

Republika ng Pilipinas



Embassy of the Philippines

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To All Filipino Community and
Media Organizations in Australia

The Embassy would like to furnish you with a copy of Proclamation No.1008 dated 21 May 1997, declaring **August 7 to 13 Every Year as "ASEAN Week."**

The Philippines is a founding member of ASEAN and active participation in ASEAN is one of the guiding posts of Philippine foreign policy. The Filipino community in Australia is urged to promote ASEAN awareness among the Filipino people and instil in their minds the importance, value and meaning of ASEAN in achieving and maintaining regional peace, sustainable development and harmonious people to people relationship.


For information, Australia is the first Dialogue Partner of ASEAN and the Philippines currently serves as country coordinator for ASEAN-Australia Dialogue.

In this light, we therefore encourage every Filipino to remember the importance of ASEAN and urge all our *Kababayans* in Australia to actively participate in ASEAN-related activities of the Embassy.

To coincide with ASEAN Day and to celebrate this year's ASEAN Week, all are warmly invited to participate in the conduct of a flag raising ceremony of the ASEAN flag alongside the Philippine flag on **Thursday, 08 August 2013, 8 am at the Philippine Embassy grounds.**

For more information on ASEAN you may log on to www.aseansec.org.

Very truly yours,


BELEN F. ANOTA
Ambassador

**MALACAÑANG
MANILA****BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES****PROCLAMATION NO. 1008****DECLARING AUGUST 7 TO 13 OF EVERY YEAR AS "ASEAN WEEK"**

WHEREAS, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand to promote the economic, social and cultural development of the region through cooperative programs, to safeguard the political and economic stability of the region and to serve as a forum for the resolution of intra-regional differences;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is a founding member and has been one of the active members of the ASEAN since its establishment thirty years ago;

WHEREAS, ASEAN will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary on August 8th this year;

WHEREAS, the Philippines recognizes the need to further promote ASEAN awareness, and instill in the minds of the Filipino people the importance, value and meaning of ASEAN in achieving and maintaining regional peace and sustainable development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare August 7 to 13 of every year as "ASEAN WEEK".

All government agencies, specifically the Department of Foreign Affairs (lead agency), Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Tourism, Department of Trade and Industry and the Commission for Higher Education are enjoined to initiate and implement programs and activities to help generate awareness and public support in promoting the observance of ASEAN Week in the various offices, schools, universities, local government units and business establishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 21st day of May in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

By the President:


RUBEN B. TORRES
Executive SecretaryIN REPLYING, PLEASE CITE:
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