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Greetings Asian Common Wealth Association, Japan!

Maximizing employment opportunities for our countrymen is not only a welcome objective but a priority undertaking. And this becomes very successful when done in collaboration with one of our long-time top trading partners and investor, in Japan.

The Philippine Human Resource Global Information Center (PHGIC), which provides a link between Japanese employers and our work-force, is a great bridge for linking both countries in this age of globalization. This is made possible by the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (JPEPA) signed in 2006.

With the support of the government of both nations, our people will continue to reap good rewards as we march on towards further strengthening our ties in response to the increasing demand for more open economic and trade relations.

We thank our partners in this endeavor and wish them more success.

Sincerely yours,

MARIE ANNE S. PERNES

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