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The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit the attached original copy of the Instrument of Ratification on the Memorandum of Understanding on Establishing the ASEAN-China Centre between ASEAN and China signed by H.E. Benigno S. Aquino, President of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could update it on the status of the ratification of the Agreement from the ASEAN Member States.

The Philippine Mission would also appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could formally acknowledge receipt of the copy of the Instrument of Ratification and advise the Permanent Mission of the exact date of the entry into force of the Agreement.

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

Jakarta, 23 November 2011



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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-China Centre between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the People's Republic of China (PROC)* was signed on 25 October 2009 in Thailand;

WHEREAS, the MOU establishes the ASEAN-China Centre, which shall serve as a one-stop information and activities centre to promote ASEAN-China cooperation in trade, investment, tourism, education and culture, with active involvement of the private sector;

WHEREAS, the MOU provides that the Centre shall support the implementation of the *ASEAN-PROC Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation* signed on 4 November 2002, and the various agreements on trade in goods, services, dispute settlement, investment and other agreements relating to economic cooperation signed under the umbrella of the Framework Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Memorandum of Understanding on Establishing the ASEAN-China Centre between the Governments of the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of the People's Republic of China*, do hereby accept 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 4th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

