## THE SIXTEENTH ASEAN AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING (16<sup>th</sup> ATM+ROK) 20 November 2025, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

## JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON THE 16th ATM+ROK

- 1. The Sixteenth ASEAN and ROK Transport Ministers Meeting (16<sup>th</sup> ATM+ROK) was held on 20 November 2025. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister of Transport and Communications of Myanmar, and H.E. Mr. Kim Yong-Seog, Commissioner, Metropolitan Transport Commission, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea. The Meeting was preceded by the Seventeenth ASEAN and ROK Senior Transport Officials Meeting (17<sup>th</sup> STOM+ROK) held on 19 November 2025.
- 2. The Meeting welcomed the successful convening of the 15<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Forum, held on 8 July 2025 in Seoul, ROK, under the theme "Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered Solutions for Smarter and Safer Mobility in ASEAN", which provided a valuable platform and opportunity for smart mobility initiatives and the application of AI in the transport sector, reaffirming the importance of continued collaboration in leveraging innovation and technology to advance regional transport integration and strengthen capacity building across ASEAN.
- 3. The Meeting was pleased to note the completion of several projects and activities under the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap 2021-2025, particularly in support of Human Resources Development Programs, Development Consulting Projects, as well as Technology and Management Projects. The Meeting adopted the ASEAN-ROK Transport Cooperation Roadmap 2026-2030 with the theme "Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven Smart Mobility for Sustainable Connectivity", covering six (6) strategic areas across the air, land, and maritime transport sectors, namely: (i) Transport Infrastructure; (ii) Digital Transformation and Smart Mobility Solutions; (iii) Sustainable and Green Transport; (iv) Safety and Inclusiveness; (v) Regional Connectivity and Transport Facilitation; and (vi) Capacity Building and Policy Reform. The Meeting tasked ASEAN-ROK Senior Transport Officials to deepen cooperation for the implementation of activities under the new Roadmap in the next five (5) years.
- 4. The Meeting welcomed the completion of "Gap Analysis Study on the Implementation of Digitalisation of Public Transport and Last-Mile Delivery Services in ASEAN Member States", which aims to address gaps and disparities in the level of digitalisation across the ASEAN region. The Study is expected to enhance opportunities for smart and sustainable urban mobility initiatives between ASEAN and the ROK, in support of the implementation of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Cooperation for Smart Mobility between ASEAN and ROK, adopted at the 14<sup>th</sup> ATM+ROK on 10 November 2023.
- 5. The Meeting acknowledged the significance of the ASEAN-ROK Air Services Agreement (AK-ASA) and noted the ongoing communications between the Co-Chairs, Myanmar and the ROK, since the Fifteenth ATM+ROK regarding the convening of the next round of negotiations. The Meeting encouraged both sides to maintain constructive engagement towards the early conclusion of a more liberal and mutually beneficial AK-

ASA, with a view to further enhancing air connectivity, promoting people-to-people exchanges, and fostering trade and tourism between ASEAN and the ROK.

6. The Seventeenth ATM+ROK Meeting will be held in the Philippines in 2026.

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