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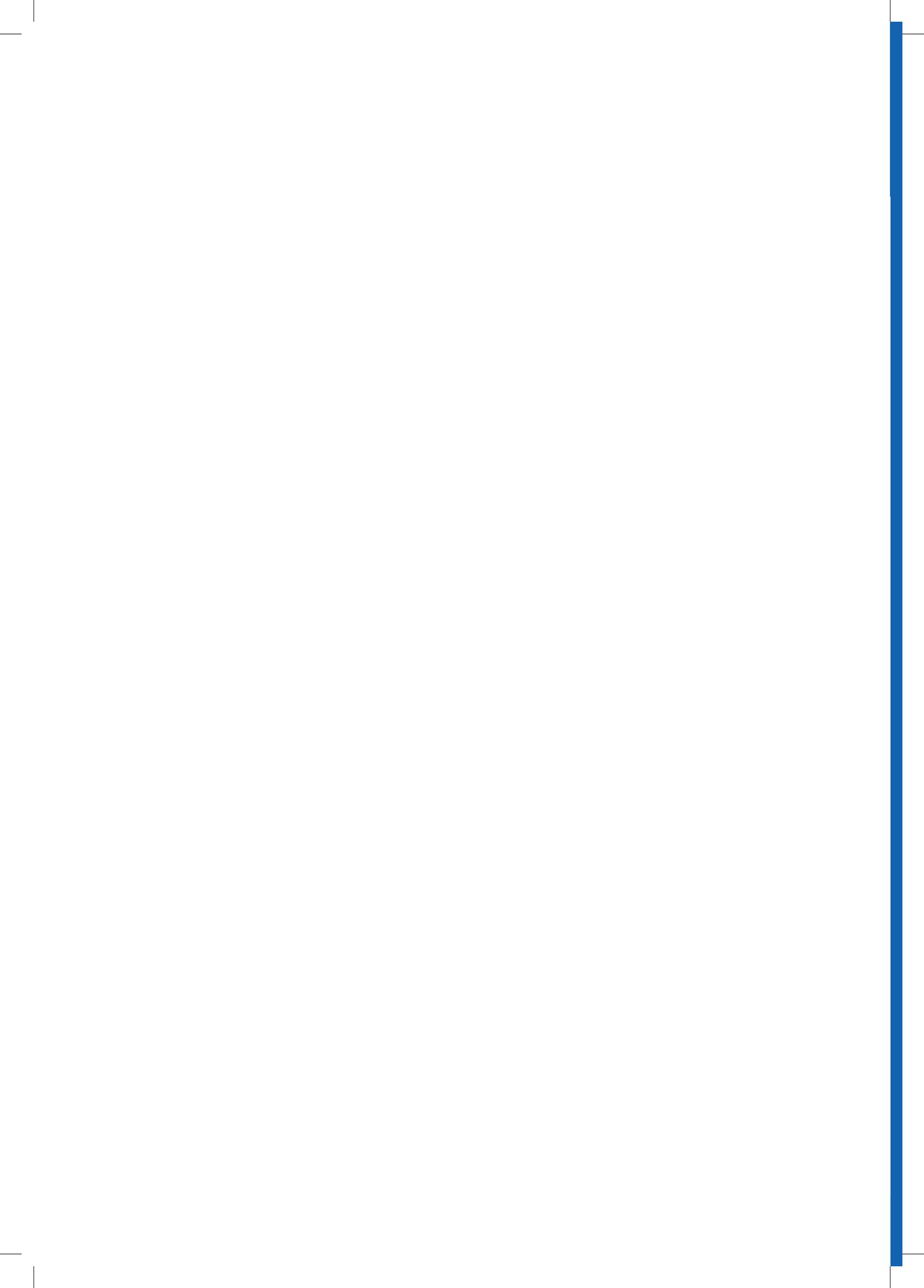


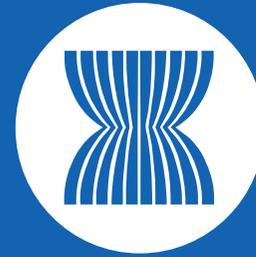
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FOREWORD



ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) is a network of cities and local governments in ASEAN Member States, representing by local political leaders who are determined to bring about transformative changes in their constituencies, while contributing to the regional and global development agendas. Formed in 2011 and officially accredited as an entity associated to ASEAN in 2018, fifty-one years after ASEAN's creation, this regional platform of cities and local governments is long overdue considering their essential roles in ASEAN development. At the global level, a network such as AMF is a must. More than 60 per cent of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation is at local level.

Institutionally, AMF has set ambitious targets to realise our full catalytic force in ASEAN. We are now developing a Charter to strengthen organisational management, coordination and common actions. Practically, we have been proactively engaging with and contributing to the ASEAN Community and global agendas especially on SDGs, climate change, disaster risk reduction, and urban development.

Since its establishment, AMF has been fostering policy dialogue and collaboration among ASEAN mayors and partners, while sharing our lessons and inputs

to international discussions on sustainable development. The 5th ASEAN Mayors Forum, conducted in line with Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship this year, reaffirmed AMF's commitment to pioneer local solutions for regional and global challenges, as reflected in the ASEAN Mayors Joint Declaration on Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.

This Annual Report is the first we submit as an entity under Annex 2 of the ASEAN Charter. It provides an overview of the AMF's activities since our accreditation to ASEAN on 23 August 2018. Through AMF's engagements with other initiatives such as the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the report also gives an insight on how local dynamic can be capitalised for the implementation of regional frameworks such as the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC), the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS) or the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN).

We would like to thank the ASEAN Secretariat and all other relevant ASEAN bodies for your precious support. We look forward to bringing forward this partnership and making impactful contribution to the ASEAN integration process.



Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi

Secretary General

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INTRODUCTION



ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) was originally conceived in 2011 when visionary mayors in South East Asia met for the first time in Surabaya, Indonesia, to demonstrate the importance of local contributions to ASEAN's regional integration. The Forum has gained prominence since 2015, with successive AMF meetings to discuss the ASEAN Community building and how mayors can help accelerate its progress and benefits for citizens. The role of local governments has been enhanced due to the wide recognition that at least 60 per cent of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set under the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development **cannot be achieved without actions at the local level.**

Launched in 2011 Surabaya by visionary mayors, the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) is now a major regional network of local political leaders to discuss and pioneer local solutions for regional and global challenges.

The particular dynamics of urbanisation in Asia calls for ASEAN mayors' active work to prevent and mitigate its adverse consequences. According to the UN, the world's populations that live in urban areas will increase from currently 55 to 68 per cent in 2050, equivalent to 2.5 billion more people in cities. Similar pattern is projected in South East Asia. While only 36 per cent of ASEAN's populations lived in urban areas in 2014, around 90 million more people will move to cities in 2030.

Among the key issues facing ASEAN is the need to sustain economic development without compromising environmental conditions and worsening inequalities. While ASEAN's urban population has grown by 3 per cent annually, the rate of COs emission has increased by 6.1 per cent. The Asia-Pacific SDGs Progress Report 2017 points that the region has not successfully reduced inequalities and, in fact, is the only sub-region with widening inequalities. Adding to these challenges is that the on-going urbanisation will expose more people to natural disasters. In 2030, ASEAN's citizens who live in extreme risk areas will likely increase by 50 per cent, as compared to 2015.

The ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) has been advocating for local governments' indispensable roles and contributions to the ASEAN and global development, notably the UN SDGs, the New Urban Agenda (NUA), the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR). While local governments in South East Asia are embracing the benefits of urbanisation, their leadership and capacity need stronger support, collaboration, and engagements at all levels.

ASEAN Mayors Forum Strives To:



Encourage stakeholders in all levels of government, legislature, and civil society to support the principles of fair public participation, good governance, the rule of law and subsidiarity in their respective countries.



Contribute to civic awareness and education through campaigns, media engagement, publications, knowledge sharing in the context of local governance in ASEAN.



Advocate commitments to global agenda in complementary with ASEAN purposes and principles enshrined in ASEAN Charter and other relevant declarations and issuances.

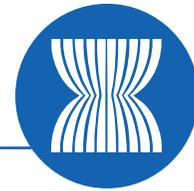


Promote cooperation among subnational governments, recognising the role of cities in economic growth and environmental sustainability, in support of the ASEAN Integration.

From its establishment 52 years ago, ASEAN is now one of the major global players and recognised for its vital strategic importance. ASEAN's population has almost doubled over the last four decades, reaching 642.1 million in 2017. The Association is collectively ranked as the world 5th largest and Asian 3rd largest economy. ASEAN's economies remained robust despite uncertainties in the regional and global economies. GDP growth for 2018 stood at 5.2 per cent, with forecasted growth of 4.9 per cent for 2019. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to ASEAN reached a record high, from \$123 billion in 2016 to \$137 billion in 2017.

Along with this remarkable economic progress is a steady movement of people to urban environment. As millions are relieved from poverty, at least 90 million more, especially the growing middleclass, are expected to move to urban areas by 2030. This projection does not only require significant investment on infrastructure, but also calls for stronger improvement of social conditions. Climate change has become more and more pressing issue as ASEAN is facing challenge in sustaining economic development without compromising environmental conditions.

Furthermore, there is an important connection between climate change and ASEAN's vulnerabilities to natural disasters. Over 1,500 disasters were recorded in the region in 2018 alone. Climate change impacts such as sea-level rise, extreme drought and flood will escalate this risk, especially in the highly populated areas. A single catastrophic event can undo the progress ASEAN made in several decades, in addition to the loss of life. The detrimental effect of not investing in environmental protection and resiliency will not only be on the economic side, but also societal and political structures.



In September 2015, all UN 193 Member States unanimously adopted the global agenda that lists 17 global goals, with the aim of making transformative impacts at the global level by 2030. Building on its clout, ASEAN has set a goal to build a regional community that is inclusive, people-centred that leaves no one behind, including by “Promoting Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.” Other cooperation frameworks have been elaborated to accelerate the achievement of SDGs and sustainable urban development.

While it takes all parties to make this happen, local governments play crucial roles among others. Without their active cooperation, ASEAN will fall short in its efforts to address major challenges such as urban

problems and climate change. Strong involvement of cities and local governments are more important than ever as studies have confirmed that we are still a long way from reaching SDGs. According to the Asia-Pacific SDGs Progress Report 2017, it was found that ASEAN is the only sub-region with widening inequalities. UN ESCAP’s SDGs progress report 2019 further points out that on its current trajectory, Asia and the Pacific will not achieve any of the 17 SDGs by 2030, while South East Asia is regressing in certain areas. A survey on development progress relating to the SDGs, conducted by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and Bertelsmann Stiftung, also reveals significant gaps among ASEAN Member States.

WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?

There are three (3) broad roles of local governments:



They provide the voice, leadership and strategic vision for their community.



They provide or organise local public services essential for people’s well-being.



They act as catalyst and drivers for the local development process.

Future-oriented ASEAN must entail the region's preparedness to cope with urban dynamics, through its competitiveness and effective use of technical advances. There is a growing recognition that ASEAN's initiatives cannot be realised without effective involvement of cities and local governments. Networks such as the AMF are important catalyst for ASEAN's efforts to build an inclusive community. AMF can help ASEAN

harness local opportunities, ideas and advantages as local governments are ideally placed to mobilise local communities, civil society, private sector and other stakeholders be part of the transformative agenda.

Further beyond the region, ASEAN's strategic international partnership should include cooperation at local level. City-to-city exchanges are essential components for the much-needed improvement of SDGs

localisation. Decentralised cooperation are crucial in promoting practices of SDGs localisation, urban development know-how as well as mutual learning among cities and local governments.

Increased participation of local and regional governments in regional mechanisms such as the ASEAN Mayors Forum is recognised as one of the important achievements for localising SDGs in Asia-Pacific

3rd Report on Local and Regional Governments to the UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals 2019

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Group picture of ASEAN Mayors at the 5th AMF Meeting, Bangkok.



ASEAN Mayors read the Declaration on Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.



ASEAN Permanent Representatives attended an interface lunch the 5th AMF, Bangkok.



Bangkok Governor welcomed ASEAN Mayors during the technical visit.

ASEAN Mayors took part in the launch of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Energy and Climate Change for Southeast Asia, Surabaya.



ASEAN Mayors participated in the 7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF).



Group picture of the AMF technical visit in Bangkok.



AMF side event at the 7th APUF.



Surabaya's technical visit in Bangkok organised within AMF framework.

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The 5th Mayors Forum (AMF) Meeting

Driving Local Action for Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth

The United Nation Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, 26-29 August 2019

The event was organised in the framework of Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship, and in partnership that truly reflected local-regional-global coalition for sustainable development. The Forum was jointly conducted by the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), the United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), the United Nations Economic Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP), and supported by the European Union (EU), the Royal Thai Government, and almost twenty other organisations.

Discussions focused on how ASEAN cities and local governments can connect with various ASEAN's cooperation such as A Framework for Action: Complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC); the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN); and the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS). The meeting also explored how AMF can meaningfully contribute to these frameworks in order to achieve the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 that leaves no one behind.





ASEAN Mayors in a group picture with H.E. General Anupong Paochinda, Minister of Interior of Thailand; Pol. Gen. Aswin Kwanmuang, Governor of Bangkok; Dr. Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi, Secretary General of the United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC) / Secretariat of the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF); Dr. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); and H.E. Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to Thailand.

First day of the AMF started with a panel discussion on ASEAN's Path Towards SDGs & Sustainable Urban Development, followed by group discussions on the three main themes of Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship namely: Sustainable ASEAN (sustainability in all dimensions); Digital ASEAN (future-oriented); and Seamless ASEAN (enhanced connectivity). Fifty-five prominent figures, a majority of which were Mayors, took part as speakers that led interactive discussions. A special briefing session on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Energy and Climate (GCoM) was conducted by the EU to explain about GCoM initiative in South East Asia (GCoM SEA), launched last year in collaboration with UCLG ASPAC that also serves as GCoM SEA Secretariat and its Help Desk.

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Committee of Permanent Representatives (CPRs) to ASEAN visited the Forum and held an interface meeting with Mayor representatives to discuss how the work to promote sustainable development at the local and regional levels can complement each other.

To better connect ASEAN's work at the regional and local level, the first interface working lunch meeting between ASEAN Mayors and Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, was hosted by BMA to exchange about their work and discuss potential areas where they can support each other in order to accelerate the implementation progress of ASEAN's cooperation frameworks and ensure that the benefits are triggered down to local level. As AMF has received the accreditation from ASEAN as the first local governments entity affiliated with ASEAN, there are opportunities that AMF can gain.



ASEAN Mayors jointly read the ASEAN Mayors' Declaration on Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth after the adoption.

The 5th AMF successfully concluded with the adoption of the ASEAN Mayors' Declaration on Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, which outlines concrete areas for further collaboration among ASEAN Mayors. The Joint Declaration of the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Mayors on the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations was also adopted at the event to mark this auspicious occasion and in the coming up of the Commemorative Summit to be hosted in Busan in November this year. Both sides are now working to identify follow-up actions to realise the vision set out in the first ASEAN-ROK Mayors Joint Declaration.

On the last day, ASEAN Mayors conducted a technical visit, welcomed by Pol. Gen. Aswin Kwanmuang, Governor of Bangkok and Mr. Kriangyos Sudlabha, Deputy Governor of Bangkok. The participants first visited the Museum of Siam Discovery to appreciate the national identity and history of Thai people and their relationships with neighboring cultures, through a series of interactive exhibits. Another site visited was Sanam Chai MRT Station, designed by a prominent architect to showcase unique cultural landscapes and was built to resemble a Rattanakosin-style stateroom.



Pol. Gen. Aswin Kwanmuang, Governor of Bangkok welcomed ASEAN Mayors during the technical visit at the Museum of Discovery.



ASEAN Mayors' group picture with Mr. Kriangyos Sudlabha, Deputy Governor of Bangkok, during the technical visit to the Sanam Chai MRT Station.

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Strengthening Connectivity

In addition to their annual meeting, ASEAN Mayors proactively engage in international exchanges and collaboration, through other platforms and activities, that UCLG ASPAC which serves as AMF Secretariat has been facilitating. Their engagements range from pledges of commitment to join a global initiative to fight against climate change to contribution to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on SDGs. The followings are activities conducted within the framework of, or in partnership with, the AMF.

Launching of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM) South East Asia

7th UCLG ASPAC Congress, Surabaya, 12-15 September 2018

Built upon the well-established network of the AMF, the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress in Surabaya, Indonesia, facilitated the launching of Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, South East Asia (GCoM SEA) to promote and widen the global networks among member cities and stakeholders within ASEAN.

GLOBAL warming is by and large caused by human activities. Realising the irreversible climate change impacts that respect no national boundaries, 197 parties have signed up to the UN Climate Change Convention, and agreed to implement the 2015 Paris Agreement, a path forward that aims to keep the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels. The Agreement also pledges to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, recognising that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change.



Mayor of Padang, the EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam, representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia joined the GCoM Launching held in Surabaya on 13 September 2018.

Cities matter as they account for 70 per cent of global CO₂ emissions and consume more 66 per cent of the world's energy.

As governments around the world are working out policies and plans to accelerate the Paris Agreement outcomes, the real actions have to be taken by cities and local governments. The GCoM is the first-of-its-kind movement to make that happen. GCoM is by far the world's largest international alliance of mayors who have made decisive commitment to reduce carbon emissions and build climate resilience in their constituency. The initiative was originated by mayors in Europe in 2008, and has gained momentum from their counterparts around the world. UCLG ASPAC has been assigned as the GCoM's Regional Secretariat for South East Asia.

Capitalising on AMF network, an important step was made to integrate ASEAN Mayors' into the local-led movement for sustainable environment. Under the International Urban Cooperation (IUC)

ASEAN Mayors from 74 cities, have committed to take ambitious efforts to address climate change through the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Programme funded by the European Union (EU), the GCoM South East Asia was launched on 13 September 2018, during the 7th UCLG ASPAC Congress, hosted by Surabaya (Indonesia) and attended by more than 1,100 participants from across Asia-Pacific region. The EU's wide-range of support through the IUC Project, reaching from policy advice to technical transfer, exchanges of innovations and financing options for climate related actions, will help translate South East Asian local leaders' political commitments into practical measures and projects.

During the inauguration of the Regional GCoM Chapter South East Asia, H.E. Vincent Guérend, the EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam, highlighted that "Today's launch of the Global Covenant of Mayors in South East Asia illustrates the important role that cities, provinces and districts and also the private sector and civil society must play in putting "Paris into

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Practice,” in close collaboration with governments. This specific project will allow us to do more to assist ASEAN cities in realising and exceeding their climate ambition. The potential is huge as by 2030, the Global Covenant cities could collectively reduce 1.3 billion tons of CO₂ emissions per year, compared to a business-as-usual scenario. This is as much as taking 276 million fossil fuel cars off the road.”

GCoM SEA has taken off with ambition and concrete actions in 2018. With UCLG ASPAC serving as a Regional Secretariat and with the IUC Project acting as operational vehicle, a series of activities have been conducted including: Focus Group Discussion on Common Reporting Framework (Jakarta), Training on Climate Action Plan Development (Surabaya and Hanoi), Stakeholder Consultation with Directorate of Climate Change Control, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (Indonesia) and GCoM City Diplomacy Training (Jakarta).

ASEAN Mayors Forum Stakeholder Consultation and Preparatory Meeting

6th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), Bangkok, 27-29 March 2019

Recognising the crucial role of local government network in realising the SDGs, the ASEAN Mayors Forum Stakeholder Consultation and Preparatory Meeting was conducted as part of the upcoming 6th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD). Sustainable development is one of the key areas of cooperation that AMF has expressed first commitment to pursue in line with global commitments. This is reflected in the Taguig Action Agenda, Makassar Declaration and Surabaya Communiqué.

APFSD is an inter-governmental forum organised annually by UNESCAP. The 6th APFSD, with the theme “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality,” focuses on the following SDGs: SDG 4 (quality education), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth), SDG 10 (reduced inequalities), SDG 13

(climate action) and SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions), and SDG 17 (partnerships for the Goals).

The meeting was an opportunity for all stakeholders to discuss theme and substantive focus of the 5th AMF, which was subsequently hosted by BMA, in line with Thailand's current Chairmanship of ASEAN. The session also sought participants' inputs on the Mayors Academy for Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific (MASDAP), a week-long training programme to strengthen the capacity of newly-elected mayors on sustainable urban development.

MASDAP was formed by UNESCAP, UNHabitat, UCLG ASPAC and IGES and supported by various international institutions.

Forging Ahead ASEAN Mayors' Work to Localise Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda

7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF), Penang, 15 October 2019, 16.30-17.30

The 7th APUF was a crucial opportunity to follow up the outcomes of the 5th AMF meeting

and discuss how regional networks of cities and local governments such as the AMF can accelerate the localisation of SDGs and NUA. UCLG ASPAC, serving as the AMF Secretariat, and The Urbanice Malaysia jointly organised a meeting



ASEAN Mayors have joined the Local Governments Assembly during the 7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF) held in Penang, Malaysia



on "Forging Ahead ASEAN Mayors' Work to Localise Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda," at the margin of the 7th APUF, in the framework of the AMF, an accredited body of ASEAN as the only local governments association affiliated with ASEAN.

The following mayors attended the discussion: Ms. Noraini Roslan,

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Mayor of Subang Jaya, Malaysia; Sr Hj Rozali Bin Hj Mohamud, Mayor of Seberang Perai, Malaysia; Dato Hamin Bin Hussain, Mayor of Ampang Jaya, Malaysia; Dato' Ar. Yew Tung Seang, Mayor of Penang, Malaysia; Mr. Maung Maung Soe, Mayor of Yangon, Myanmar; and Mr. Marc Brian Lim, Mayor of Dagupan City, Philippines. Representatives from other institutions who attended the meeting were from UN ESCAP, UN-Habitat, Ministry of Interior of Thailand, Urbanice and UCLG ASPAC.

The meeting highlighted the key challenges for localising SDGs, which range the lack of enabling national frameworks and institutions, lack of capacities, resources and expertise of local governments and lack of coordinating and support mechanisms at ASEAN levels. Participants presented recommendations on how to address the situation including by identifying common priorities for ASEAN's local governments, sharing and developing common report template to take of the situation, design intervention actions and monitor progress, convening an interface meeting during the upcoming ASEAN Summit (November 2019) to discuss ASEAN's marine waste problem and accelerating common learning process and experience. The meeting also proposed the setup of a working group on localising SDGs within the ASEAN frameworks in order to strengthen local contributions.



Representative from the Urbanice, the Government of Malaysia shared her opinion during the meeting. On her left is Mayor of Penang.

Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Development



At the launching of Mayors Academy in conjunction with the 7th APUF held in Penang, Malaysia.

Mayors' Academy for Sustainable Development is an initiative of the UNESCAP and UNHabitat, implemented in partnership with UCLG ASPAC and other institutions. It is envisioned as a network and peer-to-peer learning platform for newly-elected or appointed mayors/governors in the Asia-Pacific region. It will involve week-long intensive training courses and city-to-city exchanges. Selected mayors can be part of an executive-level peer-to-peer learning space, join a network of "Mayors for Sustainability," increase their knowledge on sustainable urban development, global agenda and international frameworks, and access resources supporting cities in Asia and the Pacific.



Following the briefing on the Asia-Pacific Mayors Academy during the 5th AMF, and as recommended by the AMF, seven ASEAN Mayors including four who attended the AMF were selected to participate in the Programme namely: Dr. Hj. Faida, Mayor of Jember, Ms.

Noraini Roslan, Mayor of Subang Jaya, Mr. Maung Maung Soe, Mayor of Yangon, Mr. Menchie De Guzman, Mayor of Bauang, Mr. Nelson Legacion, Mayor of Naga, Mr. Marc Brian Lim, Mayor of Dagupan, and Ms. Maria Gina M. Lizares, Mayor of Sipalay. The welcome reception, launch, and conduct of introductory modules were held at the margin of the APUF7 in Penang, on 15-17 October 2019.

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Surabaya's Technical Visit to Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand, 28 October 2019



Delegates from Surabaya conducted a technical visit to Bangkok, within the framework of the ASEAN Mayors Forum, to learn about integrated transportation and tourism promotion .

In order to foster mutual learning, Surabaya City Government conducted a technical visit to Bangkok on 28 October 2019. The visit took place within the framework of the AMF, of which Surabaya and Bangkok are active members. Altogether forty-five people participated in the visit, comprising ten officials and thirty-five members of media organisations.

The particular objective of the visit was to learn about BMA's experience in developing an integrated transportation system as Surabaya has a plan to improve its water transportation along Kalimas river to both serve citizens' commuting and local tourism development. The information learned will be further promoted through media, in order to raise public awareness on this development plan. Surabaya's delegation was led by Mr. Muhammad Fikser, Head of Communication and Information. The delegation was welcomed by Mr. Sing Limphirat, BMA's Director of Culture and Tourism Office.



FINANCE & LOGO

Financial Report

1	The 5 th ASEAN Mayors Forum in Bangkok	72,860 USD
	UCLG ASPAC	18,844 USD
	EU-UCLG Partnership	48,148 USD
	International Urban Cooperation Programme	5,868 USD
	ESCAP (support in kind)	
	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (support in kind)	
2	ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) Stakeholder Consultation and Preparatory Meeting, 6 th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD), Bangkok, 27-29 March 2019	2,860 USD
3	Forging Ahead ASEAN Mayors' Work to Localise Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and New Urban Agenda (NUA), the 7 th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (APUF), Penang, 15 October 2019	4,231 USD
4	Surabaya's Technical Visit to Bangkok, Thailand, 28 October 2019	
	Surabaya City's own fund	
	Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (support in kind)	
Operational Cost of AMF is covered by UCLG ASPAC		

AMF Logo



The AMF logo subscribes to the three colors in the ASEAN emblem: blue, red, and yellow. Blue stands for peace and stability, red for courage and dynamism, and yellow for prosperity. The two curvilinear shapes with an oval at its core form the figure of a dynamic globe representing how each element interlinks and builds on the other symbolising the synergies to create one ASEAN Community.

CONCLUSION



ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) has transformed into a matured regional network of mayors and cities representatives, who are committed to ASEAN's integration and sustainable development. Since the creation of AMF, ASEAN Mayors have asserted their voices and roles, through frank dialogues and collaboration with development partners, within and outside the region. The accreditation of AMF to ASEAN in 2018 has been a recognition from ASEAN on the importance of sub-national governments and subsequently provided further vigour to AMF's dynamics. While Mayors are exploring for opportunities to be more closely engaged with ASEAN's frameworks, there is a need to identify effective methodology for ASEAN Mayors to engage with the ASEAN Secretariat and its associated bodies for systematic communications and collaboration.

Going forward, AMF aims to realise ASEAN cities and local governments' full potential in order to address ASEAN's key challenges, be it widening income inequality, persisting gaps in access to public services, environmental degradation or negative impacts of rapid urbanisation. The Forum will promote an integrated approach to the economic, environmental, social and cultural dimensions of sustainable development, identified by the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in UN as one of the areas that is still lacking.

While interlinkages among the 17 SDGs are widely recognised, it is critical for AMF to develop its capacities to concretely address this dimension. Sharing of expertise and experience, to demonstrate different tools, approaches, and conceptual frameworks for better understanding interlinkages between the SDGs, would make this commitment more concrete and actionable. It is critical for AMF to foster partnership and collaboration in this area with other partner institutions such as the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) or the Centre for Liveable City

(CLC). Cutting-edge science and technology as well as traditional knowledge can play important role in formulating these integrated approaches.

AMF will continue to enhance political leadership and guidance for sustainable development, through active participation in policy dialogues and other important processes such as the National Voluntary Review (VNR) on SDGs. ASEAN Mayors' involvement is indispensable because the most of the actions on as well as tangible impacts of the SDGs are seen at the local level. Demonstrating these effects will prompt political leadership to aim for ambitious SDG outcomes. Unfortunately, according to a survey conducted by the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (LRGs), only 42 per cent of all VNRs have engaged local and regional governments.

Located in a region that is prone to various natural disaster, breaking up a vicious cycle between poverty, inequalities and disasters will continue to be high on AMF's agenda. More efforts will be made to foster an integrated approach embedded in more investment in social and disaster resilience policies and actions. This investment will also help ASEAN overcome rising economic disparities and tap into vast economic opportunities. Empowerment of vulnerable groups and greater inclusion will also in turn accelerate the progress in a broad spectrum of SDGs.

Last but not least, AMF will need to invigorate their joint efforts in addressing ASEAN's transnational problems such as marine litter, haze and air pollution, migration, or transnational organised crimes, among others. AMF will continue to serve as a platform for open and candid discussions among ASEAN Mayors, in order to seek for joint solutions that leave no one and no ASEAN national and sub-national governments behind.



ASEAN MAYORS' DECLARATION
DRIVING LOCAL ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH
The 5th ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), Bangkok, 27 August 2019

WE, the Mayors of Member States of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), convened at the 5th ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) with the theme “Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth” in Bangkok, on 26-27 August 2019. Our meeting was held in line with Thailand’s ASEAN Chairmanship and in the spirit of advancing partnership for sustainability to achieve people-centred and forward-looking ASEAN.

RECOGNISED our shared responsibilities and joint actions to promote peace, prosperity, and citizens’ well-being, without leaving anyone behind. With our political mandate to work at the level of government closest to the people, we are committed to intensify our efforts and collaboration under the AMF to deepen the ASEAN Community and address common challenges including those associated with rapid urban development, climate change and widening social and economic inequalities.

ACKNOWLEDGE that while all South East Asian Countries are different, we face similar challenges arising from rapid urbanisation and that this similarity provides an opportunity to address urbanisation in a coordinated and integrated regional manner.

DETERMINED to build upon the commitments we made as reflected in the outcome documents of previous AMF, namely the Surabaya Communiqué in 2011, Makassar Declaration in 2015 and Taguig Action Agenda in 2017, that supported the creation of the ASEAN Community as we now move forward to the ASEAN Vision 2040.

ACKNOWLEDGE that the ASEAN Secretariat is well placed to coordinate, harmonise and elevate efforts to address urbanisation in the region in a coherent and coordinated manner.

REITERATED the importance of our leadership and major role of local governments in the implementation of the ASEAN’s integration frameworks such as the Master Plan on ASEAN

Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 as well as the global agendas particularly the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

SHARED the sense of urgency to work towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We emphasised local governments' key responsibilities in policy areas that affect the achievement of all SDGs and highlighted the need to advance the localisation of global agendas. We welcomed the progress made through the complementarities between the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

CONVINCED that local governments have to be at the forefront of climate action if we are to make transformative and far-reaching improvement on ecological system. We are mindful of the urgent need to scale up our work to protect vulnerable groups that have been affected by or exposed to the impacts of climate change and poor environmental conditions such as air pollution and rapid increase of marine debris.

CONCERNED by the fact that our region is prone to natural disasters that can have catastrophic effects on people's lives and socio-economic development. We underlined the need to be better prepared for this challenge by enhancing the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) capabilities and expressed our support to the ASEAN Declaration on One ASEAN One Response: ASEAN Responding to Disasters as One in the Region and Outside the Region.

REAFFIRMED our commitment as members of the ASEAN Mayors Forum, which is an entity that upholds the ASEAN's principles and purposes, we hereby:

1. Strive to deepen our network and collaboration to achieve the ASEAN Vision 2040. We will foster dialogues, exchanges and harness lessons from our actions to reinforce the dynamics of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC), the ASEAN Sustainable Urban Strategy (ASUS), and the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) as guiding frameworks for sustainable development;
2. Commit to scale up our efforts to localise the sustainable development goals, ensuring that local plans contribute to national, regional and global targets. Our efforts should be complemented by mechanisms to create synergies with national plans and actions. In this regard, we call on national governments to provide an enabling environment for local governments, noting that the decentralisation trend in ASEAN is shifting more responsibilities to local governments;

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3. Agree to enhance our mutual efforts to identify, develop and implement innovative policies and actions to address inequalities and complex challenges presented by rapid urban development. We welcome the ASEAN's promotion of knowledge on smart urbanisation strategies and models including through the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) and express our keen interest to engage in the existing frameworks;
4. Determine to strengthen our actions against climate change including through advocacy campaigns and collaboration on measurable local actions. We are committed to the development of national action plan to prevent, reduce, and manage marine plastic debris in support of the Bangkok Declaration on Combating Marine Debris in ASEAN Region to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 14 and minimisation of waste through sound waste management policies to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 11 and 12;
5. Aim to intensify our work and collective efforts to address disaster risk by developing local disaster risk reduction and management plans in line with national policies and the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER), with the aim to contribute to substantial increase of the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020, set under target E of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR);
6. Welcome the report on ASEAN Vision 2040: Towards a Bolder and Strong ASEAN Community and its recognition of the AMF as a network that can help ASEAN advance inclusive growth, sustainable development, and people empowerment. We resolve to strengthen our network and cooperation to contribute to this vision;
7. Call on our international partners, particularly ESCAP and UN-Habitat, to ensure that the outcomes and commitments made at this AMF are reflected and followed-up at occasions such as the Seventh session of the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum to be Held in Penang, Malaysia, in October 2019 and in the Tenth session of the World Urban Forum to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in February 2020;
8. Commit to building and strengthening our partnership to accelerate efforts, and to increase resources and commitments towards the implementation of this Declaration.



JOINT DECLARATION OF THE ASEAN-REPUBLIC OF KOREA MAYORS
ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASEAN-ROK DIALOGUE RELATIONS

Adopted at the 5th ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF) co-organised by the United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG ASPAC), Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), the United Nations Economic Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) The United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok, 27th August 2019

WE, the Mayors of Member States of the Association of South East Asian Nation (ASEAN) and the Republic of Korea (ROK), met at the 5th ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), organised in the framework of Thailand's ASEAN Chairmanship, with the theme "Driving Local Actions for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth" in Bangkok, on 26-27 August 2019. Our meeting underscored the ASEAN-ROK's commitment to enhance cooperation at all levels as we are commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations this year.

ACKNOWLEDGED the efforts to elevate ASEAN-ROK relations and progress made in building a strategic partnership, operationalised by the Plan of Action (POA) 2016-2020 to achieve the objectives set in the Joint Declaration on ASEAN-ROK Strategic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity adopted in October 2010.

EMPHASISED the vital role of cities and local governments in contributing to the cooperation between ASEAN and ROK, being the level of government that is closest to the people and works to safeguard people's quality of life, inclusive growths and promotes sustainable development.

WELCOMED the Ministerial Declaration of the First ASEAN-ROK Infrastructure Ministers' Meeting that complements the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC 2025) and presents wider opportunities for cooperation on sustainable urbanisation.

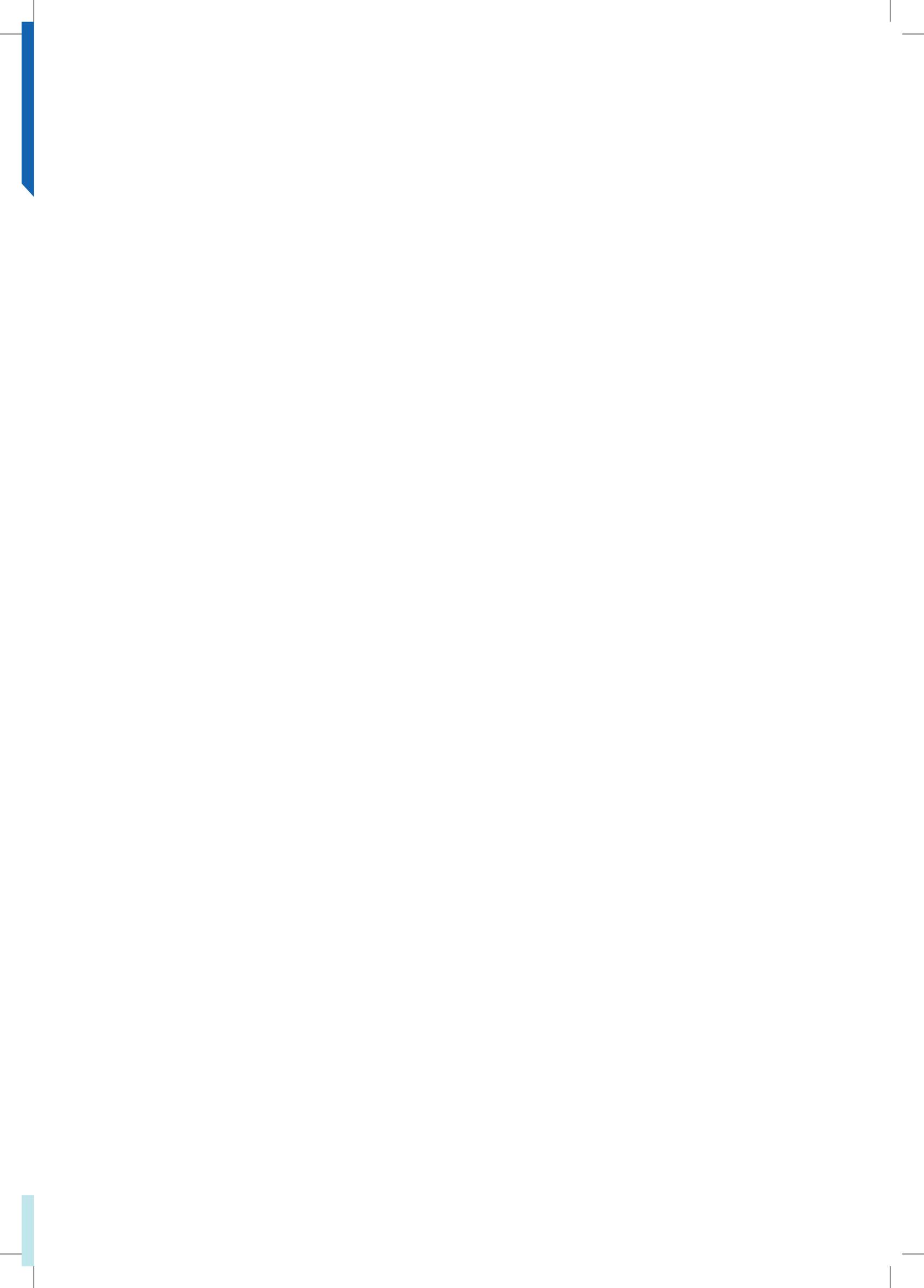
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COMMENDED ROK's commitment to double its contribution to the ASEAN-ROK Cooperation Fund during the 6th ASEAN-ROK Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) meeting last 12th April 2019 and stressed the important roles of local governments in the implementation of future joint programmes and projects.

SHARED our enthusiasm on and looked forward to the ASEAN-ROK Commemorative Summit to be held in Busan, ROK, on 25th-26th November 2019 in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Relations.

COMMITTED to:

- Promote regular dialogues and exchanges between ASEAN and ROK Mayors, by leveraging the ASEAN Mayors Forum (AMF), to reinforce local government and people-to-people partnerships.
- Facilitate exchanges and cooperation on digital technology and innovative practices to build smart, sustainable and inclusive cities and societies, in line with the ASEAN Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC 2025), the ASEAN Smart Cities Network (ASCN) and the ASEAN Sustainable Urbanisation Strategy (ASUS).
- Enhance city-to-city collaboration on climate change and related pressing urban and regional challenges such as traffic congestion, pollution, waste management and marine debris;
- Foster people-to-people ties and empower our youth by providing avenues for educational and cultural exchanges and engagements in development policy formulation and implementation.
- Leverage on the ASEAN-ROK Mayors to advance collaboration.





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