



Office of the President of the Philippines

STATEMENT

Participation of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte in the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits 26-28 October 2021

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte will participate in the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits on October 26-28, 2021 via video conference.

The back-to-back Summits, chaired by Brunei Darussalam, will be attended by Leaders of ASEAN Member States, Non-ASEAN East Asia Summit (EAS) Members and the ASEAN Secretary-General as well as heads of the World Health Organization and World Trade Organization.

President Duterte will exchange views with his counterparts on the region's COVID-19 response and recovery efforts, ASEAN Community Building initiatives and regional and international developments.

With the theme "We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper", the 38th and 39th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits are expected to adopt more than 20 outcome documents on various issues of key concern.

The President will be joined by key cabinet members, including the Secretaries of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Industry and Social Welfare and Development, who are responsible for the political-security, economic and socio-cultural pillars of ASEAN cooperation. **END**