



No. 77/2010

The Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and further to our Note No. 76/2010 dated 31 May 2010, has the honor to transmit a copy of the Instrument of Ratification of the ASEAN-Japan Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP).

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

The original copy of the Instrument of Ratification will be forwarded to the ASEAN Secretariat as soon as it is available.

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



THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT	
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Jakarta, 1 June 2010

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan (AJCEP)* was signed by the Philippines on 02 April 2008 in Manila;

WHEREAS, the *AJCEP*, consisting of eighty (80) articles, aims to progressively liberalize and facilitate trade in goods and services among the Parties; improve investment opportunities and ensure protection for investments and investment activities in the Parties, and establish a framework for the enhancement of economic cooperation among the Parties with a view to supporting ASEAN economic integration, bridging the development gap among ASEAN Member States, and enhancing trade and investment among the Parties;

WHEREAS, Article 79 of the *AJCEP* provides that it shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date by which notifications have been made by the Governments of Japan and at least one (1) ASEAN Member State, in relation to those signatory States that have made such notifications by that date. In relation to an ASEAN Member State making the notification after the date by which the notification have been made by the Governments of Japan and at least one (1) ASEAN Member State, this Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which that ASEAN Member State makes the notification;

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 Comprehensive Economic Partnership Among Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Japan (AJCEP)*, 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 24th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Gloria A. Arroyo



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

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