



15th IMT-GT Senior Officials Meeting
Palembang, South Sumatera, Indonesia
21 – 22 October 2008

Agenda 5:
Direction from the 3rd IMT-GT Summit
(19 November 2007, Singapore)

(Prepared jointly by NESDB, Thailand & CIMT)

Future Challenges and Recommendations Approved by Leaders at The 3rd IMT-GT Summit

- 1 Endorsed The Expansion of IMT-GT Area To Include The Six Provinces of Thailand.**
- 2 Endorsed The Official Declaration of the Visit IMT-GT Year 2008 and Requested Related Government Agencies to Provide Full Support for The Success of Its Activities.**
- 3 Accelerate the Full Operation of CIMT in 2008 and Request ADB for Technical Assistance and Capacity Building for Its Effective Operation.**
- 4 Requested ADB to Provide Technical Support to Prepare Action Plans for The Development of The Five Connectivity Corridors Which Clearly Defines The Priority Programmes & Projects, and Estimated Costs.**

Future Challenges and Recommendations Approved by Leaders at The 3rd IMT-GT Summit (cont.)

5 Requested ADB To Discuss with JBC Regarding The Possibility to Increase Access of Private Sector to Sources of Fund to Implement IMT-GT projects.

6 Requested 6 WGs to be Pro-active on:

- ▶ Cooperation on Alternative & Renewable Energy;**
- ▶ Reduction of Logistic Costs along Connectivity Corridors;**
- ▶ Establishment of Special Border Zones (SBZ);**
- ▶ Official Cooperation on Halal Standard & Certification & Joint Marketing;**
- ▶ Further Cooperation on Human Resources Development;**
- ▶ Labour Movement and MRA on Labour Certification & Standard;**
- ▶ Substantive Cooperation on Fisheries, Livestock, Horticulture & Related Agro-Business.**

Joint Statement Highlights

- **Affirmed the IMT-GT Roadmap Implementation;**
- **Committed & Resolved to Strengthen & Accelerate Cooperation in Energy, Environment, Infrastructure, Transportation & Logistic Connectivity, Tourism, HRD, as well as Cooperation in Security and in Social and Cultural Areas;**
- **Welcomed 6 Provinces: [Phuket](#), [PhangNga](#), [Krabi](#), [Ranong](#), [Chumphon](#) and [SuratThani](#) as New Members of IMT-GT;**
- **Reaffirmed to Accelerate Programmes & Projects in the Roadmap, Especially on 5 Economic Corridors;**
- **Urged to Create Programmes & Projects to Complement the Newly Initiated Corridor (Ranong-Phuket–Aceh);**
- **Urged for Integrating National Development Plans Including Batam, Bintan, and Karimun SEZ in Indonesia; NCER & ECER in Malaysia; and Southern Region Development Strategy in Thailand with IMT-GT Corridors.**

Joint Statement Highlights (cont.)

- **Underlined Need for Concrete Actions for Enhancing Connectivity, Trade Facilitation and HRD;**
- **Tasked Transport Ministers and WG on Infra & Transport to Identify Concrete Proposals to Reduce Transport and Logistic Costs along Connectivity Corridors, and to Develop Strategy for Building IMT-GT Transport Network;**
- **Tasked Economic Ministers and WG on Trade & Investment to Identify and Initiate implementation of Measures to Enhance Trade Facilitation in IMT-GT;**
- **Directed Concerned Ministers and WG on HRD to Identify Steps to Implement ASEAN Agreement on MRA on a Pilot Basis;**
- **Directed All Parties Responsible for IMT-GT to Take into Account Emerging Global Concern, and to Strengthen Cooperation and Address Environment Problem through Effective and Sustainable Implementation of Existing Agreements and Mechanisms.**

Joint Statement Highlights (cont.)

- **Committed to Continue to Support and Facilitate Private Sector at Central, Regional and Local Levels by Providing a Conducive Business Environment, Promoting Closer Public-Private Partnership, and Integrating Supporting Infra with the Needed Logistic Linkages within IMT-GT;**
- **Called for ADB to Facilitate Financing of Identified Projects of Private Sector;**
- **Commended GCM Forum on Strengthening Cooperation at Provincial and Local Levels in Promoting Trade, Investment, Tourism and Cultural Ties that will Contribute to Economic & Social Development of IMT-GT People;**
- **Support and Called on GCM Forum to Help Accelerate and Deepen Subregional Economic Cooperation and Integration at all Levels by Formalizing Cooperation Mechanisms among IMT-GT areas, Particularly Through Joint Implementation Measures, Programmes & Projects Identified in the Roadmap.**

Joint Statement Highlights (cont.)

- **Called for Collaboration between CIMT and all IMT-GT Entities;**
- **Welcomed ADB and ASEAN Sec to Assist CIMT to Develop Capacities to efficiently Perform Duties at Highest Standards;**
- **Commended ADB Role on Its Technical Support for Initiating development of IMT-GT Economic Connectivity Corridors;**
- **Urged ADB to Facilitate Development of Trade & Investment Database for IMT-GT, Analysis of Trade and Investment Climate in IMT-GT, and More Detailed Assessment of Transport Sector Including Transport Costs, Logistics Development, Maritime Trade and Port Development in IMT-GT;**
- **Called on ADB to Help Mobilize Financial & Technical Resources for Implementing Prioritized Projects in the Roadmap;**
- **Commended ASEAN Sec on its Coordinating Role Between IMT-GT and ASEAN Especially on Integration of Their Strategic Plans by Sectors of Development;**
- **Declared the Year 2008 as Visit IMT-GT Year, Officially Launched on 11 Jan 08 in Hatyai, Songkhla, Thailand.**

Implementation Steps

- 1) Most of the directives are already part and parcel of the programmes for 2008 implemented by the WGs, e.g:
 - Cooperation on Infrastructure, Transportation, Logistic Connectivity, Tourism, HRD, Social & Cultural Areas are already taken care of by the respective WGs;
 - IMT-GT Visit Year 2008, was successfully launched in Hatyai by JBC in Jan 2008, with various sub-activities carried out in Indonesia, Malaysia & Thailand over the year;
 - Cooperation on HRD, MRA and Competency Standards are on-going under the WG-HRD;
 - Cooperation on Fisheries, Livestocks, Horticulture & related Agro-Business are on-going under WG-Agriculture, Agro-Based Industry & Environment;
 - Cooperation on Special Border Zones are on-going under WG-Trade on Investment;
 - Cooperation on Halal Standards & Certifications are on-going under WG-HAPAS.

Implementation Steps (cont'd)

- 2) Throughout 2008 CIMT was undergoing its establishment process to be officially legalised and recognised as an International Organisation (IO);
- ❑ Establishment Agreement on the Establishment of CIMT;
 - ❑ Agreement on Immunities & Privileges;
 - ❑ Agreement on Maintenance and Use of Building;

 - ❑ Already functioning effectively as Central Secretariat to IMT-GT Meetings;
 - ❑ Expected to be in full operation by 2009.

Implementation Steps (cont'd)

3) ADB has been executing its various role and commitments:

- ❑ Providing technical and financial support to with CIMT,
 - IMT-GT website (on-going);
 - co-organising a seminar on ASEAN Post-AFTA for the JBC (in Nov 2008);
 - Seminar on Identifying Synergies Between the four IMT-GT Economic Corridors and the IMT-GT National Plans) (~ Feb 2009);
- ❑ Helping CIMT in improving the delivery process of the Working Groups; before & after WG meetings;
- ❑ Providing support and information to the JBC on access of private sector to sources of fund to implement IMT-GT projects;
- ❑ Completed the study on Logistics Development of the IMT-GT & Maritime Sector Study of the IMT-GT, and being pursued by the respective WG;
- ❑ Together with CIMT, establishing the IMT-GT Database on Trade, Investment & Tourism (2 stages);
- ❑ Review of IMT-GT Business Process

Implementation Steps (cont'd)

- 4) Incorporating Global Concerns and Sustainable Development in IMT-GT programmes:
- ❑ Initial presentation by CIMT & discussion at Special SOM on 5 Sep 2008, in Putrajaya, Malaysia;
 - ❑ Incorporating Sustainable Energy and Environmental, and Sustainable Development in all 6 WGs;
 - Avoid formation of new WGs or Task Forces;
 - Let each WG draw out its own plan;
 - ❑ To be discussed in more detail during the 3rd IMT-GT Planning Meeting in January 2009.



Thank you