

26 April 2013

H.E. LE LUONG MINH
Secretary General of ASEAN
The ASEAN Secretariat
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70A Jakarta, 12110 Indonesia

Dear H.E. Secretary General Minh:

Warm greetings from the Philippine Department of Tourism!

This refers to the implementation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Tourism Professionals (MRA-TP) signed during the 12th Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers on 08 January 2009 in Ha Noi, Vietnam.

The Philippines recognized that the ASEAN MRA on Tourism Professionals is a significant component in the ASEAN Economic Community Integration by 2015, which will enable the mobility of employment for skilled tourism labour within the region.

In this regard we are pleased to inform you that the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Tourism Industry Board Foundation, Inc. (TIBFI) shall serve as the Philippines' Tourism Professional Certification Board (TPCB) and National Tourism Professional Board (NTPB) respectively, with the following focal persons:

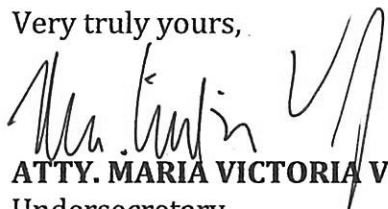
TPCB	- Ms. Imelda B. Taganas Executive Director Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
NTPB	Ms. Anabelle Ochoa-Moreno Secretary Tourism Industry Board Foundation, Inc. (TIBFI)

Both TESDA and TIBFI have been actively involved with the Philippine Department of Tourism in the tourism human resource development programmes within the country and in the ASEAN.

Likewise, please be informed that the focal person for the Philippine Department of Tourism is Maria Rica C. Bueno, Director, Office of Tourism Standards and Regulation.

Our sincere gratitude to the ASEAN Secretariat for its tremendous support to the tourism sector of the region.

Very truly yours,


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