



REMARKS FROM OUTGOING SECRETARY GENERAL

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Atty. Joseph Philip Andres, Secretary General of the ASEAN Social Security Association and Senior Vice President for the Core Business Sector of the Government Service Insurance System, Philippines;

Delegates from the Member Institutions of ASEAN Social Security Association;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

A very good morning to all.

It is with a mix of gratitude and pride that I address you today as I conclude my term as Secretary General of the ASEAN Social Security Association (ASSA). Representing Malaysia in this capacity has been a profound honour, and I am deeply thankful for the trust and support extended to me throughout this journey. Together, we have worked tirelessly to strengthen collaboration among our Member Institutions, advancing the shared mission of social protection for the people of ASEAN.

Leadership in ASSA is a collective endeavour, and our achievements are the result of our shared commitment to learning from each other and building a resilient network. I am confident that this spirit of unity will continue to thrive under the capable leadership of Atty. Andres. Your expertise and dedication will undoubtedly steer ASSA to new



heights, ensuring that our association remains a beacon of regional cooperation and innovation in social security.

As I pass the baton, I reflect on the progress we have made and the foundations we have strengthened. From fostering knowledge-sharing to improving the framework of ASSA, ASSA has continued to adapt to the evolving needs of our region. I have no doubt that with the Philippines at the helm, our association will continue to grow in relevance and impact, responding effectively to emerging challenges and opportunities.

To our incoming Secretary General Atty. Andres, my heartfelt congratulations. I am confident that your leadership will inspire us all and further elevate ASSA's role in supporting the wellbeing of ASEAN citizens. Malaysia remains steadfast in its commitment to the association and stands ready to support your efforts in any way possible.

Thank you, once again, to all Member Countries and Institutions for your unwavering dedication to ASSA's mission. It has been an honour to serve, and I look forward to witnessing the continued success of our association. May our shared journey be marked by progress and unity as we move forward together.