



(Photo above, from left) Mr. Ohad Horsandi, South East Asia Department of Ambassador Avraham Nir, MFA Asia Pacific Department; Mr. Chaim Choshen, Ruth Kahanoff, MFA Deputy Director General of the Asia Pacific Division and Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and Head of Philippine Delegation, Philippines; DFA Assistant Secretary for Middle East and Africa Petronila P. Garcia; Affairs Pamela Durian-Bailon; Second Secretary and Consul Greg Marie C. Merriam Cuasay. (Left photo below) Deputy Director General Ruth Kahanoff, to South East Asia Department, opens the working lunch session of the 7th Phil

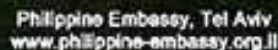


(Left photo) DDG Ruth Kahanoff expresses Israel's appreciation for the Philippines' role in the northern border and hopes for more vibrant Philippines-Israel relations in the year ahead. She outlines Philippine interests during the 7th Philippines-Israel Joint Commission Meeting.



Undersecretary Erlinda F. Basilio and the rest of the Philippine Delegation with Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak and General Rafael Barak.

~~For information, the Philippine Delegation is composed of Undersecretary Erlinda F. Basilio, Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs, and other officials. The Israeli Delegation is headed by Defense Minister Ehud Barak and includes General Rafael Barak, Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces.~~



The Senate passed the bill on a 60-38 vote. The bill is now headed to the House, where it is expected to pass by a 218-213 vote. The bill is expected to be signed into law by President Trump.