



**THE FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE  
AND FORESTRY AND THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA  
(14<sup>th</sup> AMAF PLUS THREE)**

**24 September 2014, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar**

**JOINT PRESS STATEMENT**

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1. We, the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministers of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea held our Fourteenth Meeting on 24 September 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, under the Chairmanship of H.E. U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar.
2. We reaffirmed the ASEAN Plus Three cooperation on Food, Agriculture and Forestry as one of the main vehicles towards the long-term goal of building an East Asian community with ASEAN as the driving force and encouraged the Plus Three countries to continue supporting the implementation of the Roadmap for an ASEAN Community (2009-2015) and contribute to the ASEAN Community Post-2015 Vision.
3. In reviewing ASEAN Plus Three cooperation in 2013-2014, we were pleased with the good progress made in the implementation of the various on-going activities under the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy (APTCS) Framework, especially in the areas of food security and bio-energy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable forest management, agricultural Research and Development (R&D), control and eradication of trans-boundary pest and animal diseases, and human resource development.
4. We noted with appreciation the good progress in the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Emergency Rice Reserve (APTERR) Agreement. We noted that the rice donated is approximately 6,730 MT in total, of which, 6,150 tons of stockpiled rice has been distributed to the Philippines to help people suffering from typhoon Haiyan. In this connection, we reaffirmed that providing prompt contributions to the affected people is the key task of the APTERR to achieve the common goal of all ASEAN Plus Three Countries to assure food security in the ASEAN Plus Three region. We reiterated the important role of APTERR to serve as a permanent mechanism in addressing and enhancing food security in the region.

5. We noted the progress of the transformation of the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) into a permanent mechanism. We appreciated the support made by the Plus Three Countries to enhance capacity of the AFSIS Secretariat.

6. We expressed our satisfaction with achievements of various activities to support the implementation of the ASEAN Plus Three Comprehensive Strategy on Food Security and Bioenergy, including (i) the 6<sup>th</sup> Roundtable on Food Security that will be held in November 2014 in Nanning, China, (ii) the Practical Action report on “Small-Scale Bioenergy Initiatives in ASEAN+3”, (iii) Launching Ceremony of the AFoCo Landmark Program in March 2014 in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar and (iv) the 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Plant Variety Protection Forum on 7 August 2014 in Vientiane, Lao PDR.

7. We noted Japan’s support on the Public Private Partnership Cooperation for Establishing Food Value Chain in some ASEAN Member States. Building on this initiative, we encouraged the initiative to be expanded to the regional level.

8. We agreed to meet again at the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of AMAF Plus Three in the Philippines in 2015.

9. We, the Ministers from ASEAN and Plus Three Countries expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government and the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the 14<sup>th</sup> AMAF Plus Three Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

- i. H.E. Pehin Dato Yahya  
Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam
- ii. H.E. Ouk Rabun, Ph.D.  
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- iii. H.E. Dr. Suswono  
Minister of Agriculture, Indonesia
- iv. H.E. Dr. Ty Phommasack  
Vice Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR
- v. H E. Dato’ Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob  
Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia
- vi. H.E. U Myint Hlaing  
Union Minister for Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- vii. H.E. Segfredo R. Serrano  
Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture, Philippines
- viii. H.E. Dr. Mohamad Maliki bin Osman  
Minister of State for National Development and Defence, Singapore
- ix. H.E. Petipong Pungbun Na Ayudhya  
Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand
- x. H.E. Dr. Le Quoc Doanh  
Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam
- xi. H. E. Han Changfu  
Minister of Agriculture, People's Republic of China
- xii. H.E. Koya Nishikawa  
Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
- xiii. H.E. Yeo In-hong  
Vice Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Republic of Korea
- xiv. H.E. Dr. AKP Mochtan  
Deputy Secretary General, Community and Corporate Affairs, ASEAN Secretariat