



**THE VIRTUAL MEETING 4TH MEETING OF THE AIPA
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS (AIPACODD)
MONDAY, 24TH MAY 2021
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**



***THEME: PREVAILING THE CONTEMPORARY AND
RESPONSIVE CHALLENGES TOWARDS DRUG-FREE ASEAN***

**Concluding Remarks by Honourable Nik Hafimi binti Abdul Haadi,
Chairperson of the 4th AIPACODD Meeting**

**Your Excellencies,
Honourable Delegates
Ladies and Gentleman**

As we have reached the end of the session, I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone for their time and effort. Our 4th Meeting of the AIPA Advisory Council on Dangerous Drugs is still being held in the setting of the New Normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though the meeting was held virtually, discussions have been held in friendship and this would not be possible without the cooperation and mutual respect of all members.

Our meeting has successfully reached consensus on the resolution, which is '*prevailing the contemporary and responsive challenges towards drug-free ASEAN*' as well as the Report of the meeting. During the discussions, significant points were noted such as the illicit manufacturing, distribution and trafficking of drugs. The aforementioned issue remains a serious threat in some countries, despite COVID-19. It was noted that we need to make a continuous effort to fight and keep this under control. This is to ensure that ASEAN is a drug-free region. Additionally, ASEAN's response to this issue is to be firmly implemented which is the zero tolerance approach to drugs. Mainly because the impacts of COVID-19 has enabled strenuous efforts in raising awareness on dangers of drugs and studies on the effects of COVID-19. Furthermore, we also need to strengthen our actions and cooperation at the national, regional and international level if we are to solve the issues that we

discussed and this cannot be done single-handedly. It is also important to raise awareness through relevant organization and platforms for the future generation about the harmful effects of drugs.

Ladies and gentlemen,

I once again extend my gratitude and in particular, to all who have made this meeting a success. Firstly, on behalf of the leadership of the Legislative Council of Brunei Darussalam, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to all the delegations of member parliaments for their contribution in this meeting. Thank you Madam AIPA Secretary-General, officers from the AIPA Secretariat and AIPA National Secretariats for the preparation and work that has gone into making this meeting a success.

I congratulate and wish Cambodia a successful undertaking as the next President of 43rd AIPA and the Chair of 5th AIPACODD.

Lastly, I would like to close my remarks and officially announce the end of the 4th Meeting of the AIPACODD. Thank you for your attention and Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.