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MALAYSIA COMMITTED TO IMPLEMENT THE ASEAN ROADMAP ON A HAZE-FREE REGION BY 2030

Malaysia has reaffirmed its commitment to the ASEAN Roadmap on a Haze-Free Region 2023–2030, which serves as the primary guide for achieving a haze-free ASEAN by 2030.

This commitment was highlighted at the 20th Meeting of the Committee (COM-20) under the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (AATHP). The meeting was chaired by Malaysia, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), in conjunction with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2025.

The Roadmap's implementation is crucial for ensuring member states' actions are more targeted, coordinated, and impactful. This includes improving preparedness for forest and peatland fires and promoting sustainable management of natural resources.

Key strategies discussed include, Comprehensive Prevention through ASEAN member states by strengthening the enforcement of laws related to open burning, continuously monitoring fire-prone areas, and implementing sustainable land-use practices.

Through enhanced early warning systems, the region is using satellite technology, weather modeling, and real-time data sharing among member states to monitor hotspots and identify early risks.

Meanwhile, the strengthened regional coordination is being achieved through regular technical meetings, joint training, and closer alignment of cross-border policies and strategies.

The meeting also covered a range of important topics, including the status of the ASEAN Transboundary Haze Pollution Control Fund and progress on the Second ASEAN Haze-Free Roadmap. Officials also discussed the new ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Transboundary Haze Pollution Control and the ASEAN Investment Framework for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management.

This meeting serves as an important platform to prepare for the 18th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME-18), where senior officials from across ASEAN discuss the key outcome documents for consideration and approval at the upcoming AMME-18.

Discussions focused on several substantive matters, including the draft ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 30th Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP30) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The meeting also assessed new nominations for ASEAN Heritage Parks and reviewed highlights of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity's Governing Board Report.

These meetings provided ASEAN Member States with the opportunity to reaffirm their shared commitment to strengthening regional cooperation in environmental protection, climate change, and transboundary haze pollution. The outcomes of these discussions will contribute towards strengthening ASEAN's collective efforts towards a sustainable, resilient, and haze-free region.

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