

**Welcome Address at 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum of the ASEAN Fuel Economy Platform**  
9AM, Wednesday, November 28, 2017, Makati Diamond Residences, Makati City

Allow me to greet a pleasant morning to the government representatives from ASEAN member countries who are in attendance, to the participants and delegates in this forum, guests and friends.

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming here today to take part in the forum on fuel economy. Thank you to GIZ for organizing this forum and for being active partners of the ASEAN in promoting and advancing environmentally sustainable policies and programs in the region. I am confident that through this forum, we will be able to improve collective knowledge on fuel economy in the ASEAN, increase coordination and cooperation among stakeholders, and brainstorm, share ideas and recommend concrete actions for the advancement and implementation of fuel economy policies in the region.

Improving vehicle fuel economy (FE) is vital in cutting transport emissions in order to mitigate the impact of climate change. FE refers to the relationship between the distance travelled and the fuel consumed by a vehicle. Many ASEAN countries have already introduced FE policies as part of their national efforts towards energy efficiency, climate mitigation, and technology progress.

The ASEAN's Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan (KLTSP) 2016-2025 has been established to be a platform to discuss matters related to FE for the transport sector in the ASEAN region. The key task of the FE platform is to brainstorm and provide inputs for the development of draft regional roadmap on FE with policy guidelines for member states.

The platform works through bi-annual forums, with the first held in November 2016 in Kuala Lumpur and the second in March 2017 in Bangkok. The outcome from the FE platform and the ASEAN Expert Group on Sustainable Land Transport (EGSLT) is a 1st draft of the "ASEAN Light Duty Vehicle Fuel Economy Roadmap 2018-2025," that is now being reviewed. In addition, work on a feasibility study for energy efficiency in the transport sector started as part of the implementation of the ASEAN Plan of Action on Energy Cooperation with support from UNEP. Also, an International Research Group on FE was launched under the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies.

Significant and important work is being done yet much more still remains to be done. We urge everyone's continued support and participation in the ASEAN's programs and initiatives on fuel economy; our success largely depends on everybody pitching in, from the governments of the ASEAN to the private sector to development agencies to the academe to the ordinary citizen. After all, everyone is a stakeholder, either directly or indirectly.

I am confident that this forum will be fruitful, productive and engaging, that the ideas and output that will be generated in this forum would contribute significantly to strengthen processes and resources that the governments and the private sector of the ASEAN need to promote and advance a more environmentally sustainable region.

I wish you again a pleasant morning and a successful forum!