

Closing Remarks

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Cooperation

between Cambodia and the Philippines
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Excellency Co-Chair

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. It gives me great pleasure to thank you, Excellency Cayetano, for your able leadership in steering today's meeting toward a successful conclusion.
2. I could not have been more satisfied with our outcomes. We have reviewed thoroughly our past cooperation and we had vigorously sought out every possibility to expand our future cooperation. We agreed to further deepen cooperation on the fields of **transnational crimes, agriculture, trade and investment, air service, sports, health care and legal matters**. We also stressed the importance of active engagement in **defense, culture and labor**. To that effect, I am pleased that we are able to sign the Agreement on the Prevention of Looting and Illicit Trafficking of Culture Property and the MoU on Defense Cooperation.
3. Aside from such concrete and tangible outcomes, I am fully convinced that the importance of the JCBC mechanism lies more in the larger exchanges between our two countries, which can go a long way in promoting trust and strengthening our working relations.
4. Before I conclude let me express my appreciation to our Senior Officials for their hard work in laying a solid ground work for our meeting today. I would like to thank also our two Ambassadors, H.E. Christopher B. Montero of the

Philippines and H.E. Tout Panha of Cambodia for their excellent coordination works.

5. Finally, let me close by reiterating my full commitment to work with you in the future in the spirit of advancing our bilateral cooperation to greater height.

Thank you!