



## THE BORACAY ACCORD OF 2015

**RECOGNIZING** the significant insights and gains generated by the first and second **Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN) Chief Justices' Meeting (ACJM)** which provided a suitable venue to address high-level policy matters affecting our legal systems, share best practices, and assess legal trends among the ASEAN Member States;

**MINDFUL** of the need to continue, at the risk of dissipating these gains, the momentum of cooperation among Chief Justices of the ASEAN within the spirit of institutional independence but principled partnerships;

**AWARE** of the larger task ahead of strengthening individual Judiciaries of the ASEAN Member-States, upholding the rule of law within our respective jurisdictions and across the ASEAN, and enhancing judicial cooperation in the region.

**WE**, the Chief Justices of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, collectively known as the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Chief Justices (ACJ)**, gathered in meeting and guided by our respective individual mandates, do hereby:

1. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to strengthen international partnerships and regional solidarity among the Judiciaries of the ASEAN Members-States;

2. **AGREE** to take the initial steps towards a strengthened strategic partnership with one another by forming **WORKING GROUPS**, focusing on training needs and capacities, ASEAN Judiciary Portal (AJP), case management, court technology, child cross-border disputes, and civil processes;

3. **AGREE** to continue to monitor developments of the regional roundtable on environmental law as well as international economic trends as concrete steps taken to further the objectives of the ACJ.

4. **COMMIT** to be the constant voice in upholding the rule of law in our respective jurisdictions.

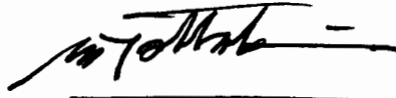
Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2015 at Boracay, Aklan, Philippines.



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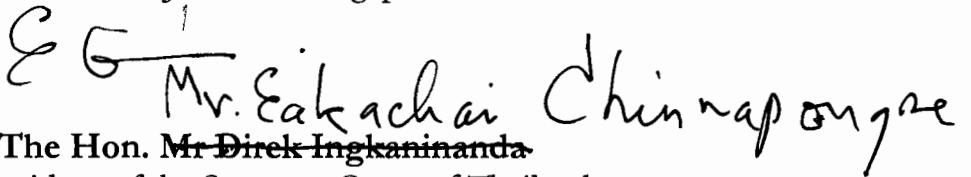
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