

Press Release



CDA John Boitte Santos receives DND Assistant Secretary Jesus Rey R. Avilla at the Philippine Embassy in India (NDPE Photo)

Delhi. 7 March 2022 - Chargé d'Affaires, a.i. (CDA) John Boitte Santos of the Embassy of the Philippines in New Delhi received Hon. Jesus Rey R. Avilla, Assistant Secretary for Logistics, Acquisition, and Self-Reliant Defense Posture of the Department of National Defense (DND).

CDA Santos welcomed Assistant Secretary Avilla, and noted that 2022 is a momentous year for Philippines – India defense cooperation as the DND recently signed a deal for the acquisition of Brahmos Missiles from India.

CDA Santos further conveyed his appreciation to the DND and the Armed Forces of the Philippines for sending two (2) naval ships last year to India to repatriate our stranded kababayans due to the suspension of international flights during the second wave of COVID-19 in India.

Assistant Secretary Avilla for his part thanked the Philippine Embassy for their warm welcome and looks forward for a successful engagement with various stakeholders in India. Assistant Secretary Avilla will head the Philippine delegation to the 3rd Philippines – India Joint Defense Industry Logistics Committee Meeting, which will be held in New Delhi on 11 March 2022. END



Assistant Secretary Avilla conveyed that he will be engaging with various defense stakeholders in India and will head the Philippine delegation to the 3rd Philippines – India Joint Defense Industry Logistics Committee Meeting, which will be held in New Delhi.



CDA John Boitte, Assistant Secretary Jesus Rey Avilla, Third Secretary and Political Officer Mark Dizon, Third Secretary and Administrative Officer Sandra Guiang with the DND Delegation.



Embassy officials showed the facilities of the Philippine Embassy to the DND delegation