



## **BATAM DECLARATION**

**THE ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES MEETING IN BATAM DECLARED:**

**THAT ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT IS BEST REALISED THROUGH AN ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP OF CENTRAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT. LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO ACHIEVE OPTIMAL OUTCOMES, NEEDS THE EMPOWERMENT, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO ATTRACT EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AND TO INCREASE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. AN OVER-RIDING PRINCIPLE OF THIS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE QUALITY LIVE AND WELLBEING OF CITIZENS MUST BE ENHANCED.**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NEED TO ACTIVELY INVESTIGATE AND ASSESS ASIA PACIFIC DEVELOPMENTS AND TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER THROUGH MEANINGFUL EXCHANGES.**

**THERE NEEDS TO BE SPECIFIC, BUT COMPLEMENTARY ATTENTION, TO FREE ECONOMIC ZONES AND OTHER LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES AND TO STRENGTHEN AN ECONOMIC BASE THROUGH A STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION OF TOURISM, INCLUDING THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS AND THE BETTER USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TOWARDS EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE E-GOVERNANCE.**




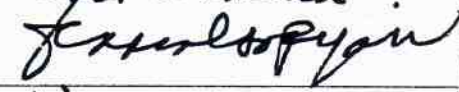
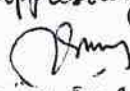
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MUST BE INCLUDED IN A POLICY OF INCLUSIVENESS AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND THE GREATER INCREASE IN THE AVAILABILITY OF EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.**


**TO INSTUTIONALIZE ACTIVE AND ONGOING CONSIDERATION OF THE CONTENT OF THE FORUM, BATAM CONFERENCE RESOLVES THAT A STANDING COMMITTEE OF UNITED CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (ASIA PACIFIC) ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BE ESTABLISHED (WITH A SUB-COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC FREE ZONES) TO DEVELOP ENHANCED POLICIES AND TO PLAN AND PREPARE AN**

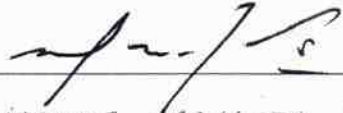
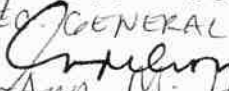
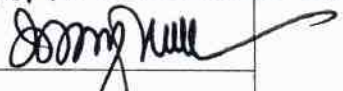



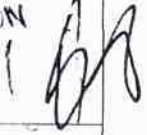
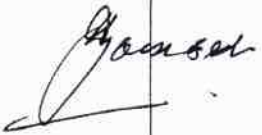
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