



(Left photo) Assistant Secretary Teresita V.G. Barsana (left) presents Php500 bills printed with the portrait of President Benigno Aquino III to Thailand's House of Representatives Mrs. Pannipa Sermsree. (Right Photo) Assistant Secretary Barsana with the Thai delegation and officials from DFA.

26 February 2013 – The Office of ASEAN Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), led by Assistant Secretary Teresita V.G. Barsana, hosted officials from the Secretariat of the House of Representatives of Thailand for a briefing on ASEAN matters today, February 26.

Assistant Secretary Barsana updated the Thai delegation on Philippine initiatives under the three pillars of ASEAN – the ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC), ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) – in pursuit of an ASEAN Community by 2015.

The 25-member Thai delegation was headed by Deputy Secretary General of Thailand's House

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of Representatives Mrs. Pannipa Sermsree. In a show of appreciation for the visit, Assistant Secretary Barsana presented Mrs. Sermsree with Php50 bills printed with the ASEAN logo, an initiative of the DFA in 2012 to promote awareness of ASEAN. END