



Note No. 235-2013

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to deposit with the ASEAN Secretariat the enclosed original Instrument of Ratification of the Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Specific Commitments under the Agreement on Trade in Services of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the ASEAN and the People's Republic of China signed by H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III on 22 November 2013.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines would appreciate it if the ASEAN Secretariat could acknowledge receipt of the Instrument of Ratification and inform the Mission accordingly of the exact date of entry into force of the Protocol.

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, 12 December 2013



Cc:

All Permanent Representatives to ASEAN

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT	
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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Specific Commitments under the Agreement on Trade in Services of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the People's Republic of China (China)* was signed on 16 November 2011 in Bali, Indonesia;

WHEREAS, the *Protocol* serves as the enabling framework to implement commitments pursuant to the ASEAN-China Trade in Services Agreement (TIS Agreement) which under Article 23(2) thereof provides that ASEAN Member States and China shall conclude a second package of specific commitments with the aim of substantially improving on the first package of commitments;

WHEREAS, the Philippine commitments to the *Protocol* apply to 90 sectors/sub-sectors covering business services, communication services, construction and related engineering services, distribution services, environmental services, financial services, tourism and travel-related services, transport services and energy services; and

WHEREAS, the commitments under the Agreement provide predictability in terms of doing business, assuring foreign service suppliers that the current open regime for a particular service sector will not be more restrictive.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that I, **BENIGNO S. AQUINO III**, President of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Protocol to Implement the Second Package of Specific Commitments under the Agreement on Trade in Services of the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the People's Republic of China*, 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 22nd day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen.



BY THE PRESIDENT:



PAQUITO M. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary