

The Vientiane Declaration, 9 December 2005

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We, the Chief Representatives from all the national engineering organisations in the 10 ASEAN member-countries, viz. Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera dan Arkitek Brunei Darussalam (PUJA), Brunei; Engineering Institution of Cambodia (EIC), Cambodia; Persatuan Insinyur Indonesia (PII), Indonesia; Laos Union of Science and Engineering Association (LUSEA), Laos; The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM), Malaysia; Myanmar Engineering Society (MES), Myanmar; Philippine Technological Council (PTC), Philippines; The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES), Singapore; The Engineering Institute of Thailand (EIT), Thailand; and Vietnam Union of Science & Technology Association (VUSTA), Vietnam; assembled in Vientiane, Lao PDR on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005 for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations, i.e. CAFEO 23 with the theme : *"Enhancing ASEAN Co-operation in Engineering for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development"*;

**RECALLED** that at the previous CAFEO 22, held in December 2004 in Yangon, Myanmar, AFEO by way of our Yangon Declaration had called on the ASEAN Heads of States, the ASEAN Economic Ministers, the ASEAN Secretariat and other ASEAN/ AFTA Committees, Working Groups, etc. to utilise the expertise of ASEAN Engineers by way of engaging AFEO/AER in framing the relevant multi-lateral agreements that deal with intra and extra ASEAN Trade on scientific, engineering and technology (S.E.T.) issues;

**APPRECIATED** the kind understanding and courtesy extended to the AFEO delegation which called to the ASEAN Secretary General H.E. Ong Keng Yong (on 10 August 2005) to highlight the fact that AFEO, being the ASEAN-wide national engineering organisations for stakeholders to all intra ASEAN and extra ASEAN trade in engineering and construction services, shall have the standing in shaping all forms of intra ASEAN and extra ASEAN trade agreements, e.g. MRA's for engineering and construction services and their subsequent operationalization;

**FURTHER APPRECIATED** the invitation by the Asean Secretariat to brief the Coordinating Committee on Services (CCS) on 2 December 2005 held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on the AFEO set-up for the mobility of ASEAN stakeholders involved in integrated engineering services within the ASEAN Free Trade Area and in due course, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC);

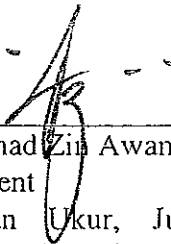
**NOTED** the ASEAN flagship project known as the Singapore-Kunming Rail Link (SKRL), being promoted by the ASEAN-Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC) countries, which involves six routes and covers 27,100 km and has a development budget of USD16.8 billion, will need to be marketed to the private sector and funding agencies, beginning with a high-level workshop to disseminate information and opportunities on the SKRL which will be of great interest to ASEAN Engineers - members of AFEO;


**FURTHER NOTED** that besides the foresaid ASEAN flagship project, ASEAN will in due course implement the ASEAN Power Grid besides the ASEAN Gas-pipeline Network, ICT infrastructure in support of the e-ASEAN project and other forms of pan-ASEAN infrastructures and facilities, transportation, energy and others that will need much S.E.T. inputs.


WE at CAFEO 23 therefore RESOLVE THAT: -

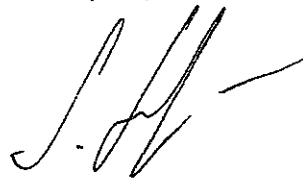
- 1.0 The ASEAN Heads of States and the ASEAN Economic Ministers in their endeavour to realise the formation of AEC, should **mobilise ASEAN stakeholders** involved in engineering, integrated engineering and construction sectors, dealing with S.E.T. issues, in the promotion, development, implementation and the eventual operation and maintenance of ASEAN flag-ship projects such as those of SKRL, ASEAN Power Grid, ASEAN Gas pipeline, etc. This will then be the primary motivation of the ASEAN Member-countries in assisting ASEAN Engineers, the stakeholders of the said projects, in attaining the goal of "Enhancing ASEAN Co-operation in Engineering for Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development" - the very theme of CAFEO 23.
- 2.0 AFEO offers an ASEAN wide bank of resources and expertise in partnership with ASEAN and AMBDC in realising a meaningful marketing programme that will lead to the funding of the SKRL and other pan-ASEAN wide projects.
- 3.0 In order that ASEAN projects to be truly ASEAN in nature, all MRA's on engineering services, integrated engineering services, construction services, etc. are to be reviewed and modified such that the free movement of professionals, skilled workers and talents will be realised and as envisaged for the success of AEC; the end goal of ASEAN Vision 2020.
- 4.0 There be further enhancement of the working relationship among AFEO and the ASEAN Secretariat by including AFEO representatives in AFTA and late AEC policy making bodies involving engineering, integrated engineering and construction services to achieve their respective objectives.
- 5.0 In order to achieve these goals, AFEO shall initiate various projects for poverty alleviation and sustainable development
- 6.0 ASEAN Governments be requested to allocate funds to cover their national representatives's expenses inservicing AFEO's involvement to support the respective ASEAN Governments' initiatives.


SO RESOLVED AND AGREED TO BY:-


  
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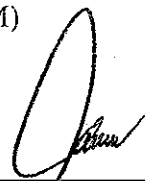
  
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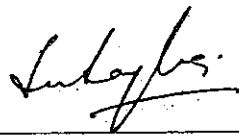
  
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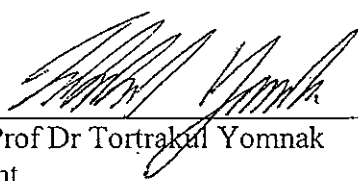
  
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