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RESOLUTION
ON
PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF
ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE PROCESS OF NARROWING
DEVELOPMENT GAP IN ASEAN

The Thirty-Fifth AIPA General Assembly:

Referring to the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community (2009 – 2015);

Recognizing the ASEAN Strategic Action Plan for SME Development 2010-2015;

Recalling AIPA Resolution 32GA/2011/ECO/01 on Promoting Economic Growth and Sustainable Development towards Narrowing Development Gap in ASEAN, Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 2011;

Recalling further AIPA Resolution 28GA/2007/Eco/03 on Narrowing the Economic Gap between ASEAN Members, Kuala Lumpur in 2007, Malaysia, AIPA Resolution 29GA/2008/Eco/01, Singapore in 2008 and AIPA Resolution 30GA/2009/Eco/02, Chonburi, Thailand in 2009;

Being aware of the IAI Work Plan for Narrowing the Development Gap within ASEAN;

Hereby resolves to:

Call on ASEAN Member States to reaffirm that the transformation of economic structures from a natural resource based economy to a knowledge-based economy is the critical challenge in ASEAN. To overcome these challenges, human resource development, particularly building the entrepreneur's capacity and capability are key factors;

Urge ASEAN Member States to take advantage of ASEAN Free Trade Area Agreement and to emphasize that changing realities within a globalized economy require entrepreneurs to enhance their knowledge and skills to be prepared for global competition; skilled entrepreneurs will effectively support narrowing the development gap and support wealth creation in ASEAN;

Call on ASEAN Member States to ensure strong political support for entrepreneurship education, developing a coherent program involving all relevant stakeholders and in various levels of education;

Further Urge ASEAN Member States to intensify the cooperation in all economic aspects especially the CLMV countries to benefit from the integration of the 12 priority sectors and from the 8 Mutual Recognition Arrangements services sectors;

Support the ASEAN Strategic Action Plan for SME Development, particularly capacity building for entrepreneurs such as financial and markets accessibility, appropriate and climate-friendly technologies and business management capacity;

Call upon ASEAN Member States to further support the IAI Work Plan II, for Narrowing the Development Gap within ASEAN, particularly training for CLMV countries entrepreneurial skills and knowledge in order to strengthen entrepreneurs making their business more sustainable, innovative, dynamic and competitive;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to ensure the effective utilization of the existing funds and consider creating and mobilizing new appropriate funds for further strengthening entrepreneurs' skills for CLMV countries in the process of narrowing development gap;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to further support the development and possible standardization of entrepreneurship-based curriculum in educational systems, especially in the dual educational system to develop the skills of prospective entrepreneurs in ASEAN;

Urge AIPA Member Parliaments to create an enabling policy and legal framework to attract all relevant stakeholders, including development partners participating in entrepreneurship education which will take into account its specific elements;

Call on ASEAN Member States to support the young dynamic entrepreneurs to reap opportunities from the economic growth in the region, globalization, and from the acceleration of technological change;

Encourage ASEAN Member States to prioritize the support of women's entrepreneurial development, promote gender specific training programs to improve women's entrepreneurial skills, provide access to financial assistance, empower women and develop society in the region;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to support the networking and closer Regional Cooperation between National Chambers of Commerce and Industry in ASEAN mainly on strengthening entrepreneurial capacity building, knowledge and experience sharing on business management;

Recommend ASEAN Member States to consider the establishment of the ASEAN SME Regional Development Fund, including setting up ASEAN SMEs Service Centre in order to facilitate the information sharing and capacity building.

Adopted on the 19th day of September Two Thousand and Fourteen at the 35th AIPA General Assembly, in Vientiane Capital, Lao People's Democratic Republic.