



**THE 51<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF  
THE ASEAN NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATIONS  
(51<sup>st</sup> ASEAN NTOS)**

12-13 January 2020, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam

A very good morning, Vice-Chair Mr Thong Rathasak, Head of NTO Cambodia,  
Heads of ASEAN NTOs, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. First and foremost, on behalf of the Government of Brunei Darussalam and the ASEAN Tourism Forum Organising Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all my fellow Head of NTOs and distinguished delegates to Brunei Darussalam, the Abode of Peace.
2. Today we gather again for the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organisations Meeting. We have made progress in the implementation of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan. As we can see from the agenda, that we have quite a number of important matters to discuss that will contribute to the progress and development of ASEAN tourism such as regional collaboration, joint cooperation among ASEAN Member States and partners, sustainable and inclusive tourism development of ASEAN destinations in order to remain competitive in the tourism industry.
3. As Chair of the Meeting, I would like to thank the ASEAN Tourism Committees and their respective Leading Country Coordinators on their hard work and achievements of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan Work Plan 2018-2019 so far, as without the commitment from each ASEAN Member State, we would not have been able to achieved our accomplishments.
4. In this Meeting, I look forward to hearing fruitful discussions and any further recommendations from ASEAN Member States that can contribute to the successful completion of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan Work Plan 2018-2019 before we venture to the next ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan Work Plan for the year 2020-2021.
5. I hope to do all the possible efforts to successfully chair the Meeting and deliver positive achievements together with my Vice-Chair, and support from all Heads of NTOs.