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REPORT
ON
THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE AIPO AND JAPAN

Mr. President,

It is my great honor to submit the following Report on the Dialogue of AIPO with the Delegation of Japan:

- A. The Dialogue was held at 4:30 in the afternoon and ended at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2006 at Tokyo A Room, Marco Polo Plaza Hotel in Cebu City, Philippines. The session was presided by Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers as Chairman.
- B. The Dialogue was attended by the following delegates:

Japan

1. Hon. Mr. Akio Koizumi
2. Hon. Mr. Satoru Ienishi

Cambodia

1. Hon. Mr. Ly Thuch
2. Hon. Mr. Heang Thul

Indonesia

1. Hon. Mr. Jaka Aryadipa Singgih
2. Hon. Murdaya W. Poo

Lao PDR

1. Hon. Mr. Khamsing Sayakone
2. Hon. Mrs. Singkham Khongsavanh
3. Mr. Manyso Samontry (Assistant)

Malaysia

1. Hon. Markiman Kobiran

Philippines

1. Hon. Oscar G. Malapitan
2. Hon. Loretta Ann P. Rosales

Singapore

1. Hon. Dr. Ong She Hong
2. Hon. Ms. Ellen Lee
3. Hon. Mr. Masagos Zulkifli

Thailand

1. Hon. Narong Nunthong
2. Hon. Wiboon Shamsheun
3. Hon. Prakit Vathesatogkit (Advisor)

Vietnam

1. Hon. Mr. Vu Mao
2. Hon. Mr. Ma. Dien Cu

C. The Chairman of the Dialogue, Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers, directed the attention of the delegations to the topics for discussion enumerated in the Order of Business as follows:

1. Regional Security Matters
2. Economic and Trade Cooperation
3. Investment Opportunities
4. Environmental Issues
5. Information and Technology Cooperation
6. Strategies to Create Breakthroughs in the World Trade Organization (WTO) “Doha Round”
7. Exchange of Parliamentary Visits as Means of Strengthening Inter-Parliamentary Diplomacy
8. Cooperation in Fighting Pandemic/Infectious Diseases like Avian Flu, HIV/AIDS, etc.

D. The Chairman invited the Delegation of Japan to give a briefing on the above-mentioned topics or any topic it may wish to discuss with the delegations from the AIPO member-countries. The delegation of Japan discussed the topics on Regional Security which focused on three (3) key issues: the Korean Peninsula issue, the Strait of Malacca issue, and Terrorism. The topics on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Environmental Issues, Information Technology, Exchange of Parliamentary Visits, and on HIV/AIDS were also briefly discussed. The AIPO delegations, in turn addressed their queries and comments on these topics to the Japanese delegation panel.

E. The Dialogue was held in the spirit of ASEAN solidarity, cordiality and mutual understanding. The Dialogue’s highlights focused on Japan’s progressive and successful implementation of Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the Philippines and other AIPO member countries. The Japanese delegation also emphasized that Japan will continue to maintain closer cooperation with AIPO member countries as well as ASEAN countries in promoting information technology, human resource development and e-commerce.

The meeting ended with a note of optimism about the continuing harmonious relations between the AIPO and Japan.

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HON. ROBERT ACE S. BARBERS
Chairman