

Exchange of agreements between India and Philippines

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The Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind reached Manila, Philippines on October 17, 2019 in the first leg of his visit to two nations - Philippines and Japan. The Hon'ble President of India led delegation-level talks between the two sides. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble President of India said that as two vibrant democracies that believe in a rules-based international order, respect for international law and sovereign equality of nations, the Philippines and India are natural partners in the pursuit of their respective national development and security objectives.

The Hon'ble President of India said that there is immense potential to further deepen the India-Philippines economic ties. The Philippines is emerging as an important focus country for India's corporate sector. Indian companies are interested in partner Filipino companies in digital industries, innovation and start-ups, health and pharma and in the crucial area of agricultural development. India is also keen to participate in infrastructure development as well as in defence modernization of the Philippines. In both these areas, he said, Indian companies have made their mark and attained global reputation. He invited companies from the Philippines to invest in India's transformative growth and development.

The Hon'ble President of India said that for India, ASEAN is a region of great importance. India wants to see a strong, unified and prosperous ASEAN playing a central role in the emerging

dynamic of the Indo-Pacific. Engagement with ASEAN has been, and will remain, a critical element of India's 'Act East' policy and strategy.

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