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Dear Mr. Constantino and Atty. Malaluan,

Following our discussion on the Public Communications Policy (PCP) review process and in response to the points raised in your letter dated 18 November 2009, we would like to reiterate our commitment to consult with a wide range of stakeholders. ADB recognizes that people have a right to information held by ADB and this is the underlying principle that governs the PCP.

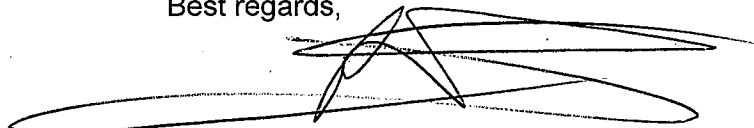
As part of the review, ADB will undertake consultations with government, private sector and civil society, including project affected people, in several countries of the region. ADB will certainly consider the specific issues you raised in your letter regarding access to information by civil society, PCP exceptions, appeals mechanism, and information related to climate change, as part of the PCP review consultation process.

We are pleased to note that you have already undertaken several consultations on the PCP with Forum partners in Asia-Pacific and have recorded the concerns relating to provisions of the PCP as well as its implementation. We would be grateful if you would share these findings as they would be valuable inputs to our review. Feedback you would have from affected people on ADB PCP and its implementation would also be very useful.

We trust that you will continue to collaborate with us as we embark on this important review.

Thank you.

Best regards,



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