

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE ASEAN PLUS JAPAN
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CRIME
(2nd AMMTC + JAPAN) CONSULTATION
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1st October 2015**

1. We, the Ministers of ASEAN Member States and Japan responsible for combating Transnational Crime, convened the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (the 2nd AMMTC + Japan), in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 1 October 2015. The Ministerial Meeting was preceded by the ASEAN + Japan Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime for the 2nd AMMTC + Japan on 28 September 2015.
2. We took note of the outcomes of the 12th SOMTC + Japan Consultation held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 10 June 2015.
3. We exchanged views on issues of mutual interest relating to ASEAN + Japan Cooperation in Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime including on the need to further strengthen the existing cooperation in order to continuously prevent ever-changing threats, and to take due countermeasures.
4. We stated our intentions to fight terrorism and reaffirmed the importance of strengthening counter-terrorism capacity and cooperation between related countries. We also emphasized the need to advance dialogue and enhance sharing of information, knowledge and experience through various forums and seminars on counter-terrorism including ASEAN-Japan Counter Terrorism Dialogue.
5. We noted that cybercrime, whose modus operandi are becoming increasingly sophisticated and complicated, poses a grave and imminent threat to the region. We stressed the importance of enhancing cooperation so that ASEAN and Japan can appropriately tackle this threat. We welcomed the ASEAN-Japan Cybercrime Dialogue that was inaugurated in May 2014 and expressed our hopes that it would become the foundation for cooperation between ASEAN Member States and Japan in this field. We also agreed on expediting initiatives toward enhancing counter-cybercrime capacity.
6. We emphasized the importance of addressing humanitarian concerns of the international community, such as the abduction issue.
7. We took note of the SOMTC + Japan Work Plan for Cooperation to Combat Terrorism and

Transnational Crime (2015-2017) that was adopted by the Preparatory SOMTC + Japan Consultation on 28th September 2015. Based on this Work Plan, we stressed the importance of promoting effective initiatives that meet the situation and needs, in addition to continuing and strengthening initiatives to date including the implementation of projects facilitated by Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF).

8. We adopted the Joint Statement of the 2nd AMMTC + Japan Consultation.
9. We welcomed the kind offer of Myanmar to host the 3rd AMMTC + Japan Consultation in 2017 in Myanmar
10. We expressed sincere gratitude to the Government and people of the Malaysia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting. We also expressed appreciation to ASEAN Secretariat for its coordination and assistance.
