

**Speech of H.E. Dr Ha Hung Cuong, Minister of Justice
at Welcome Dinner of 10th General Assembly of ASEAN Law
Association**

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- H.E. Antanithi Disatha Amnarj, Chief of Justice of Supreme Court of Kingdom of Thailand, Chairman of ASEAN Law Association;
- H.E. Pham Quoc Anh, Chairman of Vietnam's Law Association;
- Ladies and Gentlemen!

First of all, I would like to express my warmly welcome to all distinguished guests, Vietnamese and ASEAN Member State delegates for attending the 10th General Assembly of ASEAN Law Association. Today, I am personally very pleased to meet again many old friends and see many familiar faces from our ASEAN Law Community.

I would like to congratulate the success of the Opening Ceremony and the results of the first working day of the General Assembly. In front of you, certainly, there is a very busy agenda with many important subjects to be discussed but with traditional and spiritual cooperation of ASEAN and amongst ASEAN Lawyers and with the working results of today, I firmly believe that the meetings of the General Assembly will be successful.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As the President of Vietnam, H.E. Nguyen Minh Triet, stated in his crucial speech, the ASEAN Charter is a common willing of ASEAN Member for a shared and protected community. The implementation of ASEAN Charter with great objectives is responsibility of each Member States and the entirety of Community; is also responsibility of the State bodies and NGOs, including ASEAN Law Association. Consequently, the success of the 10th General Assembly would make a great contribution to the process of implementing ASEAN Charter. One again, we are pleased to have presence of the voice and support from the Association, a widely representatives of lawyers, for the efforts of the Government of ASEAN Countries in building up ASEAN Community.

On the side of the Government and Ministry of Justice of Vietnam, I would ensure to make the best efforts through ASEAN Charter so as to bring ASEAN to a high level, as proposed by the subject of the 10th General Assembly. We would create favorable conditions for the development of organizations, none-government law association in Vietnam with representatives you can see today, with them to consolidate and promote cooperation in a democratic society, where the objectives of the State are also the willing of citizens. I know that, the Vietnam's Lawyer Association will take the chairmanship of ASEAN Law Association on the next term. On this occasion, we commit that we would support and associate with the Vietnam's Lawyer Association to complete this great duty and assignment.

In this spirit, I wish the 10th General Assembly be successful; and wish you have more interesting days of working in Vietnam. I would like to invite for raising glasses for good health of Chairman of ASEAN Law Association, Chairman of Vietnam's Lawyers Association and all of you!