



**THE FORTY SECOND MEETING OF  
THE ASEAN MINISTERS ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY  
(THE 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF) AND RELATED MEETINGS  
Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

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Yang Berhormat Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Ali bin Apong, Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism, Brunei Darussalam attended The Forty Second Meeting of The ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (the 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF) via video conference on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020. The 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF Meeting was chaired by H.E. Veng Sakhon, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia.

During the 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF meeting, the ASEAN ministers expressed their deep concern over the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which has affected the lives of people and economies, including food, agriculture and forestry sectors in ASEAN and globally. In this regard, the ASEAN ministers reiterated the importance of the Statement of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in Response to the Outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) to Ensure Food Security, Food Safety and Nutrition in ASEAN that was released on 15 April 2020.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF meeting expressed satisfaction on the progress made in the implementation of the Strategic Plan of Food Agriculture and Forestry (SP-FAF) 2016-2025, including the achievement of key deliverables in 2020. The ASEAN Ministers endorsed the Mid-Term Review of the Vision and Strategic Plan for ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (SP-FAF), 2016-2025 and its Sectoral Plans of Action (SPAs), 2016-2020, which highlighted the key challenges, opportunities and recommendations for the sector in the years to come. In this regard, the ministers noted the progress in the implementation of the key deliverables for the food, agriculture and forestry sector in 2020, and adopted 10 indicative deliverables across livestock, crops, fisheries and forestry in 2021. The 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF meeting also endorsed, among others, the new ASEAN Integrated Food Security (AIFS) Framework and Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Food Security (SPA-FS) 2021-2025 to further ensure long-term food security and nutrition, to improve the livelihoods of farmers in the ASEAN region. The ASEAN Ministers, furthermore, adopted the Resolution and Plan of Action on Sustainable Fisheries for Food Security for the ASEAN Region Towards 2030, which outlines the priority actions for improving food security,



facilitating poverty alleviation and improving the livelihoods of ASEAN people dependent on the harvesting, farming and marketing of fish and fishery products.

On the same day as the 42<sup>nd</sup> AMAF, the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism also attended the 20th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three (20<sup>th</sup> AMAF+3), and The 6th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (6<sup>th</sup> AIMMAF) via video conference.

Also present during the meeting were the Permanent Secretary, Deputy Permanent Secretary and Senior Officers from the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, Ministry of Finance and Economy, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Department of Fisheries and Forestry Department.

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