

**Building an Amicable Home Together:
Vision and Action on ASEAN-China Education
Cooperation and Development
(2022-2030)**

We, the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, namely Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam as well as the People's Republic of China gathered virtually on 23 August 2022, at the ASEAN-China Education Ministers Roundtable Conference;

RECALLING the annual China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week, held for fifteen years, has vigorously promoted educational exchanges and collaboration between ASEAN Member States and China;

REAFFIRMING that the Guiyang Declaration of the ASEAN-China Education Ministers Roundtable Conference signed in 2010 and the Joint Communiqué on the ASEAN-China Action Plan for Education Cooperation to Support the Implementation of the ASEAN Education Work Plan (2016-2020) adopted in 2016 have laid the foundation and clarified the direction for our future cooperation;

EMPHASIZING that education is a key driver of sustainable economic and social development and is essential for mitigating the impact of COVID-19, promoting economic recovery and quality growth, deepening exchanges and mutual learning between civilisations, and building a closer ASEAN-China community of shared future;

RECOGNIZING that enhancing education cooperation is an important component of the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership Vision 2030 and the Joint Statement of the ASEAN-China Special Summit to Commemorate the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Dialogue Relations - Comprehensive Strategic Partnership for Peace, Security, Prosperity and Sustainable Development, committed to further strengthening cooperation in the areas of talent cultivation, research collaboration, digital education and the people-to-people exchanges, towards a more innovative, inclusive and sustainable ASEAN-China education community, and making greater contribution to the building of a peaceful, safe and secure, prosperous, beautiful and amicable home together;

Hereby agree on the following subject to mutual interest and in accordance with relevant obligations under international laws as well as respective domestic laws, regulations and policies of ASEAN Member States and China;

I. Improving the Quality of Human Resources in the Region

Implement the “ASEAN-China Human Resource Quality Improvement Programme” in higher education and TVET sector, and jointly train the future leaders of Asia and the facilitators of South-South Cooperation;

1.1 Collaborate to increase the inter-regional student mobility up to pre-pandemic level as soon as possible, work towards continuous increase of inbound and outbound student mobility between ASEAN and China, on the premise of ensuring the physical and mental wellbeing of students, in line with policies on pandemic prevention and control of each country;

1.2 Enhance the quality of student mobility programmes in support of the ASEAN Higher Education Area 2025, and welcome sharing of information on the quality evaluation of international students among ASEAN Member States and China;

1.3 Welcome the continued implementation of the Chinese Government Scholarships and the ASEAN-China Young Leaders Scholarship that provide high-performing youth from ASEAN Member States with opportunities of further education in China; hold the ASEAN-China University Youth Leaders Summit and launch the Future Education Leadership Programme;

1.4 Resolve to upgrade the China-ASEAN 100+100 Institutional Cooperation Flagship Programme, and support the establishment of the China-ASEAN TVET Consortium involving 100+ vocational education institutions from ASEAN and China,

organise the ASEAN-China Vocational Education Exhibition and Forum, helping ASEAN countries to train no less than 100,000 high-skilled talent for Industry 4.0 and supporting student/teacher exchanges in TVET sector;

II. Strengthening the Research Collaboration

Support high-level research collaboration in areas such as marine science, advanced manufacturing, carbon dioxide peaking and carbon neutrality, and poverty reduction through the implementation of the “Maritime Silk Road Education Innovation Capacity Building Project”;

2.1 Welcome more universities to join the ASEAN-China Network for Cooperation and Exchange Among Engineering and Technology Universities (ACNET-EngTech), support the establishment of ASEAN-China Smart Ocean Center, and encourage more members of ACNET-EngTech to cooperate in establishing education and research centers and jointly cultivating “Excellent Future Engineers”;

2.2 Collaborate to accelerate the implementation of the Development Plan of China-ASEAN Community of Medicine and Health with the China-ASEAN University Consortium on Medicine and Health as the main body, actively promote joint cultivation of research-oriented and application-oriented talent urgently needed in the field of public health as well as joint research in areas such as pandemic prevention and

pharmaceutical science and technology, in order to address global public health challenges;

2.3 Enhance the linkages between universities and enterprises, strengthen the cooperation on TVET research and partnership with industrial sectors or corporates, explore ASEAN-China joint training of Master's and Doctoral Students in Higher Education Institutions, and enhance collaboration between China Association of High Education and ASEAN University Network (AUN);

III. Advancing Digital Transformation of Education

Encourage the drafting of the “ASEAN-China Digital Education Action Plan” in order to improve students’ digital competencies, teachers’ capabilities in using digital tools to improve education and teaching, and citizens’ abilities for lifelong learning;

3.1 Support the holding of the ASEAN-China Digital Education Forum and push forward the establishment of ASEAN-China Digital Education Alliance, collaborate in conducting research on regional digital education development, and advance the formulation of regional digital education standards, the development of smart education as well as digital transformation of basic education, higher education and TVET;

3.2 Collaborate to share quality digital education resources, on the premise of respecting the intellectual property rights of

each participant country; Welcome China to provide micro-credential courses to ASEAN countries through ASEAN-China Smart Institute in Colorful Guizhou and other platforms;

3.3 Welcome Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enterprises worldwide to engage in the development of ICT education in the region to enhance digital infrastructure development, bridge the digital divide and promote equity in education;

IV. Consolidating Asian Cultural Consensus

Enhance mutual understanding and shared vision of Asian cultures among youth in the region through the implementation of the “Big Banyan Tree——ASEAN-China Youth Language Connectivity Programme”;

4.1 Support the Chinese language teaching in ASEAN countries, explore new modes of Chinese language education such as online learning, and facilitate more ASEAN youth to take the HSK exam (Chinese Proficiency Test);

4.2 Welcome more high-performing Chinese youth to study local languages in ASEAN countries and selected high-achieving teachers from ASEAN countries to teach native languages in Chinese universities;

4.3 Support universities in ASEAN countries and China to explore the cultivation of interdisciplinary talent through “language+ major” programmes;

V. Implementation and Reporting

5.1 Implement the Vision and Action through the education authorities of ASEAN Member States and China;

5.2 Advance the implementation of the Vision and Action and assess the progress through the mechanism of the ASEAN-China Senior Education Officials Meeting during the annually-held China-ASEAN Education Cooperation Week;

5.3 Build the ASEAN-China Education Policy Research Network, to strengthen education policy communication and connectivity and to better share developmental experiences and outcomes in basic education, vocational education and higher education;

5.4 Welcome the participation of the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN-China Centre, and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization in the above cooperation.