



BIMP-EAGA – China Cooperation

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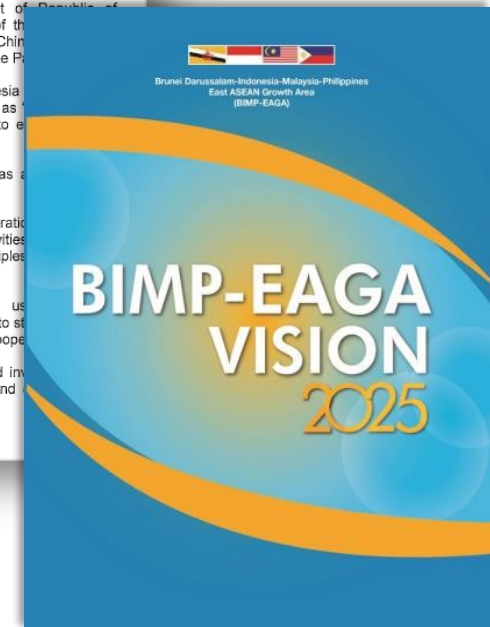
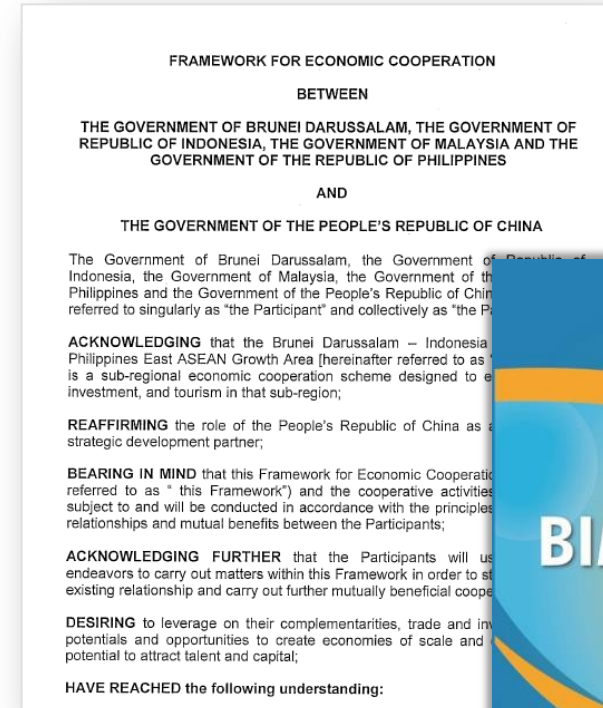
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Background

- China first expressed its commitment to support the revitalization of BIMP-EAGA during the 9th ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia on 8 October 2003 following the Asian Financial Crisis in the late 90s.
- BIMP-EAGA and China signed the Framework of Economic Cooperation on 24 October 2009 at Hua Hin, Cha' Am, Thailand. Areas of cooperation identified are **agriculture**; **forestry**; **fishery**; **tourism**; **exploration of mineral resources**, **energy and other natural resources**; **infrastructure**; **human resources development**; **development of alternative sources of fuel**; and **finance**.
- The adoption of BEV 2025 in 2017 emphasized BIMP-EAGA's collaboration with country development partners for their potential as project financiers, technical assistance providers, knowledge partners and value adding contributors to the realization of the said development plan.



BIMP-EAGA – China Engagements

China had collaborated with EAGA on several initial undertakings, such as:

- ❖ China Mission to BIMP-EAGA in April 2004
- ❖ BIMP-EAGA participation in the trade exhibition during China-ASEAN Expo (CAExpo) in 2004 and 2005 in Nanning, China, and
- ❖ Conduct of a BIMP-EAGA – China Trade and Economic Seminar during CAExpo 2004
- ❖ Participation of BIMP-EAGA in the ASEAN-China Investment Seminar and Site Visit on 16 – 30 September 2012
- ❖ E-Waste Management Technical Visit and Workshop on 28 May – 5 June, 2013 in China.
- ❖ BIMP-EAGA hosting of five media writers from China (Fam Tour) on 19 – 28 October, 2012 covering places of interest in Sarawak, Sabah and Brunei Darussalam.



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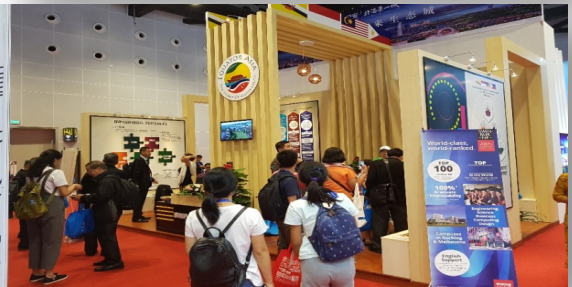
Investment Seminar and Business Matching, 12-14 September 2017, Nanning

- 300 participants
- Investment potential
- MOU signed



Participation at 14th CAEXPO

Possible collaboration in education, agriculture,
manufacturing and tourism



Capacity building

- 70 participants
- ICT, tourism, environment, agriculture and e-commerce

BIMP-EAGA - China Engagements

With the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as its organizing partner, China hosted several technical and capacity building programs for BIMP-EAGA key officials since 2016, namely:

- Special Economic Zones (SEZs) as Catalysts for Economic Corridors, Value Chains and Production Networks Training;
- Economic Corridor Development for Competitive and Inclusive Asia Training; and
- Training on Tourism Management in BIMP-EAGA and GMS



Recent Developments

- BIMP-EAGA's Linkage to China's One Belt One Road (OBOR) development initiative through the development of the BIMP-EAGA economic corridors and its infrastructure facilities
- China intends to deepen its engagement in BIMP-EAGA through the adoption of the document on Upgrading BIMP-EAGA China Cooperation during BIMP-EAGA Ministerial Meeting held last November 2018 in Brunei Darussalam



Enhancing the BIMP-EAGA and China Cooperation



**Plan of Action For the Guiding Principles of
Enhancing BIMP-EAGA and China Cooperation**

Way Forward



- **Maximize economic opportunities under the BIMP-EAGA China cooperation by pursuing joint projects supportive of BIMP-EAGA development focusing on the priority areas of cooperation indicated in the newly adopted and expanded framework of cooperation with China**