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The 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (6th ADMM)



Cambodia hosts the 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting at the Peace Palace in Phnom on 29 May 2012, under the Chairmanship of Cambodia's Deputy Prime Minister H.E. General Tea Banh, Minister of National Defense. aiming at enhancing regional cooperation under the theme of "Enhancing ASEAN Unity for a Harmonized and Secure Community" at the Peace Palace.

ASEAN Defence Ministers Adopt Two Important Documents

AKP Phnom Penh, May 29, 2012 -- as well as security challenges.

The ASEAN defence ministers adopted two key documents at the 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (6th ADMM) held in Phnom Penh on May 29th 2012 at the Peace Palace, a press release said.

The first document is the Concept Paper on the Review of the Frequency of the ADMM-Plus Meetings and the Joint Declaration on Enhancing ASEAN Unity for a Harmonized and Secure Community, it said.

For the first document, it pointed out, the ASEAN defence ministers agreed to reduce the interval year period of the ADMM-Plus meeting from once in three years to once in two years in order to allow the defence ministers of the ADMM-Plus countries to have more frequent exchanges of views and perspectives on geo-strategic, regional security and defense issues

On the second document, added the press release, they agreed to further strengthen the ADMM-Plus mechanism in order to strengthen practical cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus

countries of the ASEAN Member States in order to strengthen the capacity of ASEAN in addressing transitional security threats.

The ASEAN defence ministers continued to reaffirm the ASEAN Member States' commitment to fully and

They also agreed on the Concept Paper on the Development of ADMM Website and the Guidelines for Hosting the ADMM, ADMM-Plus and other Related Meetings.

The meeting also welcomed the Cambodian initiative on the establishment of the ASEAN Civil War Free Zone and the possibility of developing ASEAN Master Plan of Security Connectivity.

According to the press release, the 7th ADMM and 2nd ADMM-Plus will be hosted by Brunei Darussalam in 2013.

The following is the full press release:



ASEAN Defence Ministers pose for a Photo Session prior to the 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh this morning. Photo: Hun Yuth Kun

effectively implement the Declaration on the Conduct of the Parties in the South China Sea (DoC) and to work toward the eventual realization of a regional Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (CoC) that will further promote peace and stability in the region.

countries on strategic, defence and security issues affecting the region. The Declaration also welcomes the initiatives undertaken by the 9th ASEAN Chief of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (9th ACDFIM) to enhance practical cooperation and interoperability among the mili-



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THE OUTCOMES OF THE 6th ASEAN DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING
"ENHANCING ASEAN UNITY FOR A HARMONIZED AND SECURE
COMMUNITY"

Date: 29 May 2012

Venue: Peace Palace, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

1. The Sixth ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting was successfully held on 29 May 2012 at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in accordance with the agenda and program.
2. The ASEAN ministers have paid a courtesy call upon **Samdech Techo Hun Sen**, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, during which **Samdech Techo** highly appreciated the achievements and progresses of the security and defence cooperation in ASEAN.
3. The Meeting exchanged views on a wide range of emerging regional security issues of common concern.
4. The Meeting listened to the reports by ADSOM, ADSOM-Plus, and ACDFIM. Based on the reports, it demonstrated real progress and fruitful results in the region.
5. The Meeting called for more efforts to strengthen the central role of ASEAN in strengthening peace and security in the region, the ADMM-Plus process, as well as the commitment of ASEAN in cooperating with the Plus countries to strengthen regional peace and stability.
6. The meeting adopted two key documents:
 - **The Concept Paper on the Review of the Frequency of the ADMM-Plus Meetings**
 - **The Joint Declaration on "Enhancing ASEAN Unity for a Harmonized and Secure Community"**.The meeting also agreed on:
 - **The Concept Paper on the Development of the ADMM Website and**
 - **Guidelines for Hosting the ADMM, ADMM-Plus and other Related Meetings.**

The Meeting also welcomed the Cambodian initiative on the establishment the ASEAN Civil War Free Zone and the possibility of developing ASEAN Master Plan of Security Connectivity.

7. In the concept paper on the review of the frequency of the ADMM-Plus meetings, it agrees to reduce the interval year period of the ADMM-Plus meeting from once in three years to once in two years in order to allow the Defence Ministers of the ADMM-Plus countries to have more frequent exchanges of views and perspectives on geo-strategic, regional security and defence issues.
 - It also provides the Defence Ministers with more opportunities to discuss and identify security challenges, prioritise the ADMM-Plus' cooperative areas, and task the ADSOM Plus Leaders to implement the agreements and decisions of the ADMM-Plus.
8. In the Joint Declaration, the ASEAN Defence Ministers agreed to further strengthen the ADMM-Plus mechanism in order to strengthen practical cooperation between ASEAN and the Plus countries on strategic, defence and security issues affecting the region.
 - The Declaration will deepen practical cooperation in the five areas of the ADMM-Plus so as to strengthen the region's capacity and effectiveness in addressing common security challenges.
 - The Declaration welcomes the initiatives undertaken by the 9th ASEAN Chief of Defense Forces Informal Meeting (9th ACDFIM) to enhance practical cooperation and interoperability among the militaries of the ASEAN Member States in order to strengthen the capacity of ASEAN in addressing transitional security threats.
 - The Meeting continued to reaffirm ASEAN Member States' commitment to fully and effectively implement the Declaration on the Conduct of the Parties in the South China Sea (DoC), and to work toward the eventual realization of a regional Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (CoC) that will further promote peace and stability in the region.
9. The Meeting welcomed Brunei Darussalam's Chairmanship of ASEAN and its hosting of the 7th ADMM and the 2nd ADMM-Plus in 2013 and strongly supported the plan to conduct a combined **ADMM-Plus Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief/MM exercise** in Brunei Darussalam in 2013. Such combined exercise will contribute significantly to practical cooperation on non-traditional security issues as well as strengthening regional security architecture.
10. The 6th ADMM has taken another significant step towards the realization of an ASEAN Political-Security Community by 2015 through practical security cooperation.

