

REMARKS
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Excellency Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Our vibrant Asia is a driver for the world's economic growth. If we want to ensure rapid growth and sustainable development, it is necessary to further strengthen cooperation. Once again, we see the role and importance of our ACD.

Viet Nam highly values efforts to improve the effectiveness of ACD, in particular the initiative to restructure our cooperation into six pillars. I am especially pleased to note the following:

First, connectivity is a key to our cooperation. What is more important is to promote multi-dimensional connectivity. Connectivity should not only be restricted to transportation, logistics, trade and tourism. It also includes exchanges of policies, culture and peoples. And we should all promote this more.

Second, to achieve the SDGs, we all need to invest more in social issues. It is particularly important to address environmental protection, even though environment-friendly technologies are often very expensive. This means we should increase mutual support in this area, raise our common voice, and work together for joint results at regional, continental and even global levels.

Third, it is crucial to achieve concrete progress in every single initiative. We also should step up the momentum of existing projects, including those in the sub-regions, such as the Mekong, the Ganga River Basin, and the Amua River Basin.

Last but not least, peace and stability are the foundation for all cooperation efforts. This is our shared responsibility, and we should pursue it with sincerity and substantial effort. And of course this must be based on international law and respect for the sovereignty and legitimate interests of each other.

Because I mentioned substance, I would like to appreciate Thailand's effort to work closely with other members to seek and add substance to ACD cooperation.

Viet Nam is committed to working closely with other members to strengthen our cooperation across all the pillars, but especially in those pillars for which we serve as co-prime mover.

I believe that with all of our strong commitment, ACD cooperation will take a big step forward.

To conclude, I wish the Summit great success! Thank you for your attention./