

REPORT OF SITUATION IN THE ASEAN MINISTERS MEETING ON AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AND THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (AMAF PLUS THREE) CONCERNING THE EAPVP FORUM

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The purpose of this document is to report situation of the EAPVP Forum in connection with the ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministers of Agriculture of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (AMAF Plus Three) in 2018.

Considering the significance of the 10-Year Strategic Plan of the EAPVP Forum (10-YSP), recalling the EAPVP Forum was established with the endorsement of the AMAF Plus Three at its 7th AMAF Plus Three in 2007 in Bangkok, it is recognized that the 10-YSP needs to be duly appreciated by the AMAF Plus Three. In addition, it is also recognized that high-level recommendations derived from the AMAF Plus Three will enable the EAPVP Forum to realize its 10-YSP.

In this context, positive message delivered from the AMAF Plus Three in 2018 will be crucial for efficient and effective EAPVP Forum activities under the 10-YSP. Therefore, it is expected that the EAPVP Forum members share updated information on the AMAF Plus Three and support the procedures for preparing the AMAF Plus Three and the relevant meetings in 2018.

1 Schedule of the AMAF Plus Three and in 2018

- 29 August, 2018** **Special SOM-17th AMAF+3 (Pattaya, Thailand)**
 - *Report the progress of the EAPVP Forum and adoption of the 10-YSP*
- 10 October, 2018** **Preparatory SOM-18th AMAF+3 (Hanoi, Vietnam)**
 - *Prepare report and recommendations to the AMAF+3*
- 12 October, 2018** **18th AMAF+3 (Hanoi, Vietnam)**
 - *Joint press statement*

2 Report and discussion at the AMAF Plus Three and relevant meetings

2-1 Purpose

- Reaffirm the importance of the 10-YSP to strengthen the PVP for the sustainable agriculture development in the East Asia region
- Ensure high-level recommendation to the EAPVP Forum's activities under the 10-YSP

2-2 Outline of the draft report

- The EAPVP Forum adopted the Common Direction of the 10-Year Strategic Plan (10-YSP) at its 11th Annual Meeting on 1 August 2018 in Muntinlupa, Philippines after one-year active discussion among members
- The Common Direction of the 10-YSP consists of the Long-term Direction, the Objectives, and the Core activities
- The Forum noted the Individual Implementing Strategy produced by each Forum member reflecting the Common Direction as well as each member's individual circumstances.

2-3 Expected recommendations to the AMAF Plus Three

The 18th AMAF+3 may wish to:

- *welcome* the progress of the EAPVP Forum
- *acknowledge* the significance of the 10-YSP
- *recommend* the members of EAPVP Forum to strengthen PVP in their countries consistent with the UPOV Convention and to Build a regionally harmonized mechanism in line with the 10-YSP

Note: Draft report and recommendations to the AMAF Plus Three will be prepared by Japan with support from the members of the EAPVP Forum.

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