



Summary Report

3rd ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC) Meeting

09:00 – 12:00 hrs UTC+7, 14 January 2021, Webex

INTRODUCTION

1. The ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC), proposed by Hydro - Informatics Institute (HII), Thailand, has been approved as a centre under the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation (ASEAN COSTI). AHC reports to the Sub-Committee on Microelectronics and Information Technology (SCMIT).
2. The AHC shall be a platform to support data connectivity among ASEAN's water, weather and disaster related agencies. ASEAN member states can also share their knowledge and technology through AHC to broaden future implementation and operation.
3. The Third Meeting of the ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC) was held on 14 January 2021 virtually through Webex hosted by Hydro – Informatics Institute (HII), Thailand. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Chairman of ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre (AHC).
4. The Meeting was attended by delegates from the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Representatives from HII were also in attendance. The list of delegates appears as ANNEX 1.

AGENDA ITEM 1: OPENING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. Dr. Sutat Weesakul, Chairman of AHC warmly welcomed the participants to the Third AHC Official Meeting online. He expressed his confidence that AHC will be an important ASEAN platform to move forward for sharing, accelerating, and strengthening the regional collaboration. He asked the attendees to briefly introduce themselves.
6. The Meeting discussed and adopted the agenda which appears in ANNEX 2.

AGENDA ITEM 2: HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2nd AHC MEETING

7. The Meeting noted the highlights of the AHC-02 Meeting presented by AHC Chairman, e.g. 5 Thematic Areas, Roadmap, and National CIO Focal Point. The report appears as ANNEX 3. AHC Chairman also asked all the countries who had yet nominated their National CIO Focal Point to inform the AHC secretariat via e-mail.

AGENDA ITEM 3: STATUS OF AHC

3.1 Progress

3.1.1 Update from AHC report in the 49th Sub-Committee on Microelectronics and Information Technology (SCMIT) Meeting

8. AHC Chairman reported the updated activities of AHC to the SCMIT-49 meeting on 4 December 2020. In the meeting, the ASEAN Secretariat and SCMIT Chairman cautioned the need and capacity of the Centre to enter into agreements on behalf of its Centre in the future.

3.1.2 Asi@Connect – “Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Disaster Risk Reduction” project

9. AHC Chairman reported the updated information of the “Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Disaster Risk Reduction (CRADR)” project in response to the Asi@Connect 4th Call for Proposals.
10. The Asi@Connect project is the research project supporting by the European Commission (EC) through the Trans-Eurasia Information Network* Cooperation Centre (TEIN*CC). The project aim to support collaborative programmes in areas such as earth observation, disaster warning, climate research, food security, delivery of e-health and e-learning.
11. Hydro – Informatics Institute (HII), as a host of this project, submitted the “Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Disaster Risk Reduction (CRADR)” proposal in the Asi@Connect 4th Call for Proposals and was granted award by TEIN*CC. The project agreement had already been signed by TEIN*CC and HII on January 2021. As Director of HII, Dr. Sutat presented the background information, objectives, activities, expected outcome, and the list of project partners to the meeting. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all activity under this project will be shifted from physical to virtual workshop and the first CRADR international workshop will be organized virtually in February 2021.
12. The meeting suggested that the workshop could be of benefit to stakeholders in different fields e.g. agriculture, climate change, and the HII extended its warm welcome to related stakeholders in ASEAN, other than AHC, to participate in the

workshop. HII will prepare the formal invitation letter with the concept note of the project and circulate to all the members within January 2021.

3.1.3 ASEAN Chief Information Officer Association (ACIOA)

13. The Meeting was informed of the collaboration activity between AHC and ASEAN Chief Information Officer Association (ACIOA) regarding the Live Chat “Hydroinformatic’s FUTURE in ASEAN; collaboration in building an ecosystem for good practices toward sustainable development”, on 26 June 2020. The Live Chat was supported by the resource persons from AHC members in Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, and was participated by ASEAN members. The collaboration with ACIOA is believed to encourage cross-sectoral collaboration between ICT and water sectors in the future.
14. The Meeting noted there were no new projects/activities/initiatives proposed.

3.2 Update progress of each member on internal discussion

15. AHC members from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Thailand updated on their respective progress for the year as shown in ANNEX 4.

AGENDA ITEM 4: AHC ROADMAP 2020 – 2030 AND WORKPLAN

16. The meeting discussed the impact of COVID-19 to the AHC roadmap and workplan. There had been a slight delay in term of activity and the change of format from physical to virtual activity due to COVID-19 related constraints. However, the main roadmap of AHC was still not affected.

AGENDA ITEM 5: SELECTION OF AHC CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIR

17. AHC Chairman informed members on the terms and conditions of Chairmanship. The current chairmanship will end in March 2021 but the term of HII team as AHC secretariat will end in 2022.
18. AHC will organize the 4th AHC Meeting in March 2021 for the selection of Chairman and Vice-chair.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER MATTERS

19. The meeting discussed their findings since the 2-years of establishment of AHC. Dr. Sutat shared his comments as the chair of AHC that the legal authority of AHC should

be cleared by ASEAN Secretariat for further project development, and the continuation of members are also one of the factors affecting the work of AHC.

20. Members agreed that more involvement to AHC from related agencies in their countries are needed. AHC secretariat can also facilitate the members by providing a formal letter from AHC Chairman to the potential agencies.

21. AHC Secretariat will circulate the information of National CIO Focal Point to the members in the future

AGENDA ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT AHC MEETING

22. The Meeting agreed to the proposed date of the 4th AHC Meeting in March 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE 3rd AHC MEETING AND CLOSING

23. The Meeting agreed that the report would be adopted ad referendum. AHC secretariat will thereafter forward the endorsed report to ASEAN Secretariat and to Sub-Committee on Microelectronics and Information Technology (SCMIT).

24. The AHC Chairman expressed his appreciation to all AHC members for their support and valuable assistance.

25. The Meeting was held in the traditional spirit of ASEAN cordiality and solidarity.

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ANNEX 1: List of Delegates

ANNEX 2: Agenda of the 3rd ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre Meeting

ANNEX 3: Report of the 2nd ASEAN Hydroinformatics Data Centre Meeting

ANNEX 4: Update from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Thailand