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High-Level Dialogue 2

On 24-26 October 2021, ASEAN-China High-level Forum on Green and Sustainable Development & ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Forum 2021 was held in the form of online & offline meetings as part of the ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation. The Forum is sponsored by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China and the People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, supported by ASEAN Secretariat, and jointly hosted by Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center (FECO) of MEE/China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center and Department of Ecology and Environment of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Zhao Yingmin, Vice Minister of Ecology and Environment of the PRC; Lim Jock Hoi, Secretary-General of ASEAN; Phouvong LUANGXAYSANA, Vice Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Lao PDR; and Luo Zhanghua, Deputy Secretary general of People's Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, delivered opening remarks. Zhou Guomei, Director General of the Department of International Cooperation, MEE, moderated the opening ceremony. Li Yonghong, Deputy Director General of China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center/Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, MEE, moderated the High-level Dialogue and gave closing remarks. Representatives from the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, environmental departments of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and other provinces and municipalities, ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN member states, UNEP, UNDP, Stockholm Environment Institute, World Wide Fund for Nature, and businesses, financial and research institutions in China and ASEAN member states, attended the meeting.

With the theme of "Building a Community of Shared Life for Mankind and Nature, Exploring New Pathways for Green Development", the Forum invites experts from the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment of Singapore, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar, UNEP, World Wide Fund for Nature, Stockholm Environment Institute, and Chinese Academy of Sciences to engage in high-level dialogues on "Advancing a New Progress of Biodiversity Governance and Fueling Sustainable Development" and "Jointly Tackling Climate Change and Promoting Green Development". Guests exchanged ideas and shared experience on biodiversity conservation and addressing climate change, providing green and sustainable solutions to address global and regional hotspot environmental issues.

Here is a summary of the remarks on High-Level Dialogue 2 with the theme of "Jointly Tackling Climate Change and Promoting Green Development".

Seri Paduka Haji Marzuke Haji Mohsin Vice Minister of Development Brunei Darussalam



Climate change can only be dealt with by global cooperation. Advancing climate action has always been at the heart of ASEAN's agenda and priorities, driven by the ASEAN Vision and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025. ASEAN is promoting the low-carbon and sustainable development of cities through building smart cities, and facilitating regional cooperation in biodiversity and eco-system restoration through launching the ASEAN Green Initiative. The Brunei Darussalam National Climate Change Policy (BNCCP) outlines 10 key strategies that would pave pathways toward a low-carbon and climate resilient Brunei Darussalam. BNCCP aims to accelerate energy transition, implement Nature-based Solutions, and promote low-carbon economic growth. Brunei Darussalam is willing to work together with the rest of the world to promote energy conservation and emission reduction, making contribution to meeting the goals of the *Paris Agreement*.



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Currently, the world is under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Human beings are responsible for ecological and environmental degradation and climate change. Therefore, countries around the world need to develop long-term national strategies to realize carbon peaking and carbon neutrality and enhance cooperation in addressing climate change to meet the goals of the *Paris Agreement*. Singapore will promote carbon emission reduction by 30% in the agricultural sector by 2030, accelerate the development of energy recycling system and support energy transition under the framework of the Green Development Plan, including increasing the market share of clean energy vehicles and the use of green energy by buses. Besides, Singapore will also actively engage in the implementation of the *Framework of ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025*, and strengthen cooperation with ASEAN Member States and partners in mangrove conservation, addressing climate change, and especially in carbon capture and carbon trading, to make greater contribution to achieving green and sustainable development in the region.

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The international community is faced with the challenge from climate change and eco-system, which needs to be addressed with global and regional cooperation. Endowed with rich natural resource reserves, Myanmar has adopted a series of conservation measures, especially in mainstreaming the improvement of the resilience of eco-systems in national policy-making. By now, these measures have delivered positive outcomes. Myanmar is steadily carrying out forest restoration and land protection as scheduled, and will continue to adopt more actions to address environmental challenges. It is expected that national governments and international organizations could strengthen cooperation to jointly promote regional green and sustainable development.



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The decision to make 2021 ASEAN-China Year of Sustainable Development Cooperation fully shows the great importance attached to ecological and environmental cooperation by leaders of China and ASEAN Member States. Fruitful results have been achieved in environmental policy dialogue, environmental information sharing, biodiversity conservation, environmental technology transfer and environmental governance capacity building, effectively promoting green and inclusive development to become a regional consensus. In the future, under the guidance of the *Framework of ASEAN-China Environmental Cooperation Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025*, the two sides will further enhance communication and cooperation in priority areas such as environmental policy dialogue and capacity building, addressing climate change and air quality improvement, biodiversity conservation and ecological management. The two sides will also pool resources from governments, businesses and think tanks to promote the development of ASEAN-China Green Development Partnership and make greater contribution to global environmental governance.

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