

THE TREATY OF AMITY AND
COOPERATION AS A
REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT
UNDER CHAPTER VIII OF THE
CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS



Commemorating the 50th
Anniversary of the Treaty of Amity
and Cooperation in Southeast Asia
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of the 1982 Manila Declaration on
the Peaceful Settlement of
International Disputes

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Welcome Remarks



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Opening Remarks



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Open Forum



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