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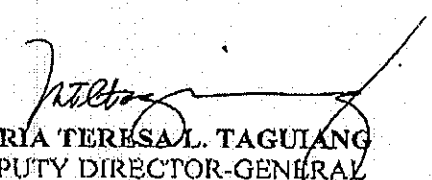
Our Ref. No. : Div 3 - 1925 - 2009
Subject: : ASEAN-China Agreement on Maritime Transport
Date : 20 January 2009

Dear Mr. Sunoto,

I am pleased to inform you that H.E. President GMA has ratified the above Agreement on 24 December 2008. Enclosed is a certified true copy of the Instrument of Ratification.

With our best regards,

Sincerely yours,


MARIA TERESA L. TAGUIANG
DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Attachments: as stated

MR. DHANNAN SUNOTO
Principal Director
Bureau of External Relations and Coordination
Asean Secretariat

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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that the *Agreement* on Maritime Transport between the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Government of the People's Republic of China was signed on 02 November 2007 in Singapore;

WHEREAS, the *Agreement* aims to provide facilitations and cooperation in improving the conditions under which maritime cargo and passenger transport operations are carried out between the ports of the Contracting Parties, as well as between the ports of the Contracting Parties and the ports of third countries, for the benefit of economic operators of the Contracting Parties;

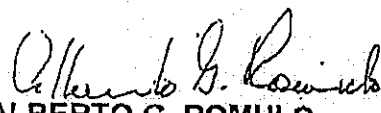
WHEREAS, the *Agreement* provides that it applies to the international maritime cargo and passenger transport between the ports of the Member Countries of ASEAN and China; it shall not apply to domestic maritime transport purely between the ports within any Member Country of ASEAN or between the ports of China; it shall not affect the application of the bilateral agreements concluded between the Member Countries of ASEAN and China for issues falling outside its scope and shall not affect the right of vessels of third parties to engage in cargo and passenger transport between the ports of either Contracting Party and a third party;

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 Maritime Transport between the Governments of the Member Countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Government of 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 24th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight.

BY THE PRESIDENT:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

