

INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

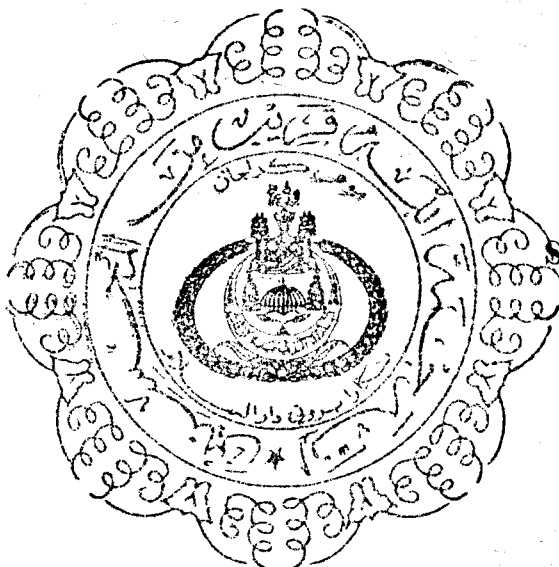
ASEAN CHARTER

WHEREAS, The Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), as represented by the respective heads of State or Government, signed the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, on the 20th of November 2007 (hereinafter referred to as the "ASEAN Charter");

AND WHEREAS paragraph 2 of Article 47 of the ASEAN Charter provides that it shall be subject to ratification by all ASEAN Member States in accordance with their respective internal procedures;

NOW THEREFORE I, Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Sultan of Brunei Darussalam, declare that the Government of Brunei Darussalam having considered the said ASEAN Charter hereby ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to fulfill the obligations obtained therein;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of ratification at Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on the 22nd day of Muharram 1429 corresponding to the 31st day of January 2008 and hereby affix my official seal.



**SULTAN HAJI HASSANAL BOLKIAH
OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**