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Re : Signing Ceremony of Lao PDR to the ASEAN-Japan Centre

Dear Ms. Imelda,

Faxed herewith is the copy of the DECISION finally adopted by all Council Directors of the Centre.

Thank you very much for your cooperation on this matter.

We also received the FAX to Mr. IMOTO informing him the program of the ceremony there. Thank you very much, too.

Regards.


Yoshihisa ISHIKAWA of ASEAN-Japan Centre.

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT		
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DECISION

The Amendment of the Agreement
Establishing the ASEAN Promotion
Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism

**(Accession of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to
the Centre)**

The Council,

Having considered the amendment to the Agreement Establishing the ASEAN Promotion Centre on Trade, Investment and Tourism (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") for the purpose of accepting the Lao People's Democratic Republic as a member of the Centre proposed and communicated to all Member Countries in accordance with Article XXI of the Agreement,

1. Adopts on the date of March 20, 2002 the amendments to the first paragraph of the preamble of the Agreement to reflect the membership of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the text of which is given as follows (the amendments are underlined):

"Japan and the Member Countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as the "ASEAN Member Countries") comprising Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;"

2. Resolves that the amendment shall immediately come into force upon the adoption by the Council because no subsequent acceptance by Member Countries is required under Article XXI of the Agreement.