



Note No. 421.08

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has ratified the Memorandum of Understanding Establishing the ASEAN-ROK Center in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines, ratified the MOU on 14 October 2008.

In this regard, the Embassy has further the honor to deposit with the ASEAN Secretariat the enclosed original Instrument of Ratification of the Philippines.

The Embassy requests earliest receipt of certificate of acknowledgment of deposit as well as information on the date of the MOU's entry into force.

The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

Jakarta, 31 October 2008

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT	
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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Memorandum of Understanding on Establishing the ASEAN-Korea Centre Between the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea* was signed on 21 November 2007 in Singapore;

WHEREAS, the *Memorandum of Understanding* provides for the establishment of an institution known as the ASEAN-Korea Centre in order to increase trade volume, accelerate investment flow, invigorate tourism and enrich cultural heritage between the ASEAN Member Countries and the Republic of Korea (ROK). The headquarters of the Centre shall be located in Seoul;

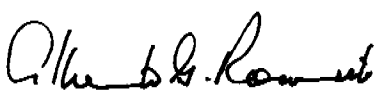
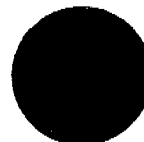
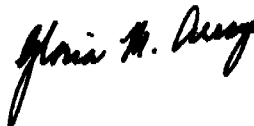
WHEREAS, Article 26 of the *Memorandum of Understanding* further provides that it shall enter into force 30 days after the date of the last deposit of the instruments of ratification or acceptance by all ASEAN Member Countries and the ROK;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Memorandum of Understanding on Establishing the ASEAN-Korea Centre Between the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Republic of Korea*, do hereby ratify and confirm the same and each and every Article and Clause thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this 14th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

