



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 2nd of March 2015 at Boracay, Aklan, Philippines.



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