

# Ambassador Allarey Takes Over ASEAN-New Delhi Committee Chairmanship

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**(Left photo) Ambassador Allarey is welcomed as the new chairman of the ASEAN-New Delhi Committee. (Right photo) Business meeting between ASEAN Heads of Mission and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.**

3 February 2011 - The Philippine Embassy in New Delhi reported that the chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-New Delhi Committee (ANDC) was turned over to the Philippines last January 18 upon conclusion of the chairmanship of Malaysian High Commissioner Tan Seng Sun.

For the Philippines' ASEAN-New Delhi Committee chairmanship, the Embassy will seek to undertake the following initiatives: the collective call of ASEAN heads of mission on the Minister of External Affairs, the Foreign Secretary and other high officials of the Indian Government, the preparation of cultural events for ASEAN Day in August, and the academic forum on Philippine-India and ASEAN-India relations.

Ambassador Ronald B. Allarey will convene the first ANDC meeting soon to discuss important pending issues which have been endorsed by the outgoing chair, Malaysia.

These issues include the ASEAN Heads of Mission visit to Mizoram province in northeast India, visit to Indian institutions such as the O.P. Jindal Global University and Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore - upon the invitation of former Indian MEA Secretary (East) Neelakantan Ravi, and coordination work for the ASEAN-India Business Fair and Business Conclave on March 2 to 6.

The Philippines' chairmanship of ASEAN in New Delhi coincides with the inaugural of the Philippines-India Joint Commission meeting and the ASEAN-India Business Fair and Business Conclave.

Meanwhile, Ambassador Allarey participated in the Business Meeting with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on January 25.

He likewise graced the 62<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day Parade of India on January 26 at the invitation of Minister of Defense A.K. Anthony.

The event also had Indonesian President Yudhoyono as Guest of Honor. Indonesia is the current ASEAN chair. END