

**FIRST MEETING OF THE ASEAN - CHINA
JOINT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
(JSTC)
21 March 1995
Bandar Seri Begawan
Negara Brunei Darussalam**

AGREED RECORD OF DISCUSSION

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1. The First Meeting of the ASEAN -China Joint Science and Technology Committee (JSTC) was held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Negara Brunei Darussalam on 21 March 1995.
2. The Meeting was attended by representatives from the ASEAN Member Countries and the State Science and Technology Commission (SSTC) of China. The Director of the Functional Cooperation Bureau and his staff, together with the Head of the ASEAN Cooperation Unit (ACU) of the ASEAN Secretariat were also in attendance. In addition, Vietnam also attended the Meeting as observer. The list of attendees to the Meeting appears as **ANNEX 1**.
3. The *COST* Chairperson welcomed the delegates from China headed by the Honorable Secretary General Zhang Dengyi of SSTC and introduced the members of the ASEAN *COST* delegates. On the other hand, the Chinese head of delegation also introduced the members of the Chinese delegation.
4. The Meeting adopted the Provisional Agenda which appears as **ANNEX 2**.
5. The Meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Estrella F. Alabastro, the ASEAN *COST* Chairperson and Mr. Zhang Dengyi, Secretary General of SSTC of China.

6. The COST Chairperson gave a brief background on the results of the ASEAN - China Informal Joint Preparatory Working Group Meeting held in Manila on 29 January 1994. She further informed the Meeting that China, at this stage, intended not to pursue the establishment of the two centres as they originally proposed but would rather participate in joint R&D projects with ASEAN COST in the areas of remote sensing, meteorology and earth sciences.
7. ASEAN COST welcomed the initiatives of China to collaborate with ASEAN in R&D projects that are of common interest and of mutual benefit to ASEAN and China.
8. The Meeting then exchanged views on the following matters:
 - a. Draft Procedural Guidelines of the ASEAN - China JSTC, and
 - b. Draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the JSTC.
9. On the Draft TOR of the JSTC, the Meeting agreed on the following revision:
 - paragraph 3 to read as follows, "The JSTC shall meet normally every two (2) years, alternately in China and ASEAN, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon".

The revised TOR of the JSTC appears as ANNEX 3.

10. On the Draft Procedural Guidelines of the JSTC, the Meeting agreed on the following revisions:
 - Article 6, paragraph 1 to read as follows, "The JSTC shall meet normally every two (2) years, alternately in China and ASEAN, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon".
 - Article 6, paragraph 2 to read as follows, "Both the SSTC of China and the ASEAN COST shall appoint a coordinator from each side who will consult in between JSTC Meetings to facilitate the implementation of cooperative activities".

The revised Procedural Guidelines of the JSTC appears as ANNEX 4.

11. With regard to the five (5) project proposals presented by China for consideration by ASEAN COST, the Meeting agreed to refer them to the appropriate sub-committees of COST, namely, the Sub-Committee on S&T Infrastructure and Resources Development (SCIRD) for projects on remote sensing and the Sub-Committee on Meteorology and Geophysics (SCMG) for projects on earth sciences and meteorology.
12. The Sub-Committees, in considering the project proposals from China, may request technical inputs from appropriate Chinese officials
13. The Meeting agreed that proposals from ASEAN COST falling under the eight priority areas as indicated in the ASEAN Plan of Action will also be referred to the sub-committees for consideration.
14. Approval of projects for implementation under the ASEAN - China S&T Cooperation should undergo the usual ASEAN and China procedures for submission and approval of projects
15. As to the mechanisms and period of implementation of projects, the Meeting agreed that projects would be implemented on a cost-sharing basis and that the period of implementation will be on a project-to-project basis
16. ASEAN COST extended an invitation to China to participate in the forthcoming Fourth ASEAN Science and Technology Week (FASTW) which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from August 28 to September 3, 1995. In response, China agreed to consider participating in the indicated ASEAN COST activity.
17. ASEAN COST thanked the Chinese delegation for their active participation in the Meeting and expressed the hope that this would open further opportunities for S&T collaboration between ASEAN and China.
18. China, on the other hand, expressed appreciation for the fruitful outcome of the Meeting and hoped that this would signify the beginning of a closer cooperation between ASEAN and China.
19. The Meeting adopted the Agreed Record of Discussion of the First Meeting of the ASEAN - China JSTC.