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Summary of ASEAN-Italy Development Partnership Cooperation Committee

Italy has been conferred the status of Development Partner by ASEAN Foreign Ministers at the 53rd ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting on 9 September 2020. The relationship between the two parties has been developed through Italy's previous promotion of cultural exchanges with ASEAN countries. The Italian government has also established cultural centers in ASEAN countries, and Italian universities have also been collaborating with universities in ASEAN to promote academic exchanges and research partnerships.

As Italy is officially being conferred the status of Development Partner, the two parties are bound and set for further collaborations in many sectors with various talks and commitments coming in the following years. The partnership between the two parties has been formalized through the inaugural ASEAN-Italy Development Partnership Committee (AI-DPC) online meeting which was held on 19 April 2021. The Committee of Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, the ASEAN Secretariat and the Embassy of Italy in Jakarta, will all be responsible providing the direction and overseeing all aspects of the Development Partnership.

As of 27 April 2023, the development of ASEAN-Italy cooperation has reached 3 (three) meetings as follows:

1. **First AI-DPC Meeting was held on 19 April 2021** via online meeting, Italy pledged EUR 2.5 million to ASEAN's COVID-19 Response Fund and discussed cooperation in key areas such as cybersecurity, public health, and gender equality with ASEAN officials, agreeing to develop a five-year Practical Cooperation Areas (PCA) for mutually beneficial projects;
2. **Second AI-DPC Meeting** was held on 10 June 2022 at ASEAN Secretariat Jakarta, both parties were discussing the PCA 2022-2026, focusing on priority areas of cooperation under the three pillars of the ASEAN Community and identifying multiple sectors for tangible cooperative projects, including cultural heritage, sustainable development, and space technology. The meeting also explored other potential areas for cooperation, such as peace and security, digital transformation, and renewable energy;
3. **Third AI-DPC Meeting** was held on 18 April 2023 at ASEAN Secretariat Jakarta highlighted the progress made in the cooperation, particularly in the priority areas outlined in the PCA 2022-2026, and the desire for further substantial cooperation in areas where both parties share mutual interests and possess the expertise to be outlined within the PCA.

Due to the ongoing post-pandemic economic recovery trend and the reinvigoration of many economic sectors within ASEAN and Italy, it is expected that the talks will be continued soon for both parties to achieve tangible results within the collaboration framework.

References:

- ASEAN Secretariat Website
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Website

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Thank you for your attention and hope this information would be valuable for you

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