



BANGKOK DECLARATION

Confederation of Asean Journalists

Bangkok, Thailand

January 24-28, 2018

We, members of the Confederation of ASEAN Journalists (CAJ), convened in Bangkok, Thailand, on January 24-28, 2018 for the 19th General Assembly of CAJ.

We recognize the able leadership of Vietnam Journalists Association (VJA) which held the presidency of CAJ between 2015-2017, for having significantly enhanced the role of CAJ through the implementation of the Action Plan for 2015-2017 under the Hanoi Declaration that has resulted in better understanding and closer cooperation among the CAJ members.

We recognize the contribution from the Board of Directors of CAJ which met in Jakarta on January 6, 2017 and initiated a series of proposals designed to support the role of CAJ in raising the awareness of ASEAN identity and unity.

We recognize the contribution from the “Working Group” set up at the 18th General Assembly of CAJ held in Hanoi in November, 2015 and chaired by the Confederation of Thai Journalists to recommend ways and means to enhance the dynamism and relevance of CAJ. Members of the “Working Group” met in Vientiane under the auspices of Lao Journalists Association (LJA) in July, 2016 and initiated specific amendments to the CAJ Charter which are successfully adopted at the 19th General Assembly in Bangkok.

We welcome the Club of Cambodian Journalists as a new member of CAJ and will continue to encourage the inclusion of journalist institutions in Brunei Darussalam and Myanmar in the near future.

We reaffirm our commitment to contributing to the integration of the ASEAN Community through our journalistic profession.

We reiterate our recognition of the need for CAJ to adapt to the changes and challenges that have taken place in the ASEAN region and the rest of the world.

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We also recognize the need for CAJ to work for a stronger engagement among its member countries and with their affiliates and partners to raise their professional standard in the fast-changing media landscape.

Towards these goals, the CAJ hereby adopts the "Action Plan 2018-2020" with the objective of strengthening cooperation among its member countries and enhancing the solidarity and cohesion among journalists and media organizations within the ASEAN Community.

Adopted on 26th of January, 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand

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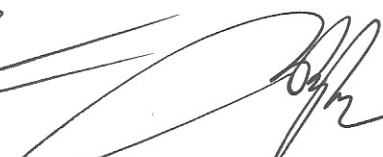
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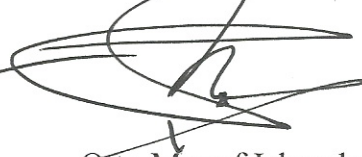
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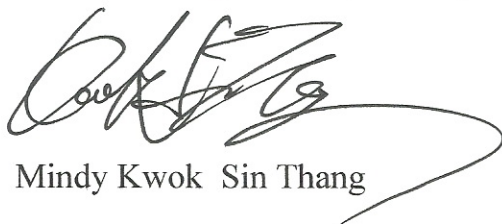
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