



Note No. 28/12

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to transmit the original Instrument of Ratification of H.E. Benigno S. Aquino III on 27 March 2012 on the *Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinating Centre (AHA Centre)*.

The Philippine Mission would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could formally acknowledge receipt of the copy of the Instrument of Ratification.

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



Jakarta, 11 April 2012

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinating Centre on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)* was signed on 17 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia pursuant to the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AADMER);

WHEREAS, the *AHA Centre* which will have its seat in Jakarta, Indonesia will facilitate cooperation and coordination among the Parties, and with relevant United Nations and International Organisations, in promoting regional collaboration in disaster management and emergency response;

WHEREAS, the *AHA Centre* will be funded from equal annual contributions from all ASEAN Member States and supported by funds from the AADMER and contributions from the international community;

WHEREAS, the Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of the tenth instrument of notification with the ASEAN Secretary General;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance Coordinating Centre on Disaster Management (AHA Centre)*, 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 **27th** day of **March** in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

BY THE PRESIDENT:



ALBERT F. DEL ROSARIO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

