

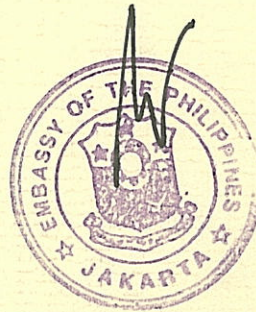


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The Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to enclose the Instrument of Ratification on the *Establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)* signed by H.E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, on 14 July 2006.

The Philippine Government requests that the Instrument be deposited with the Secretary General of ASEAN.

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



Jakarta, 28 August 2006

Enclosure: as stated

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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 Centre for Biodiversity* was signed by the Philippines along with other ASEAN countries;

**WHEREAS**, the *Agreement* establishes the *ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity* and identifies the Philippines as the host country for the Centre. The *Agreement* aims to facilitate cooperation among the members of ASEAN, and with relevant national governments, regional and international organizations, on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of such biodiversity in the ASEAN region;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it known that **I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the aforementioned *Agreement on the Establishment of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity*, 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 14th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.

**BY THE PRESIDENT:**

*Gloria Arroyo*

*Alberto G. Romulo*  
**ALBERTO G. ROMULO**  
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

