



## **ASEAN defence chiefs convene for 11<sup>th</sup> ADMM**

The defence chiefs of the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) convened for the 11<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) today, 23 October 2017, at the ASEAN Convention Center in Clark Field, Angeles City, Pampanga.

ADMM 2017 Chairman and Philippine Defence Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana opened the meeting and reiterated his appreciation for the support of the delegates for the Philippines' ASEAN chairmanship, particularly for the 11<sup>th</sup> ADMM. The ADMM is the highest platform for cooperation among ASEAN defence establishments.

"I am honored to chair this year's meeting, especially in this year of ASEAN's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary," Secretary Lorenzana said during his welcome remarks.

"This morning's meeting will be an opportunity for us to focus on the progress of defence cooperation to include new initiatives and the way forward for ADMM," the Philippine defence chief added.

Defence Undersecretary for Defence Policy Ricardo A. David Jr. reported the outcome of the 1st ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting (ADSOM) and ADSOM-Plus held on 4-7 April 2017 in Cebu City.

Meanwhile, Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff General Eduardo M. Año provided a summary of the 14th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Informal Meeting (ACDFIM) held on 15-19 May 2017, in Manila.

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