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ASEAN and China, Japan and ROK (10+3) Foreign Ministers Meeting Held in Singapore

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People’s Republic of China

August 4, 2018

On August 4, 2018, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi attended the ASEAN and China, Japan and Korea (10+3) Foreign Ministers Meeting in Singapore.

Wang Yi said that 10+3 cooperation has shown strong momentum since last year. Looking back on the 20-year history of 10+3 cooperation, the most important experience is to move forward in history and develop in the times. At present, economic globalization has experienced twists and turns, unilateralism and protectionism have risen, and the international order and the multilateral trading system have been affected. Faced with new uncertainties and instability, 10+3 countries must demonstrate their strong will to promote trade liberalization and firm determination to uphold multilateralism, firmly promote regional economic integration, build an East Asian economic community, and build an open world economy. Provide more stability and certainty to the world economy.

Wang Yi made several suggestions on the future 10+3

cooperation. First, promote regional economic integration and promote substantive progress in the RCEP negotiations during the year. On this basis, the East Asian economic community will be put on the agenda to create a free, balanced and inclusive East Asian development pattern. The second is to deepen financial cooperation. We will continue to improve the regional financial safety net with the core of the Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization, and make good use of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Asian Development Bank to provide more financial support for regional development. The third is to expand the field of cooperation. Strengthen innovation cooperation and promote the digital economy, smart city, artificial intelligence, e-commerce and other fields to become a new highland of 10+3 cooperation. The fourth is to build a new platform for humanities exchange. The Chinese side advocates the establishment of a "10+3 cultural city network", strengthens the capacity building of the East Asian think tank network, and enhances cultural connections and friendship among East Asian countries.

The foreign ministers of Japan, South Korea and ASEAN countries have positively evaluated the fruitful results of the 10+3 cooperation and affirmed the positive role played by 10+3 cooperation in promoting regional peace, stability and prosperity. It is agreed that in the face of the impact and threat posed by unilateral protectionism to the multilateral trading system, further strengthening 10+3 cooperation is more important than ever. The 10+3 countries should strengthen unity, firmly support trade liberalization, oppose protectionism, accelerate the RCEP negotiations, promote the establishment of the East Asian economic community, and safeguard peace and prosperity in East Asia.

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2018 Marco Polo- ZHENG He Academy of International Oceans Law and Policy was held successfully

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