

**CLOSING REMARKS OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AT THE 13TH ASEAN HEALTH
MINISTERS MEETING**

BY

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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
and Good Afternoon

- Your Excellencies
- Fellow delegates
- Invited guests
- Ladies and Gentlemen

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1. We now come to the conclusion of our meeting. Allow me, on behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all delegates for your active participation. Your valuable insights, concrete comments and suggestions have surely brought us closer towards achieving our goal of a healthy ASEAN.

2. I also wish to express my gratitude to ASEAN Secretariat for their expertise, their organization and hard work behind the scenes to support this meeting and the work of ASEAN Health Cooperation as a whole. Without their efforts this meeting would not have been possible.

3. Today, we renewed our commitment to a common purpose to empower and enable our peoples to achieve their maximum health potential. To that end, we agreed to strengthen and intensify ASEAN cooperation in health development based on whole-of-society approaches. It is my hope that our discussion today will not end with just talk but no action. A key measure of our success has to be how well we can translate our discussion today into real change and action to improve the health and wellbeing of our people. In order to meet our priorities, we must ensure that what was agreed today is delivered, monitored, evaluated, and as we progress, refined, to achieve high impact.

4. For us in the health sector, our rapidly progressing ASEAN community brings both new challenges and new opportunities. We must work together to overcome these challenges and leverage on new opportunities to ensure that our work in ASEAN Health Cooperation continues to remain relevant. I am confident that working together as a group, we can make a real difference to the lives of the 625 million people living in our region and I look forward to working closely with all of you to this end.

Thank you.