ICAPP Update (26-03) Passing away of H.E. Jose de Venecia, Jr.

Dear Distinguished Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee,

I am deeply saddened to convey attached letter from Madam Georgina P. de Venecia, Member of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, and also beloved wife of H.E. Jose de Venecia, Jr., Founding Chairman and Chairman Emeritus of the ICAPP Standing Committee, formally informing us the passing away of JDV today, on February 10, 2026.

First and foremost, on behalf of the ICAPP, I extend my sincere condolences and sympathies to his bereaved family, his associates, and the people of the Republic of the Philippines on this profound loss.

JDV was a visionary leader who devoted his life to the service of humanity. Beyond national borders, he emerged as a principal architect of parliamentary diplomacy in Asia, and sustained dialogue among political leaders and parties through promoting understanding.

Most of all, as the founding father of the ICAPP, he devoted the last quarter century of his career to an organization built on trust, inclusiveness, and mutual respect. Under his vision, ICAPP became a unique platform that bring together political parties of diverse ideologies, cultures, and traditions in the shared pursuit of regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

We will forever honor and cherish his enduring legacy and his invaluable contributions to strengthening cooperation, and mutual respect among the peoples of Asia and beyond. As Members of the ICAPP Standing Committee, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to uphold, preserve, and carry forward his legacy through our collective work in ICAPP.

May he rest in peace in his heavenly abode.

Chung Eui-yong
Chairperson of the ICAPP Standing Committee
former Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea
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Attachment: as stated