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PH Hosts 11th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) and 4th ADMM-Plus

The Philippine Department of National Defense is hosting the 11th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) and 4th ADMM-Plus on 23-24 October 2017 in Clark Field, Angeles City, Pampanga.

“Our Chairmanship of the ASEAN this year coincides with its golden anniversary. As such, we will be pushing forward several initiatives to include a three-year work programme that will focus on streamlining, synergizing, and rationalizing ADMM efforts. This is to pursue our cooperative mechanisms in the most efficient and effective way possible. We will also be coming up with frameworks for maritime interaction, education and training exchanges, aircraft encounters, among others,” said National Defense Secretary Delfin N. Lorenzana, the Chairperson of the ADMM and ADMM-Plus.

Established in 2006, the ADMM is the highest defence consultative and cooperative mechanism in the ASEAN. It aims to promote mutual trust and confidence through greater understanding of defence and security challenges, as well as enhancement of transparency and openness among ten ASEAN member states namely: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Meanwhile, the ADMM-Plus is a platform for ASEAN Defence Ministers to engage their counterparts from the Plus countries namely: Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and United States.

With the establishment of the ADMM-Plus in 2010, the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups (EWGs) on humanitarian assistance and disaster response (HADR), maritime security, counter-terrorism, military medicine, peacekeeping operations, humanitarian mine action (demining) and cybersecurity were organized to promote practical cooperation that would enhance the ADMM-Plus members' defense and military interoperability and capability.

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