



## **Mission Report**

### **ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management 17-8 August 2017 Mandarin Oriental, Singapore**

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#### **B. Background, Description and Objectives of the Activity**

1. The ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue for Disaster Management 2017 was held in Singapore from 17-18 August 2017 at Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Singapore.
2. The ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response is in pursuit of a comprehensive integration of ASEAN toward the realization of open, dynamic and resilient ASEAN Community by 2020.
3. The ASEAN developed the Declaration on Action to Strengthen Emergency Relief, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction and Prevention in the aftermath of the Earthquake, TSUNAMI AND OTHER disasters.
4. The ASEAN has also a Declaration on Mutual Assistance on Natural Disasters which calls all member states to improve management disaster capability.
5. The Dialogue aims to discuss the Roadmap prepared on the ASEAN Disaster Management and Emergency Responses.

#### **C. Participants**

- (1) ) ASEAN Secretariat
- (2) ASEAN member countries
- (3) Singapore Civil Defense Force (SCDF)
- (4) NGOs, IGOs and Other ASEAN partners
- (5) UN ESCAP
- (6) UN OCHOA

## D. Organizer/s

- The ASEAN Secretariat
- The Singapore Civil Defense Force (SCDF)

## E. Highlights of the Activity/Summary Points

The ASEAN Dialogue started promptly at 9:00 am. The Meeting Highlights were:

1. The ASEAN ACDM Chair and Director Hon Mr PRasong Vongkhamchanch of Lao PDR opened the ASEAN Strategic Dialogue.
2. The Guest of Honor, Mr K Shanmugam Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Law in Singapore provided the Opening Remarks.
3. The Sec General of ASEAN also gave a Message to the delegates.
4. The Panel Discussion followed with the discussions on the Strategic Plan of Action has the following priority programmes:
  - a. **Priority NO 1: AWARE-** Risk awareness, and assessment working group – This is composed of ASEAN Risk Vulnerability Assessment Guidelines, which aims to strengthen the ASEAN’s capacity in risk and vulnerability statement. This is composed of the development of Risk Assessment Guidelines, and the use of Phase approach in resourced regional and national action plans
    - Enhanced ASEAN DMRS – this is to improve the availability of data and information on regional risk and vulnerability
    - National risks and profile and risk profiles for most vulnerable subnational regions
    - Formal information sharing agreements and information
  - b. **Priority Programme 2** – Build safety (prevention and mitigation working group)
    - Regional standards for resilient infrastructure
    - Innovative designs of resilient critical infrastructures essential services and community shelters and evaluation
  - c. **Priority Programme 3-** Advance ( Prevention and Mitigation Working Group)
    - Documentation of good practices in strengthening institutional capacity and policy development
    - Capacity building on DRR
  - d. **Priority Programme 4** – PROTECT ( Prevention and Mitigation Working Group)
    - ASEAN DRR Programme
    - Building resilience of SMEs
  - e. **Priority Programme 5:** Respond (Preparedness And Response Working Group)
    - Regional Framework
    - Updated SASOP
    - Operationalization of ONE ASEAN Response

The Dialogue also tackled other issues such as:

1. Leveraging data technology for enhanced disaster preparedness and capability development
2. Collaboration between ASEAN and UNITED Nations in Disaster Management

## F. Follow-up Actions Needed

1. To initiate a working relationship with UNESCO OCHA
2. To work with other ASEAN member countries with strong programmes on DRR
3. To link SEAMEO priority no 3 with ASEAN initiatives.

## G. Appendices/Related Conference Materials and Outputs

- ASEAN Agreement in Disaster Management Response
- ASEAN Annual Report 2016-2017
  - ASEAN- UN Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management

## H. Photo

