

**BALI DECLARATION**  
**ON YOUTH AND SPORTS**  
**BALI, 4 MAY 2026**

We, the Ministers and Officials of equivalent rank responsible for Youth and Sports of Southeast Asian countries, on the occasion of Ministerial Meeting on Youth and Sports in Bali, from 3 to 5 May, 2026;

**RECOGNIZING** the strategic role of youth and sports in strengthening social cohesion, enhancing international engagement, and supporting long-term social and economic resilience;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the shared challenges faced by Southeast Asian countries in developing competitive sports systems, sustainable sports industries, and resilient youth communities amid rapid social, technological, and global changes;

**DESIRING** to strengthen cooperation and mutual learning through practical collaboration, exchanges of experience, and policy dialogue to enhance youth development, sports

governance, athlete pathways, and inclusive participation, in accordance with respective national priorities;

Hereby declare the following:

1. **Share** the view that sports play a strategic role in promoting regional peace and unity, sustainable development, healthy societies, and international visibility for Southeast Asia. We express our shared intent to strengthen cooperation in sports development as a means to promote solidarity, mutual understanding, and constructive engagement among our societies.
2. **Acknowledge** the need to strengthen high-performance sports systems by improving athlete development, coaching, sports science, and talent identification. In this context, we recognize the value of enhancing the relevance of regional multi-sport events, including the SEA Games, in supporting athlete development and progression toward higher-level international competitions, taking into account national contexts and existing frameworks.
3. **Explore** collaborative approaches and information-sharing among Southeast Asian nations, in relation to hosting major international sporting events, with a view to encourage regional capacity and cooperation.
4. **Reaffirm** the value of participation in sports as a foundation for talent development, public health, promotion of tolerance, respect, social inclusion, peace and integration through greater interaction and

understanding among people of Southeast Asian countries.

5. **Emphasize** the empowerment of youth by fostering robust partnerships with key relevant stakeholders to enable young people to contribute to promoting peace, tolerance, inclusivity, shared responsibility, and sustainable development.
6. **Recognizing** youth as key drivers of future resilience and innovation in Southeast Asia. We express our shared intention to empower youth, including vulnerable youth, through sports and through policies that cultivate critical thought and responsible engagement in the digital era – enabling young people to be the agent of their own well-being and to participate in the dynamic world that continue to be ever reshaped by emerging technologies with strength of character and a clear sense of purpose.


ADOPTED on this fourth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty Six, in a single original copy in the English language.

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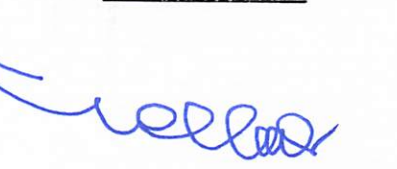
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**The Southeast Asia Ministerial Meeting on Youth and Sports  
2026 was also attended by:**

- 1. Delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic**
- 2. Delegation of Malaysia**
- 3. Delegation of The Kingdom of Thailand**
- 4. Delegation of The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**