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# Joint Initiative for the Establishment of RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network

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On December 29, 2024, at the RCEP Youth Dialogue on Marine Economy, themed "Promoting Connectivity of Regional Marine Economy," organized by the China Institute for Reform and Development, the China Oceanic Development Foundation, and co-organized by the Hainan Institute for Free Trade Port Studies. The Youth representatives have engaged in in-depth discussions on blue economy cooperation. On behalf of the youth representatives present here, we jointly proposed the establishment of the RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network.

## 1. We Will Jointly Create a Blue Economy Youth Exchange Platform

Through platforms such as the RCEP Youth Dialogue on Marine Economy, the RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network will conduct various forms of academic exchanges, practical projects, and experience sharing, deepening understanding of the blue economy, jointly exploring entrepreneurial projects, and promoting collaborative cooperation among countries in the region in the field of blue economy.

# 2. We Will Jointly Cultivate Youth Talents in Blue Economy

The RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network will institutionalize the Blue Economy Development Capability-building under the framework of RCEP. Through practical training and academic exchange activities, the network will enhance youth understanding and practical ability in the blue economy, strengthening the knowledge and skills of youth on policy research, marine industry

development, and marine technological innovation, contributing to the sustainable development of the blue economy.

## 3. We Will Jointly Contribute to the Sustainable Development of the Blue Economy

The RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network will adhere to the principles of sustainable development, explore pathways for the green transformation of the blue economy, and contribute the strength of youth to the rational use of marine resources and the protection of the marine ecological environment.

## 4. We Will Jointly Promote Blue Innovation and Technology Application

The RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network will focus on promoting exchanges and cooperation among young sci-tech talents, leveraging digital technologies, artificial intelligence, big data, and more to facilitate the sharing and dissemination of information on regional blue economy, while supporting youth in practical applications and innovation in the digital blue economy.

Finally, the youth representatives present at the conference all agree and strive to make the RCEP Blue Economy Youth Network contribute the strength of youth to actively promoting the high-quality development of the regional blue economy.