



**SUPREME COURT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**Speech Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
of the Republic of Indonesia**

**Closing Ceremony of the 3rd China-ASEAN Justice Forum
Establishing a High-Level Judicial Cooperation Platform to
Jointly Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road**

1. Honorable Chief Justice ZHOU Qiang, Chief Justice of Supreme People Court of China
2. Honorable Chief Justices of ASEAN and its representatives,
3. His Excellency Dato Lim Hock Joy, Secretary General of ASEAN
4. Fellow Justices, Distinguishes Ladies and Gentlements
Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices, I wish to express my warm appreciation to the Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China under the leadership of Chief Justice ZHOU Qiang for this extremely well-organized 3rd China-ASEAN Justice Forum.

Please also allow me to thank to all ASEAN Chief Justices and delegations for the meaningful contributions to today's discourse and the significant collective effort expended to demonstrate our mutual commitment to the shared agenda.

Chief Justices, distinguished guests,

Today's event is a very important forum initiated by Supreme People's Court of People's Republic of China with the topic of establishing a High-level Judicial Cooperation Platform to Jointly Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. This is the third China-ASEAN Justice Forum organized by SPC since 2014, and we have spent today discussing 3 important perspectives. First the entering into force of the Regional Comprehensive Economy Partnership (RCEP) agreement early this year, second, Intellectual Property protection, and third, promoting Cross Border Online Litigation. We have also concluded today's discussions with the signing of Nanning Statement 2022.

Today's Forum demonstrates agreements that the Judicial Cooperation agenda is an important agenda in a bid to promote trade and investment in order to improve the welfare and prosperity of more than 1.8 billion people living in the Region. Especially in the midst of prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, all efforts to facilitate economic recovery and increase the prosperity of the citizens deserve to be prioritized.

Chief Justices, distinguished guests,

One of the CACJ's mission is to facilitate judicial cooperation and collaboration to enhance economic growth and development in ASEAN. It aims to strengthen partnerships among ASEAN Judiciaries and uphold the rule of law within and across ASEAN

in the spirit of institutional independence and principled partnership.

The ASEAN judiciaries' participation in regional forums such as this one, is consistent with the CACJ's strategic role as a pioneer for the engagement of countries and organizations outside of ASEAN in order to increase judicial cooperation. As ASEAN seeks to expand its economic network outside of the region, our judiciaries must ensure that these efforts are underpinned by a legal and judicial network that support the needs of international trade. The involvement of the ASEAN's Chief Justices and the acknowledgement of the CACJ at this closing ceremony provides us with a preview of the Inaugural ASEAN+ Meeting that will take place on the sidelines of the 10th CACJ Meeting later this year in November 2022 in Malaysia. I truly hope that Honorable Zhou Qiang can participate in the Inaugural ASEAN+ Meeting.

Chief Justices, distinguished guests,

I know we are all tired after one full day of discussions, so I don't want to speak too long in my closing remarks.

The signing of the 2022 Nanning Declaration has shown a strong commitment between the Chinese and ASEAN judiciaries to strengthen judicial cooperation, and to contribute to the promotion of rule of law and judicial independence. I am confident that this will have a positive impact to the economic improvement and prosperity of citizens in the region. Reflecting on the regional cooperation achieved thus far, and looking at numerous opportunities to enhance this cooperation, I am

hopeful that today's Forum can continue to strengthen the momentum of judicial cooperation between ASEAN judiciaries and China.

Thank You Chief Justices,

I wish you, all the best

I hope to see you all very soon.

May Peace be Upon You.

**Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
of the Republic of Indonesia**

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