

**CLOSING REMARKS OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AT THE 7TH ASEAN HEALTH
MINISTERS MEETING**

BY

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السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
and Good Morning

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

1. On behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam, it is my pleasure to make a few closing remarks and express my gratitude to all those who made this event a reality. The success of an event such as this depends upon the contribution of its participants. Thus, it is with much appreciation that I offer a sincere thank you to all of you for your time, your attendance, your active participation, and your willingness to share your expertise in this meeting.

2. In particular, I wish to express my gratitude to my Co-Chair, for their support in handling the proceedings. I also wish to thank ASEAN Secretariat for their expertise, their organization and hard work behind the scenes to support this meeting.

3. Over the course of this morning, we have had fruitful discussion. We all agreed that improving health requires a continuum of interventions at life's critical moments from preconception to ageing. To this end, we need to ensure engagement of stakeholders focusing on issues that include financial and organisational coordination and adequate resources so as to achieve the best health outcomes and ensure high quality of life throughout the life course.

4. What this meeting has so clearly demonstrated is that working together, learning from each other and sharing best practices and expertise are a key tool in translating this agenda to changes on the ground. I trust that our senior officials will take note of the outcomes of the round table discussion today, and implement our suggestions where appropriate.

5. There are no simple solutions to the issues that we discussed, and how we rise to the challenges and opportunities that lie before us will determine if our partnership in ASEAN Plus Three Health Cooperation remain relevant and future proof. Given the complexity of the challenge, let us think big, but most importantly, we must start somewhere. On this note, I look forward to working closely with all of you in the coming months and and it is my great pleasure to officially declare this meeting closed.

Thank you.