

**JOINT STATEMENT
OF THE SECOND SUMMIT OF
INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-THAILAND GROWTH TRIANGLE (IMT-GT)
CEBU CITY, THE PHILIPPINES, 12 JANUARY 2007**

1. We, the Leaders of Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, met in Cebu, the Philippines on 12 January 2007 on the occasion of the Second Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) Summit to discuss cooperation and development prospects in IMT-GT. Our discussions primarily focused on addressing and building upon the achievements since the First IMT-GT Summit in Kuala Lumpur, 11 December 2005, as well as determining the future direction of the sub-region.

2. We reaffirmed the importance of IMT-GT as a sub-regional growth area within the overall context of narrowing development gaps in ASEAN and noted the need to accelerate its economic development. We welcomed the admission of Negeri Sembilan in Malaysia and of Lampung in Indonesia to IMT-GT and the application of six provinces of Thailand namely, Chumphon, Krabi, Phang Nga, Phuket, Ranong and Surat Thani.

3. We acknowledged the efforts of the private sector led by the Joint Business Council (JBC) in increasing trade, investment and tourism in the sub-region. The private sector is an important partner in promoting growth, and we will continue to fully support and facilitate their efforts at central, regional and local levels by providing a conducive business environment.

4. We agreed to adopt the IMT-GT Roadmap for Development 2007 - 2011, to guide the stakeholders in the implementation of doable, practical and sustainable strategies, programmes and projects that will benefit the communities of the member countries. We endorsed the Vision of the IMT-GT Roadmap for "a seamless, progressive, prosperous and peaceful sub-region with improved quality of life". The Action Plan, an integral part of the Roadmap, will guide the implementation of IMT-GT programmes and projects, the monitoring

and evaluation of progress, and the identification of areas that require follow-up action. We agreed to review and update the Roadmap annually to ensure that it remains relevant and effective.

5. We agreed to take concerted efforts to develop the IMT-GT Connectivity Corridors into centres of economic activity that will spur growth and prosperity throughout the entire IMT-GT region. The four priority corridors identified are the (i) Extended Songkhla-Penang-Medan Economic Corridor which includes the southern Thai border provinces of Narathiwat, Pattani and Yala, (ii) Straits of Melaka Economic Corridor covering the western coastal belt of southern Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia from Ranong in Thailand to Melaka in Peninsular Malaysia, (iii) Banda Aceh-Medan-Pekanbaru-Palembang Economic Corridor and (iv) Dumai-Melaka Economic Corridor.

6. We instructed our Ministers and Senior Officials to pursue, monitor and review the implementation of all the programmes and projects in order to ensure attainment of the development goals and targets set forth in the Roadmap and report progress.

7. We called on the private sectors, particularly the IMT-GT Joint Business Council (JBC), to undertake pro-active measures in realizing the programmes and projects identified in the Roadmap, and to ensure cohesive and dynamic private sector participation. We pledged to create and maintain conditions that will promote closer public-private partnerships in the implementation of IMT-GT economic initiatives and programmes.

8. We underlined the pivotal role of state/provincial governments and administrations in realizing the goals of the Roadmap and the importance of mainstreaming sub-regional level policies and initiatives within our state/provincial governments and administrations. We welcomed the successful convening of the IMT-GT Chief Ministers and Governors Forum in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia on 13 September 2006. We tasked our Chief Ministers and Governors to formulate and adopt a common strategic plan of action at the state/provincial level to further accelerate and deepen sub-regional economic cooperation and integration. We called on our Chief Ministers and Governors to formalize sub-regional cooperation, particularly for joint implementation measures, programmes and projects identified in the Roadmap.

9. We acknowledged the major role of the IMT-GT institutions in facilitating and coordinating the implementation of the measures under the IMT-GT Roadmap. We therefore tasked our concerned Ministers and Senior Officials to strengthen the coordinating mechanism of the IMT-GT cooperation with the establishment of the IMT-GT Coordination and Monitoring Centre (CMC). As the secretariat for IMT-GT, the CMC shall initiate, coordinate, facilitate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of IMT-GT programmes, projects and activities. We requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to facilitate the establishment of the CMC.

10. We noted with appreciation the assistance extended to IMT-GT by the ADB. We underlined the pivotal role of ADB as a Development Partner to IMT-GT in the formulation of mechanisms to revitalize the growth area. In this regard, we urged ADB to play a catalytic and pro-active role in the revitalization of economic cooperation activities in the sub-region by continuing to provide advisory and technical assistance to IMT-GT as well as helping mobilize resources for the implementation of the programmes, projects and activities in the Roadmap.

11. We express our gratitude to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.
