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NAMFREL to co-host international election observers' conference

The **National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL)**, to culminate the commemoration of its 30th Anniversary Celebration, is set to co-host with the **Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL)** the **9th Implementation Meeting of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation (DoP-IEO)** on November 12-14, 2014 at the Dusit Thani Manila, in Makati City.

This is an annual gathering of the top election experts from all over the world to assess the compliance of the signatories to the election observation standards launched and recommended in 2005 by the United Nations at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This is the first time that the conference will be held in Asia. The first eight assessment meetings were held in the United States and in Europe.

There are more than 40 inter-governmental and non-governmental endorser organizations of the DoP-IEO. Representatives from the **UN Electoral Assistance Division, Council of European Union, European Commission, European Parliament, African Union, Inter-Parliamentary Union**, the Organization of American States, the **National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, The Carter Center, ANFREL**, and election monitoring entities from around the world are expected to arrive in Manila to attend the event.

The Convening Committee of the DoP-IEO has identified the following topics for discussion in the Manila meeting: Citizen Observer Groups, Electoral Transparency, New Voting Technologies, ISO Electoral Standards, and Security in Elections. Emerging Topics of concern such as Campaign Finance, Participation of Persons with Disabilities, State Intervention and issues concerning Europe and Africa will also be discussed.

The following companies have extended support to NAMFREL in co-hosting the event: MERALCO, Ayala Corporation, Banco de Oro, PLDT/SMART, San Miguel Corporation, Concepcion Industries, D.M. Consunji and other individual supporters.

Mr. Dave Balangue, the Acting Chairman of NAMFREL, will welcome the participants during the Opening Ceremonies on November 12.

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