER Work Programme 2021 – 2025, which outlines ASEAN-China priorities for cooperation and resource mobilization for collaborative initiatives in disaster management over the next 5 years.

6. 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, mobilize greater resources and establish stronger coordination to support ASEAN’s collective response to disasters. In this connection, we reaffirmed our support to 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. We task the ACDM Plus China to continue to explore possible joint collaboration to support the enhancement of AHA Centre’s capacities and operations in the region.

7. We appreciated China’s support for the publication of the “ASEAN Disaster Resilience Outlook”, which was launched at the sidelines of the 1<sup>st</sup> AMMDM Plus China. We are confident that the publication consolidated best and innovative practices and think-pieces that will contribute towards strengthening ASEAN’s strategy to address new and emerging challenges in building resilience to disasters.

8. We note with appreciation the discussion and development of possible collaborative opportunities between ASEAN and China, including the ASEAN-China Project Arrangements on Disaster Management and China’s proposal on the Establishment of the ASEAN-China Center for Emergency Management Cooperation in Guangxi Province, and look forward to further engagements to develop mutually beneficial joint initiatives.

9. We agreed that the AMMDM Plus China would be held on an annual basis, following the chairmanship of the AMMDM in alphabetical order.

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