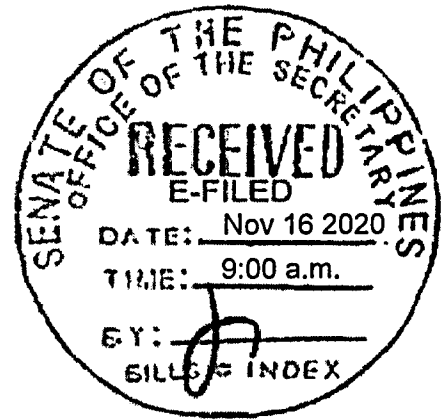


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Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY HANEDA KOJI FOR HIS REMARKABLE WORK AS ENVOY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO THE PHILIPPINES BOLSTERING THE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

WHEREAS, Ambassador Haneda holds a Law degree from the University of Tokyo's Faculty of Law and a master's degree from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy of Tufts University;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Haneda joined Japan's Foreign Service in 1979 where he served in the Economic Affairs Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Affairs Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau before being assigned his first diplomatic post in the Philippines as Private Secretary to the Foreign Minister and Embassies of Japan in the Philippines from 1982 to 1984;

WHEREAS, prior to his *balikbayan* posting as Ambassador of Japan to the Philippines in September 2017, Ambassador Haneda held various significant posts such as being the Representative of the Government of Japan for Free Trade and Economic Partnership Agreements Negotiations (2016), Ambassador for International Economic Affairs (2015), Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran (2012), Director-General at the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters Cabinet Office (2010), Ambassador in charge of the United Nations Affairs at the Foreign Policy Bureau (2009), and Minister at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations in New York, USA (2001);

WHEREAS, since Ambassador Haneda presented his credentials before President Duterte in October 2017, the Philippines and the Japan International Cooperation Agency have signed over JPY 650 billion worth of loans under fifteen agreements;

WHEREAS, Ambassador Haneda's term as Japanese envoy to the Philippines saw the country enter into several loan and grant agreements for the administration's infrastructure plan and centerpiece program, the Build, Build, Build Program, envisioned to usher the Golden Age of Infrastructure in the country with projects such as the Metro Manila Subway Project, North-South Commuter Railway, and the rehabilitation of the MRT-3;

WHEREAS, as overseen by Ambassador Haneda, the Japanese government has also provided assistance and furtherance to the Philippines' maritime security

capacity building, through the turnover of patrol vessels, high-speed boats, and naval aircraft, to aid in the conduct and delivery of immediate rescue operations and to improve maritime security in Philippine waters;

WHEREAS, under Ambassador Haneda's watch, the Japanese government also extended significant assistance to Mindanao, allocating a substantial amount for peace, normalization, and socio-economic development in the region, making Japan among the first to respond to our call for assistance in rehabilitating and reconstructing Marawi City, and affirming their support for the capacity building of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority;

WHEREAS, as H.E. Haneda Koji's duty in the Philippines draws to an end, we would like to commend him for being instrumental in further strengthening the bilateral ties between the Philippines and Japan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to commend Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Haneda Koji for his remarkable work as envoy of the Government of Japan to the Philippines bolstering the bilateral relations and strategic partnership between the two countries.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI