



**JOINT STATEMENT**  
**SPECIAL BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES**  
**EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA SUMMIT 2026**  
**(SPECIAL BIMP-EAGA SUMMIT 2026)**

**7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026**  
**CEBU, PHILIPPINES**

1. We, the Leaders of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines gathered for the Special Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines (BIMP-EAGA) Summit 2026 on 7th May 2026 in Cebu City under the chairship of the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.
2. We reaffirmed our strong commitment to advancing BIMP-EAGA as a dynamic platform for subregional cooperation, particularly in the face of evolving global economic conditions, geopolitical uncertainties, climate challenges, and rapid technological transformation. We noted that ongoing conflicts in the Middle East have added to global instability, with spillover effects on energy markets, food insecurity, trade flows, and inflationary pressures affecting our subregion. In this context, we underscored that strengthened cooperation in energy resilience, food security, seamless digital connectivity and trade is more important than ever to enhance resilience, sustain growth, and safeguard shared development gains across BIMP-EAGA.
3. We acknowledged with appreciation the significant achievements under the BIMP-EAGA Vision 2025 (BEV 2025), which has successfully strengthened cooperation across the five strategic pillars of connectivity, food basket, tourism, environment, and sociocultural and education. These efforts have contributed to improved regional integration, expanded economic opportunities, addressed development gaps, and strengthened people-to-people linkages, thus laying a

solid foundation for the next phase of BIMP-EAGA's development.

4. We adopted the BIMP-EAGA Vision 2035 (BEV 2035) as the strategic roadmap for the next decade. Guided by the vision of a Socially Inclusive, Open, Aligned and Resilient (S.O.A.R.) BIMP-EAGA for Shared Economic Prosperity and Sustainability, we reaffirmed our commitment to advancing policies and initiatives that strengthen our unique positioning as a unified growth area and unlock the subregion's full economic potential.
5. To translate this vision into action, we agreed that BEV 2035 shall pursue four strategic outcomes: (i) climate-smart agro-industry and fisheries that enhance food security while building climate resilience; (ii) seamless travel and sustainable tourism that balances growth with environmental and community stewardship; (iii) a network of production hubs that strengthens competitiveness, investment, and regional value chains; and (iv) an agile and future-ready workforce equipped for the digital, green, and blue economies. We further recognized the need to strengthen institutional arrangements, including project implementation and monitoring mechanisms, to ensure effective delivery of projects and results under BEV 2035.
6. In guiding the implementation of BEV 2035, we agreed to work toward achieving key macro-level outcomes, including raising GDP growth with the nominal value of USD 720 billion, increasing GDP per capita of USD 7,650, and expanding trade in goods beyond USD 1.1 trillion. We further aimed to increase foreign and domestic investment inflows to USD 300 billion, boost tourism receipts and expenditures by 10%, and strengthen BIMP-EAGA's contribution to at least 12% of the ASEAN economy.
7. We welcomed the significant progress achieved in advancing Priority Infrastructure Projects (PIPs), noting the increase from 57 projects valued at USD 21.4 billion in 2017 to 265 projects valued at USD 174.6 billion in 2026 as a

critical achievement and a clear testament to the strength of our robust cooperation. We recognized that these PIPs form the backbone of regional connectivity and are fundamental to driving shared prosperity and inclusive development. We committed to support accelerating operationalization of expanded, reconfigured, and interlinked corridors, including a new corridor under the one growth area approach.

8. We reiterated the enhanced role of the Chief Ministers, Governors and Local Government Forum (CMGLF) and private sector, including the BIMP-EAGA Business Council (BEBC), in driving trade, investment, and economic integration in the subregion. We further encouraged greater participation of industry players and chambers of commerce in advancing BIMP-EAGA initiatives.
9. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), our Regional Development Advisor, for its steadfast partnership and support to the development of the BIMP-EAGA Vision 2035. We acknowledged ADB's wide-ranging assistance across key sectors including transport, energy, tourism, agriculture, and trade facilitation. We also acknowledge its analytical work on economic corridors, special economic zones, power integration, as well as assistance in green cities, blue economy, capacity building, and ASEAN and inter-subregional collaboration.
10. We remain committed to align BIMP-EAGA efforts closely with ASEAN strategic priorities, serving as a complementary platform to advance ASEAN frameworks and initiatives in key areas such as tourism, energy, agriculture, and food security. We further underscored the importance of aligning BIMP-EAGA with ASEAN Vision 2045 and leveraging the subregion as a building block in advancing a resilient, integrated and future-ready ASEAN Community.
11. We reaffirmed our commitment to strengthening cooperation with our Development Partners including the Republic of Korea (ROK), the People's

Republic of China, Japan, and Northern Territory of Australia to support the implementation of key initiatives across priority sectors. We welcomed the intent of the European Union (EU) as a potential Development Partner.

12. We expressed our sincere appreciation to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines as the host of the Special BIMP-EAGA Summit 2026 and hope further collaborations between and among the four countries will continue to bring prosperity for years to come.

### **List of Leaders**

1. His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah  
Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam
2. His Excellency Prabowo Subianto  
President of the Republic of Indonesia
3. His Excellency Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim  
Prime Minister of Malaysia
4. His Excellency Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr.  
President of the Republic of the Philippines
5. His Excellency Dr. Kao Kim Hourn  
Secretary-General of ASEAN
6. His Excellency Masato Kanda  
President of the Asian Development Bank