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Asia-Europe partners commit to broaden Interfaith Dialogue

By [Rose B. Palacio](#)

Davao City (19 June) -- Representatives of the Fourth Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) partners renewed their commitments to deepen and broaden the Interfaith Dialogue for the benefit of a peaceful and fruitful Asia-Europe relationship and underscored the importance of consolidating the Interfaith Dialogue as an annual ASEM event.

Ulama League of the Philippines regional chairman Aleem Mahmud Mala Adilao, one of the Philippine representatives during the ASEM gathering in Amsterdam (June 3-5, 2008) said that ASEM partners have agreed to improve awareness and understanding of common ethical and values shared by all humankind; enhance mutual understanding and respect through interaction among adherents of faiths; promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms; encourage social inclusion, gender equality, justice and tolerance in human interactions; guarantees respect for faith heritage and diversity; reduce clashes, antagonism and violence; and promote peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Also included in its commitments are: the promotion of love and peace; rejection of hatred and violence in all world religions; and respect the freedom of religion or belief and take necessary actions to combat intolerance, discrimination, hostility and violence based on religion or belief.

On poverty reduction, the ASEM partners agreed to work together for the reduction of poverty, narrow economic gaps; and contribute in achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals by drawing on social capital in terms of people's trust, religious and humanitarian motivation.

The Faith-based organizations are in better position to reach to the poorest members in the community and mobilize resources at all levels.

The Asia-Europe Meeting is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation which brings together 27 European Union member states and European Commission, 16 Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The ASEM dialogue held at Amsterdam aims to address political, economic and cultural issues for purposes of strengthening the relationship between the regions in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership.

The 4th ASEM Interfaith Dialogue was hosted by the Kingdom of Netherlands, co-hosted by Kingdom of Thailand and co-sponsored by the Republic of Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, European Commission, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, Philippines, Slovenia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. (PIA)

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