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"Together We Keep This Region Safe"

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PROPOSED COLLABORATION BETWEEN ASEANAPOL AND BANGLADESH POLICE

Honourable AIG Mohiul Islam,

Warmest greeting from ASEANAPOL Secretariat and hope all are well from the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. This letter seeks to provide you an update on your letter dated 24th February 2020 in regards to Bangladesh Police's application as Observer to ASEANAPOL, as well as a proposed collaboration initiative from our office to be started between ASEANAPOL and Bangladesh Police.

Bangladesh Police's Application for Observers

3. With regards to Bangladesh Police's application to be accredited as an Observer with ASEANAPOL, our office would like to update that we have already circulated the matters to all ASEANAPOL Member Countries (AMCs) and had strongly recommended to support Bangladesh Police's application as we note the importance of having Bangladesh Police presence in this strategic region. As the final result is based on full consensus, we will update you once we have the full responses. So far, all the feedback received are positive.

Proposed Collaboration

4. The post Covid-19 era has definitely changed the way we operate our policing strategy. Likewise from the Secretariat's office, we are constantly looking at all opportunities to collaborate with Police entities from all regions so as to keep the region safe, which is even more required now in post Covid-19.

5. A project that our Secretariat office is looking at on how to further foster the collaboration between Bangladesh Police and our AMCs, is a **project platform to arrest wanted criminals**. This proposed project initiative arises from what you had shared in the application, on the successful case study that Bangladesh Police had with Royal Malaysia Police in apprehending a wanted Bangladesh national that was based in Malaysia. In addition, you had also described that there is the need and importance of having a good Police to Police corporation dynamic platform in both our region so to tackle transnational crimes and this is also our AMCs' vision.

6. The Secretariat office would thus like to take this opportunity to kick start this project platform to arrest wanted criminals between AMCs and Bangladesh Police. For an immediate start, we already have a case from one of our Member country to explore with your kind office. The involved wanted criminal is of Bangladesh national and he is wanted for a crime committed in Brunei Darussalam. The detail of the wanted criminal as attached in Annex A.

7. The Secretariat office hopes that Bangladesh Police would be able to accept this project proposal and kick start the project quickly so that we could also further deliver to show the successful Police to Police cooperation between Bangladesh Police and our AMCs during this post Covid-19 era. Noting that there would be more of such cases in the future which would involves organised crime syndicates from both our region.

8. We could conduct a few video conferencing for more discussion on this project and the target as reflected in Annex A. Our office would like to also propose a video conferencing discussion on 22nd July 2020 @ 1400hrs Bangladesh time (@1600hrs Kuala Lumpur). We look forward to your favourable reply on the proposed project and the proposed video conferencing date where we could meet for more discussion.

9. Please accept Your Honourable, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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