



Note No. PR/ASEAN/004/2019

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to ASEAN presents its compliments to the ASEAN Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the *ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement* (hereinafter referred to as the "AHKFTA"), and 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* (hereinafter referred to the "AHKIA"), which were signed on 28 March 2018, in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar and 18 May 2018, in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, respectively.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to ASEAN has further the honour to deposit with the Secretary-General of ASEAN, Singapore's Instrument of Ratification to the AHKFTA, in accordance with Article 4 of Chapter 14 of the AHKFTA, and Singapore's Instrument of Ratification to the AHKIA, in accordance with Article 26 of the AHKIA.

The Permanent Mission of Singapore to ASEAN kindly requests the ASEAN Secretariat to acknowledge the receipt of this Note and confirm the date of entry into force of the AHKFTA and AHKIA for the Republic of Singapore.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Singapore to ASEAN avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ASEAN Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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2 January 2019

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THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT
LEGAL SERVICES AND AGREEMENTS
DIRECTORATE



INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION

WHEREAS the ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (“Agreement”) was signed on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore at Manila, Philippines, on 12 November 2017;

AND WHEREAS Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 14 of the Agreement provide that the Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 2019 for the Parties that have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval provided that Hong Kong, China and at least four ASEAN Member States have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval, or 60 days after the date by which Hong Kong, China and at least four ASEAN Member States have deposited their instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval;

NOW THEREFORE I, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, declare that the Government of the Republic of Singapore, having considered the abovementioned Agreement, ratifies the same and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of ratification in Singapore on this 20th Day of December 2018.

DR VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE