

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Chen Dehai, Secretary-General of
ASEAN-China Centre at the Symposium Celebrating
the 51st Anniversary of ASEAN**

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Your Excellency Dr. Aladdin D. Rillo, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for ASEAN Economic Community,
Your Excellency Mr. Masataka Fujita, Secretary General of ASEAN-Japan Centre,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon!

It is my great pleasure to attend the Symposium celebrating the 51st anniversary of the founding of ASEAN. I would like to thank ASEAN-Japan Centre for the kind invitation and the thoughtful arrangements. ASEAN has grandly celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2017, and now ushered into a new era of the second 50 years of development. It is thus very meaningful for AJC to hold the symposium at this time.

Over the past half a century, ASEAN has explored a development path that suits its own conditions and achieved great success, which was seen as the “Miracle of Asia”. ASEAN is the first sub-regional community and has formed a regional cooperation framework with ASEAN playing the central role, which makes ASEAN an important force for peace and stability of the region as well as for regional integration and world multi-polarity. ASEAN is pursuing a

higher level of community building as stipulated in the *ASEAN Community Vision 2025*. We are convinced that with the joint efforts of all ASEAN Member States, ASEAN will open up an even brighter chapter and play a greater role in promoting enduring peace and prosperity of this region.

Dear Friends,

ASEAN-China Centre is an inter-governmental organization co-founded by 10 ASEAN Member States and China. Since its inception in 2011, ACC has been committed to implementing the important consensus reached by the leaders of ASEAN and China, and actively promoting cooperation in trade, investment, education, culture, tourism as well as information and media, and has produced fruitful results.

In recent years, ASEAN-China Centre, ASEAN-Japan Centre and ASEAN-Korea Centre have strengthened exchanges and mutual learning, maintained good momentum in cooperation to jointly promote regional development. This year is the 15th anniversary of ASEAN-China strategic partnership and the ASEAN-China Year of Innovation. ACC would like to keep close communication with all the friends, strengthen economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges to produce more outcomes that benefit the people of all countries in the region.

In conclusion, I hope all participants will actively share your

wisdom and insights on the future development of ASEAN and this region.

Once again, I wish the symposium a complete success.

Thank you!