

**THE TWELFTH ASEAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA TRANSPORT MINISTERS
MEETING (12th ATM+ROK)**

12 November 2021, Video Conference

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

1. The Twelfth ASEAN and ROK Transport Ministers Meeting (12th ATM+ROK) was held on 12 November 2021 via video conference. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. SUN Chanthol, Senior Minister, Minister of Public Works and Transport of Cambodia and H.E. Mr. Hwang, Seong Kyu, Vice Minister for Transport, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea. The Meeting was preceded by the Thirteenth ASEAN and ROK Senior Transport Officials Meeting (13th STOM+ROK) held on 3 November 2021.
2. The Meeting welcomed the positive outcomes of the 11th ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Forum, which was held on 7 September 2021 via video conference under the theme: “Future Directions for ASEAN Sustainable Transport Policies: Coping with Global Challenges including COVID-19”. The Meeting acknowledged the Forum would foster closer cooperation between ASEAN and ROK in the field of sustainable transport and digital logistics to help restore trade connectivity, support the pandemic recovery, and enhance regional economic resilience in the post COVID-19 era.
3. The Meeting was pleased to note the progress of implementation of the projects and activities under the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap 2021-2025, particularly the implementation of several projects under the human resources development programme, and technology and management programme in 2021. The Meeting further encouraged closer coordination between ASEAN Member States and ROK to implement other transport projects and activities under the Roadmap, as well as to consider the inclusion of future proposed projects from ASEAN Member States.
4. The Meeting welcomed the notable progress on the Pilot Project on the Operationalisation of ASEAN Single Shipping Market (ASSM), particularly the completion of the port documentation survey in three targeted ports, i.e. Johor Port (Malaysia), Davao Port (Philippines) and Singapore Port. The Meeting looked forward to the outcomes of the cost benefit analysis of the three targeted ports in 2022 and urged ASEAN Member States and ROK to strengthen coordination to follow up on the study recommendations thereafter.
5. The Meeting recognised the importance of the ASEAN-ROK Air Services Agreement (AK-ASA) and encouraged the senior officials and relevant working group to continue working closely for the early conclusion of the AK-ASA including a more liberal and mutually beneficial traffic rights exchange to further enhance air connectivity between and beyond ASEAN and ROK.
6. The Thirteenth ATM+ROK Meeting will be held in Indonesia in 2022.