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ASEAN will be able to maintain present situation of regional peace and stability in spite of traditional and non-traditional security challenges would be key issues and challenges for our region in the next 2 decades. Cooperation is needed among AMSs in order to strengthen the three pillars of ASEAN, namely: the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), and the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC).

The promotion of practical cooperation indeed enables regional states to address security challenges and at the same time contribute in the building of a security community in Southeast Asia and the wider Asia-Pacific. Cooperation in dealing with some of security challenges might become difficult because of some fundamental differences of views. But HADR, counter-terrorism, military medicine and cyber security, might be easier for states to cooperate. We need to ensure that ASEAN will remain united and relevant in the next decades. The most important one we have to ensure is ASEAN centrality and all of platforms, mechanisms and cooperation must reaffirm it.