

**THE FIFTH ASEAN-INDIA MINISTERIAL MEETING ON AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTRY**

**16 October 2019
Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam**

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

1. We, the ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry and the Minister of State of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India, held our Fifth ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AIMMAF) on 16 October 2019 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam. The Meeting was Co-chaired by H.E Dato Ali Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam and H.E Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India.
2. We reaffirmed our commitment to contribute towards the vision and priorities of the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity (2016-2020), post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals and related goals of the UN Zero Hunger Challenge. We noted the progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2016-2020), and encouraged both sides to focus on the development and implementation of the four (4) priority projects for 2020, namely :i) climate-smart agriculture, ii) application of robotics and drones in agriculture production and electromagnetic waves in food processing ,iii) promotion of post-harvest technology for fruits and vegetables, and iv) trans boundary diseases and health management for crops, livestock and aquaculture.
3. We agreed to review the implementation of the ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2016-2020) by an independent consultant and looked forward to developing a new Plan of Action for 2021-2025 that will layout priorities and measures to be undertaken by both sides in realizing the full potential of agriculture and forestry cooperation for the next five years.
4. We agreed to meet again at the 6th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry to be held in Cambodia in 2020.
5. We express our sincere appreciation to the Government and People of Brunei Darussalam for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

- i. H.E Dato Ali Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam
- ii. H.E Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- iii. H.E Dr. A. Amran Sulaiman, Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia
- iv. H.E Bounkhouang Khambounheuang, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- v. H.E Datuk Seri Salahuddin bin Ayub, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia
- vi. H.E Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar
- vii. H.E Dr. William D. Dar, Secretary of Agriculture, Philippines
- viii. H.E Dr. Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore
- ix. H.E Ms. Mananya Thaiset, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
- x. H.E Dr. Le Quoc Doanh, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam
- xi. H.E Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India.
- xii. H.E Dato Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary General of ASEAN