



REPUBLIK INDONESIA

JOINT DECLARATION

BY

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

ON

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEA CONNECTIVITY

BETWEEN DAVAO/GENERAL SANTOS, SOUTHERN MINDANAO AND

BITUNG, NORTH SULAWESI

In light of the strong relations between the Republic of Indonesia and the Republic of the Philippines; and recognizing that the establishment of sea connectivity will greatly enhance physical infrastructure development, strengthen effective institutional arrangements and empower people-to-people interactions between Indonesia and the Philippines in particular between Davao/General Santos, Southern Mindanao and Bitung, North Sulawesi, Indonesia;

Recalling the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), adopted at the 17th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur on 28 October 2010;

Noting the Joint Statement of the 10th Brunei Darussalam – Indonesia – Malaysia – Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area Summit (10th BIMP-EAGA Summit) in Nay Pyitaw on 11 May 2014;

Referring to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Governments of BIMP-EAGA on Establishing and Promoting Efficient and Integrated Sea Linkages adopted in Singapore on 2 November 2007;

Adhering to the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan 2016-2025 adopted by the ASEAN Transport Ministers (ATM) during the 21st ATM on 5 November 2015, which gives priority to the realization of shipping routes or sea connectivity, particularly the Roll-on/Roll-off (RORO) shipping network in ASEAN, including the Davao/General Santos-Bitung route; and,

Acknowledging the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit (AFAFGIT) signed on 16 December 1998;

Both Governments declare as follows:

First: to encourage the establishment of direct sea connectivity between Davao/General Santos in Southern Mindanao, the Philippines and Bitung in North Sulawesi, Indonesia;

Second: to consider designating Davao/General Santos Port in Southern Mindanao, the Philippines and Bitung Port in North Sulawesi, Indonesia as the designated Ports under this declaration;

Third: to consult each other regularly to ensure the full implementation of the establishment of the aforementioned sea connectivity; and,

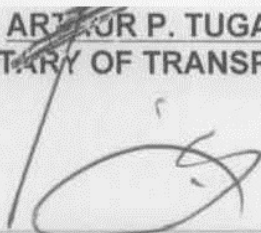
Fourth: to look into the establishment of a mechanism and/or instruct officials to undertake measures to ensure that sea connectivity services, including but not limited to, RORO shipping services, meet the safety, security and environmental protection standards set by relevant international conventions.

Declared and signed in Manila, Philippines, on the28.....day of the April.....in the year of 2017.....

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Signed

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