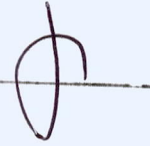


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RESOLUTION

HONORING PRESIDENT LEE JAE MYUNG OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FIRST STATE VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES ON MARCH 3 TO 4, 2026 AND COMMEMORATING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

1 WHEREAS, His Excellency Lee Jae Myung, President of the Republic of Korea,
2 will embark on a State Visit to the Republic of the Philippines from March 3 to 4, 2026;

3 WHEREAS, President Lee was elected the 21st President of the Republic of Korea
4 on June 3, 2025;¹

5 WHEREAS, the remarkable story of President Lee began during his formative
6 years, when he overcame humble beginnings as a child factory worker to become a
7 respected human rights lawyer after graduating from Chung-Ang University in 1982;²

8 WHEREAS, President Lee is an experienced politician and public servant,
9 previously serving as Mayor of Seongnam from 2010 to 2018, Governor of Gyeonggi
10 from 2018 to 2021, and Member of the National Assembly representing Gyeonggi B in
11 Incheon from 2022 to 2025 before ascending to the presidency;³

¹ Center for Strategic & International Studies, *South Korea's New President: Frying Pan to Fire*, 03 June 2025, at <https://www.csis.org/analysis/south-koreas-new-president-frying-pan-to-fire> (Last visited on Mar. 2, 2026).

² Korea JoongAng Daily, *Lee Jae-myung just announced he's running for president. Here's everything you need to know*, 10 April 2025, at <https://koreajoongangdaily.joins.com/news/2025-04-10/national/politics/Lee-Jaemyung-just-announced-hes-running-for-president-Heres-everything-you-need-to-know/2281593> (Last visited on Mar. 2, 2026).

³ *Id.*

1 WHEREAS, the timing of the State Visit coincides with the 77th anniversary of
2 diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea,
3 which began on March 3, 1949 when the Philippines became the first Southeast Asian
4 country to recognize the fledgling republic;^{4 5}

5 WHEREAS, the Philippines and South Korea have a long history as brothers-in-
6 arms, cemented by the deployment of 7,420 Filipino soldiers during the Korean War
7 in defense of the Republic of Korea;⁶

8 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024, the Philippines and South Korea elevated the
9 status of their diplomatic relations to that of a Strategic Partnership through the Joint
10 Declaration on the Strategic Partnership between the Republic of the Philippines and
11 the Republic of Korea;⁷

12 WHEREAS, the Strategic Partnership declared between the Philippines and
13 South Korea seeks to “build upon and further deepen political engagements between
14 the two governments through various mechanisms, high-level visits, regular dialogues
15 across many areas of mutual interest, and exchanges at all levels and channels;”⁸

16 WHEREAS, the Strategic Partnership identifies numerous sectors for greater
17 engagement and cooperation, including defense and security, trade and investment,
18 climate change and energy, tourism, and socio-cultural exchange, among many
19 others;

20 WHEREAS, a new era of intensive economic and trade cooperation was ushered
21 in on December 31, 2024 with the effectivity of the Philippines-Korea Free Trade
22 Agreement (PH-KR FTA), a landmark treaty that grants preferential duty-free entry on

⁴ Malou Talosig-Bartolome, *South Korean President marking 77 years of ties with PHL in Manila*, BusinessMirror, 28 February 2026, at <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/02/28/south-korean-president-marking-77-yrs-of-ties-with-phl-in-manila/> (Last visited on Mar. 2, 2026).

⁵ *Joint Declaration on the Strategic Partnership between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea*, at https://pco.gov.ph/news_releases/joint-declaration-on-the-strategic-partnership-between-the-republic-of-the-philippines-and-the-republic-of-korea/ (Last visited Mar. 2, 2026).

⁶ South Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, *Background of Participation and Activity of each Forces: Philippines*, at <https://www.mpva.go.kr/english/contents.do?key=1319> (Last visited on Mar. 2, 2026).

⁷ *Joint Declaration on the Strategic Partnership between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea*, at https://pco.gov.ph/news_releases/joint-declaration-on-the-strategic-partnership-between-the-republic-of-the-philippines-and-the-republic-of-korea/ (Last visited Mar. 2, 2026).

⁸ *Id.*

1 11,164 Philippine products to South Korea, accounting for USD 3.18 billion or 87.4
2 percent of total Philippine exports to South Korea;⁹

3 WHEREAS, the PH-KR FTA is projected to boost bilateral trade between the
4 countries from USD 10 billion in 2024 to USD 24 billion by 2030;¹⁰

5 WHEREAS, South Korea was one of the top four sources of equity capital
6 placements in the Philippines from January to November 2025 and the leading
7 contributor to foreign direct investment in the month of November, with most
8 investments targeted at the Philippine manufacturing sector;¹¹

9 WHEREAS, the potential for greater tourism and socio-cultural exchange
10 between our countries is highlighted by the fact that South Koreans continue to be
11 the largest foreign tourist market of the Philippines, which counted 1.4 million South
12 Korean arrivals in 2025;¹²

13 WHEREAS, the State Visit of President Lee is an excellent opportunity to further
14 bolster and strengthen the enduring Philippines-Korea strategic partnership, the
15 benefits of which will be reaped by both countries for generations to come;

16 WHEREAS, the Filipino people will always take pride in welcoming our respected
17 South Korean allies in the spirit of mutual cooperation, fidelity, and faith in the shared
18 vision and ideals that propel us towards a more prosperous, mutually beneficial future;

19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate
20 of the Philippines honor His Excellency President Lee Jae Myung of the Republic of
21 Korea, warmly welcoming him to the Philippines on the occasion of his first State Visit
22 from March 3 to 4, 2026, and commemorate the enduring friendship and partnership
23 of the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea on the 77th anniversary of
24 the establishment of diplomatic relations between our great nations.

⁹ Joyce Ann Rocamora, *FTA 'significant instrument' in boosting strategic PH-Korea ties: DFA*, 03 January 2025, PNA, at <https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1241022> (Last visited on Mar. 2, 2026).

¹⁰ Malou Talosig-Bartolome, *South Korean President marking 77 years of ties with PHL in Manila*, BusinessMirror, 28 February 2026, at <https://businessmirror.com.ph/2026/02/28/south-korean-president-marking-77-yrs-of-ties-with-phl-in-manila/> (Last visited on Mar. 2, 2026).

¹¹ Keisha Ta-Asan, *FDI flows hit 4-month high in November*, PhilStar, 11 February 2026, at <https://www.philstar.com/business/2026/02/11/2507129/fdi-inflows-hit-4-month-high-november> (Last visited on Mar. 3, 2026).

¹² Tara Sering, *Tourism misses target, but Philippines plays the long game*, Travel Weekly Asia, 12 January 2026, at <https://www.travelweekly-asia.com/Destination-Travel/Tourism-misses-target-but-Philippines-plays-the-long-game> (Last visited on March 2, 2026).

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