

ASEAN Plus Three Youth Environment Forum 2013 Pledge

1. We, the 80 youth from ASEAN Plus Three Countries, gathered together in Brunei Darussalam on 2-4 December 2013 for the ASEAN Plus Three Youth Environment Forum 2013 with the theme 'Youth and Sustainability', to share our concerns on environmental issues and learn from each other on what youth can do for the environment.
2. We recalled the ASEAN Vision of ASEAN Community by 2015 and the primary goal of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community to realize an ASEAN Community that is people-centred and socially responsible with a view to achieving enduring solidarity and unity among the nations and peoples of ASEAN by forging a common identity and building a caring and sharing society which is inclusive and harmonious where the well-being, livelihood and welfare of the peoples are enhanced.
3. We are fully aware of the impacts of unsustainable lifestyle on the environment, the exploitation of natural resources and the loss of biodiversity in all parts of the world.
4. We recognize the paramount importance of youth active participation, contribution and stewardship in advocating environmental messages to the community to promote clean and green environment and achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the present and future generations.
5. As the future of ASEAN Plus Three leaders, we are resolved to play our part in addressing environmental issues and pledge to undertake the following activities in our respective countries and raise public awareness for the well-being of our Mother Nature:
 - i. ASEAN Plus Three Green Camp: to conduct green camp activities among youths in our respective countries to promote environmental awareness among youths
 - ii. ASEAN Plus Three 'Walk more' walkathon day: to initiate walkathon days to encourage general public to reduce the use of motor vehicles
 - iii. Go Green Garnish: to encourage teachers and students in schools to green our classrooms by putting up live plants and environment-related decorations in classrooms.
 - iv. Carpool Mondays: to carpool with our friends as much as possible to go to school every Monday to reduce the use of motor vehicles
 - v. Love's Garden: to plant trees dedicated for our loved ones
 - vi. Youth for Environmental Movement: to trend the urgency of saving the environment online among youths.
 - vii. One Thousand Trees One ASEAN Plus Three: to encourage the communities around us to plant more trees.

viii. 3 'R' - Recycle, Redeem and Rent: to promote cycling campaign in school and campus communities

6. We pledge to follow up on activities that we have proposed during this ASEAN Plus Three Youth Environment Forum 2013 and champion the actions by adopting an environmentally friendly lifestyle to the best of our ability in our own respective countries.
7. We commit to continue to network, collaborate, and inspire each other through ASEAN +3 Youth Network Facebook Group and other social media channels to implement the above activities.
8. We thank the Government of Brunei Darussalam, in particular the Department of Environment, Parks and Recreation of the Ministry of Development, supported by the Ministry of Education, in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat. We also thank the Government of Brunei Darussalam and Hanns Seidel Foundation for extending financial support to make this Forum possible.
9. We, the ASEAN Plus Three Youths attending the ASEAN Plus Three Youth Environment Forum 2013, hope that ASEAN Youth Environment Forum will be sustained and continued to engage and empower youths in the Region.
