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I

July 31, B.E. 2505 (1962)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 21 of the Report of the Special Meeting of Foreign Ministers of ASA which was held in Kuala Lumpur and Cameron Highlands for the 3rd to 6th April, 1962, which reads as follows :

“The Foreign Ministers agreed to take immediate action to facilitate and encourage the flow of nationals among member countries and to this end, decided to abolish visa requirements for officials and to waive visa fees for nationals visiting each other’s country. Exchange of notes through normal diplomatic channels for the implementation of this will be effected immediately.”

With a view to implementing the above decision, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand would now like to propose the conclusion of an agreement with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines pertaining to the abolition of visa requirements for officials and the waiver of visa fees for nationals (non-officials) visiting each other’s country on the following terms :

(1) *Official Passports*

(i) Holders of valid diplomatic or service passports of the Kingdom of Thailand shall be free to enter the Philippines without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

(ii) Holders of valid diplomatic or special passports of Philippines shall be free to enter the Kingdom of Thailand without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.

¹ Came into force on 30 August 1962, thirty days from the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

(2) *Ordinary Passports*

(i) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Kingdom of Thailand shall be exempt from visa fees when applying for visas to the Philippines diplomatic or consular representative, to enter the Philippines as temporary visitors for a period of stay not to exceed 59 days.

(ii) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Kingdom of Thailand entering in the Philippines as students shall be exempt from visa fees, registration fees, immigration fees and all other similar fees in connection with their stay in the Philippines as students.

(iii) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Philippines shall be exempt from visa fees when applying for visas to the Royal Thai diplomatic or consular representative, to enter the Kingdom of Thailand as temporary visitors for a period of stay not to exceed 59 days.

(iv) Holders of valid ordinary passports of the Philippines entering in the Kingdom of Thailand as students shall be exempt from visa fees, registration fees, immigration fees and all other similar fees in connection with their stay in the Kingdom of Thailand as students.

Upon receipt of a note from Your Excellency indicating that the foregoing provisions are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand will consider that this note and your reply thereto as constituting an agreement to enter into force thirty days from the date of your note in reply.

Either party may temporarily suspend or withdraw from the present agreement either wholly or partly, for reasons of public order : the suspension shall immediately be communicated to the other party through diplomatic channel.

This agreement shall be terminated on receipt of three months' notice on either side.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Air Marshal Prince Rangsiyakorn APHAKORN
Thai Ambassador

His Excellency Emmanuel Pelaez
Vice President and concurrently Secretary of Foreign Affairs
Republic of the Philippines

II

Manila, July 31, 1962

Your Serene Highness :

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Serene Highness' Note of July 31, 1962 which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I am pleased to inform Your Serene Highness that the proposals set forth in Your Serene Highness' Note hereinabove quoted are acceptable to my Government and that my Government agrees that Your Serene Highness' Note together with this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the matter.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Serene Highness the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Emmanuel PELAEZ
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

His Highness Prince Rangsiyakorn Aphakorn
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand
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