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Press release on Delhi Dialogue X

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1. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister (EAM) will host the 10th edition of the Delhi Dialogue (DD X) in New Delhi from 19-20 July 2018. Delhi Dialogue is a premier annual track 1.5 event to discuss politico-security, economic and socio-cultural engagement between India and ASEAN. The theme of DD X is "Strengthening India-ASEAN Maritime Cooperation". This is the first major event to be organized after the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit, that was held in New Delhi in January 2018.
2. DD X has been organized in partnership with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). Political leadership, policy makers, senior officials, diplomats, business leaders, think-tanks and academicians from India and ASEAN Member States will participate in the discussions. Chief Ministers from the North-Eastern states have also been invited to participate. Dignitaries from ASEAN Member States include H.E. Awang Abdul Mutalib bin Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Setia Dato Paduka Haji Mohammad, Minister of Communications of Brunei; H.E. Mr. A.M. Fachir, Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Thongphane Savanphet, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR; H.E. Mr. Kyaw Tin, Minister for International Cooperation of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Foreign Minister of Singapore; Mr. Chaisiri Anamarn, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Advisor to Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand; Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dzong, Deputy Foreign Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam; and H.E. Hoang Ahn Tuan, Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, ASEAN Secretariat.
3. Twenty media persons from ASEAN, who have travelled to India under the ASEAN-India Media Exchange Programme, will also attend DD X.
4. Spread over a period of two days, DD X will comprise of six plenary and four parallel sessions, with each session followed by open discussions. The sessions on the first day will discuss the: Role of North East in Act East: Forging Connectivity with ASEAN; Strengthening Socio-Cultural Links; and India-ASEAN Partnership and Emerging Global Order. The second day's session will discuss: Maritime Cooperation: A New Framework for India-ASEAN Partnership; Development Cooperation; and ASEAN-India Trade, Investment and Technology. The four parallel sessions will discuss: Small and Medium Enterprises SMEs and Regional Development; e-Commerce and Digital Connectivity; Tourism Cooperation; and Building Smart Cities.
5. The Ministerial Session of DD X will be held at 5 PM on July 19, 2018. EAM will deliver the keynote address. The proceedings of the Ministerial Session will be webcast live.