



Intervention
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- ***Your Majesty, Samdech, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen!***

I have listened attentively to all the important points raised by the **Samdech President** of **43rd AIPA** moments ago. I would like to commend AIPA for the firm commitment to supporting the governments of ASEAN member countries for the efforts towards deeper integration and robust development of the ASEAN Community with greater resiliency against the challenges in the future.

In the context of the constant changes in regional and global economic and trade architecture, caused by many complex and interconnected challenges, we need to adhere to the spirit of **"Togetherness"** to mobilize efforts within ASEAN as well as with the partners, particularly to accelerate the economic integration, boost free trade with openness and strengthen supply chains, aimed at restoring and promoting economic growth in a sustainable and inclusive manner. In this spirit, I would like to express my full support to all recommendations raised by **Samdech President**.

Truly, the ASEAN Green Initiative is essential for our region to gradually shift towards a green future which is sustainable, resource-efficient, as well as economically resilient and competitive. Therefore, during the previous meetings, I always proposed **"The Initiative for Establishing the Framework on the ASEAN Green Deal"**, which is indispensable for ASEAN in promoting sustainability, resilience, and inclusiveness for regional development.

In addition, we need to continue strengthening mechanisms in the region for further enhancing cooperation and coordination of disasters management, especially under the framework of the **ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER)**. At the same time, I agree with the proposal of **Samdech President** on the vital need of ASEAN to continue effectively implementing and realizing the **ASEAN Vision 2025 on Disaster Management**.

As I mentioned in my opening remarks, in the context of post Covid-19 crisis, we need to seize new opportunities arising from fast evolving in digital transformation and energy transition, etc. which are key to strengthen the competitiveness and promote growth, in line with the new normal, through the preparation of digital policy and governance as well as other regulatory frameworks to attract more investment in the development of digital infrastructure and create new source of growth to support the regional socio-economic development for the medium and long-term.

Before concluding, I would like to emphasize the important role of the **ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA)** as the only relevant ASEAN body incorporating of all legislative bodies from the ASEAN Member States. Therefore, ASEAN should continue strengthening and broadening wider cooperation and partnership of AIPA with other relevant stakeholders in the region and the world, to achieve a strong, resilient, sustainable, and inclusive ASEAN community building. Based on the recommendations of **Samdech Present** of 43rd AIPA, ASEAN and AIPA will continue working together to enhance the efforts between governments and parliaments of the ASEAN member countries with the objective of achieving the unity, solidarity, and development in ASEAN Community building process.

Finally, ASEAN will continue to adhere to "**unity in diversity**" as our strength, along with "**consensus-based dialogue**" as a fundamental principle in our work. ASEAN will expand its engagement with external partners based on this strength and principle, and we are looking forward for the support from the legislatures of ASEAN member countries.

Thank you!