

From the Vatican, 11th May 2011

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to Singapore and to the Democratic Republic of East Timor has been given the responsibility to represent the Holy See at the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as Apostolic Nuncio, which corresponds in international law to Ambassador of the Holy See (cf. *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations*, Art. 14), to this Organization.

I therefore request Your Excellency to receive him favourably and to give full credence to what he shall say on behalf of the Holy See for the prosperity and the success of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

ARCHBISHOP DOMINIQUE MAMBERTI Secretary for the Holy See's Relations with States

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His Excellency Dr. Surin PITSUWAN Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations