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The Prime Minister of India, H.E. Manmohan Singh, met with President Benigno S. Aquino III at the sidelines of the 21st ASEAN Summit in Phnom Penh (18-20 November 2012). Prime Minister Singh told President Aquino that India shared ASEAN's concern for ensuring freedom of navigation and maritime security in the Western Philippine Sea, as well as for removing barriers to trade.

President Aquino informed Prime Minister Singh that he would not be able to make it to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit to be held on December 20-21 in New Delhi. Instead he had asked Vice President Jejomar Binay to represent him at the event.

A legally binding Code of Conduct in the South China Sea/West Philippine Sea between ASEAN and China would contribute to peace and stability in the region.



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