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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honor to refer to the Agreement on Investment among the Governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, signed on 18 May 2018.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to ASEAN has further the honor to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, the Philippines' Instrument of Ratification of the said Agreement.

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, 02 May 2019

Secretary General of ASEAN

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT	
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INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Agreement on Investment among the Governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations* was signed on 18 May 2018 in Ha Noi, Viet Nam;

WHEREAS, the Agreement aims to promote investments by enhancing investment flows between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Member States and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) through cooperation, and create a business-friendly environment through promotion and facilitation activities, subject to the laws and regulations of the Parties;

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for protection that can be utilized by prospective investors relative to their investments admitted to the territory of a Party, subject to relevant laws, regulations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Article 26 provides that the Agreement shall enter into force on 01 January 2019 for Parties that have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval provided that the Hong Kong SAR and at least four ASEAN Member States have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Agreement on Investment among the Governments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations*, 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 **4th** day of **January** in the year of Our Lord , **Two Thousand Nineteen**.



By the President:



SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary



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