

The joint statement from ASEAN foreign ministers in February clearly set out a guideline of key tasks that the member countries must work together on to combat the coronavirus. The World Health Organization has already asked the countries in the region to take "aggressive measures" to combat the virus. Thus, most of ASEAN member states is announce the additional measure to control the virus as shown on this following table.

Country	Measurement	Duration
Brunei	-All foreign nationals are not allowed to enter or transit in Brunei Darussalam through land, sea and air control posts	March 24 th – further notice
Cambodia	-Cancel the celebrations of the Khmer New Year -Borders closing and flights cancelled	
Indonesia	-Declared an emergency period of 91 days -Regional quarantine measures mean border restrictions in specific areas. -Gatherings of more than 5 (five) people are forbidden -Public transportations will only operate from 6am to 6pm. -Public transports may only carry half of each of its designated capacity. -Discourage people from returning to their hometown in celebration of the annual tradition of “exodus” during the Islamic Holiday Idul Fitri -Banned travelers from entering or transiting in Indonesia who have been in these countries in the last 14 days	April 10 th -24 th , 2020 since March 20 th , 2020

Laos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Residential Lockdown Imposed with Limited Exceptions -All civil servants and government employees will stop working at their respective offices - Prohibition on Gatherings of More Than 10 People -Border Closures Except for Transportation of Goods 	<p>March 30th , 2020</p> <p>April 1st -11th , 2020</p>
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Nation-wide lock-down. -Movement Control Order - Reduction in operating hours for supermarkets, convenience stores and petrol stations. -All private and government offices, business premises and places of worship will also be closed. 	<p>March 18th – April 14th ,2020</p>
Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Declared a health emergency -Manila lockdown (domestic transportation of all modes including land, air, and sea are suspended) -Announced travel restrictions to and from China, Hong Kong, and Macau 	<p>March 9th,2020</p> <p>March 12th -April 14th , 2020</p>
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Border restrictions -Social distancing -Restrict gathering of people -No entry or transit through Singapore -14 days quarantine for people who entering after Mar.27th 2020 	<p>March 26th -April 30th 2020</p>

Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Declaration of state of emergency -Several provincial governments in southern Thailand announced the closure of their borders –prohibiting entry by land and sea (Phuket, Phang Nga, Pattani, Narathiwat, and Yala) -All international passenger flights are suspended from entering Thailand. All arriving passengers will be subject to a 14-day state quarantine. -A curfew order from 22.00hrs – 04.00hrs -Thai nationals are asked to cooperate by delaying their return to Thailand until 15 April 2020 - Provincial Government of Phuket closed all land and maritime borders. At this time, there is no way to depart the province. -Bangkok Announces Park Closures. -Several provinces have begun restricting entry into or travel through their provinces. 	<p>March 25th ,2020</p> <p>March 30th ,2020</p> <p>April 7th -18th , 2020</p> <p>April 9th -30th , 2020</p> <p>until April 30th ,2020</p>
Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Border crossings between Vietnam and Cambodia and Laos will be temporally closed -Suspended the entry of all foreigners 	<p>April 1st -15th , 2020</p> <p>March 22th ,2020-further notice</p>

Actions Taken

During the ASEAN Defense Ministerial Meeting on February 2020, in Ha Noi, Vietnam. ASEAN Defense Ministers also stressed the importance of organizing joint drills on disease prevention and control among their military medicine forces. They also agreed to tap the expertise of the dialogue partners of the ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus) to enhance the overall capacity of military medicine in responding to disease outbreaks.

ASEAN Center of Military Medicine (ACMM) was assigned as the moderator to enhance the practical drills and cooperation among ASEAN defense with external partners, bilaterally or multilaterally including to conduct the table top exercise for dealing with COVID-19 within the framework of ASEAN center of Military Medicine. ACMM and Board of Director of Vietnam (host of the training) has a VTC on April 7th, 2020 and working out on the concept development of the table top exercise on COVID -19 preparedness and response plan. ACMM proposed the draft proposal and schedule of the training to BOD of Vietnam for consideration.

We expected that the exercise would be held through VTC on May 2020 and all the ASEAN members will join the exercise and sharing their own lesson learn with each country. We hope that this exercise will help us to develop the practical action plan for ASEAN Military Medical Service level of readiness.



Representatives of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Retreat pose for group photos in Vietnam's capital Hanoi, Feb. 19, 2020. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat was held here on Wednesday, with a joint statement on defense cooperation against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak released, stressing the ASEAN unity and solidarity and pledging further cooperation against the epidemic. (Xinhua/Wang Di)

ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS –

Severity ranking of the concerns effect in the ASEAN region.

Section	Ranking	Issues identified	Recommendations
Pandemic of COVID-19	R	-Quarantine and screening measures have been enhanced for travelers from foreign countries at the point of entries (PoE). -Using the guidance on clinical management of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) by WHO -State Public health Emergency announcement.	The ACMM keep on monitoring and update the pandemic and medical information.

Remarks:

R: Severe Situation: Urgent intervention required.

Y: Situation of concern: Surveillance or assistance may or may not require, intensive monitoring

G: Relative normal situation or local Government can cope with the crisis, monitoring and no action required.

N/A: Lack of /unreliable data: Further assessment required.

ACMM Recommendations,

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