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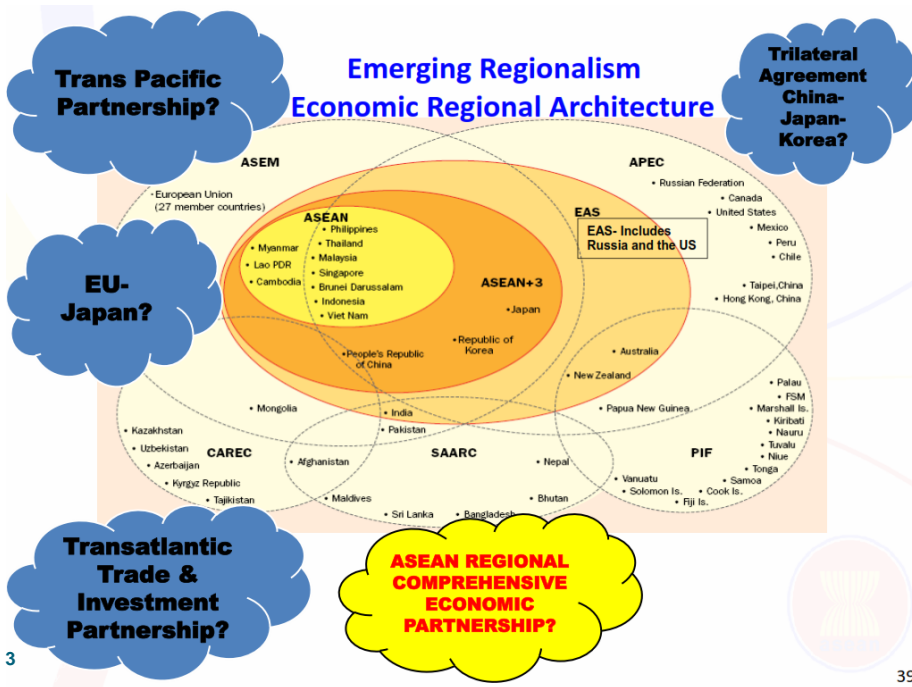
ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

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Outline of Presentation

1. Emerging Regionalism
2. The ASEAN Economic Community and the four Pillars
3. ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA)
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 - Accountancy Services
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THE ASEAN COMMUNITY

"An ASEAN Community shall be established comprising *three pillars*, namely *political and security cooperation, economic cooperation, and socio-cultural cooperation* that are closely intertwined and mutually reinforcing for the purpose of ensuring durable peace, stability and shared prosperity in the region"

- Bali Concord II, 2003



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THE AEC VISION ...

“... a stable, prosperous and highly competitive ASEAN economic region in which there is a free flow of goods, services, investment and a freer flow of capital, equitable economic development and reduced poverty and socio-economic disparities.” AEC Blueprint, 2007



ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint

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1. **Recognition of qualification** education, training, certification and experience of professionals
2. Cooperation on **human resources development** and capacity building in the area of services
3. **Enhance cooperation** among ASEAN University Network (AUN) members to increase mobility for both students and staff
4. **Develop core competencies** and qualifications job/occupational and trainers skills required in priority services sectors
5. **Strengthen research capabilities** in promoting skills, job placements and developing labour market information networks

ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS)

Article V : Recognition

ASEAN Member States may recognize the **education** or **experience** obtained, requirements met, or **licenses** or **certifications** granted in another ASEAN Member State, for the purpose of licensing or certification of service suppliers.

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The ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	DATE OF SIGNING
Business Services Sectoral Working Group	
1. ENGINEERING	Dec. 2005
2. ARCHITECTURE	Nov. 2007
3. SURVEYING	Nov. 2007
4. ACCOUNTANCY	Feb. 2009
Healthcare Services Sectoral Working Group	
1. NURSING	Dec. 2006
2. DENTISTRY	Aug. 2008
3. MEDICINE	Feb. 2009

Objectives of the MRA

1. Facilitate **mobility** of practitioners within ASEAN
2. Exchange **information** and enhance **cooperation** in respect of mutual recognition of practitioners
3. Promote **adoption of best practices** on standards and qualifications
4. Provide opportunities for **capacity building** and **training** of practitioners

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS

- **Right to Regulate** - These MRAs shall not reduce, eliminate or modify the rights, power and authority of each ASEAN Member State, its Professional Regulatory Authority and other relevant authorities to regulate and control practitioners and the practice of profession.

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ON ENGINEERING SERVICES

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ON ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Qualifications to Become an ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer (ACPE) and ASEAN Architect (AA)

1. In possession of an accredited engineering or architectural **degree/qualification recognized** by PRA of country of origin or host country
2. In possession of a valid professional **registration** or licensing certificate to practice the profession in the country of origin issued by PRA
3. Has acquired practical and diversified experience of :
Engineering – not less than 7 years after graduation, at least 2 years of which shall be in responsible charge of significant engineering work
Architecture – not less than 10 years of continuous practice of architecture after graduation, of which atleast 5 years shall be after licensure/registration and atleast 2 years of which shall be in responsible charge of significant architectural work

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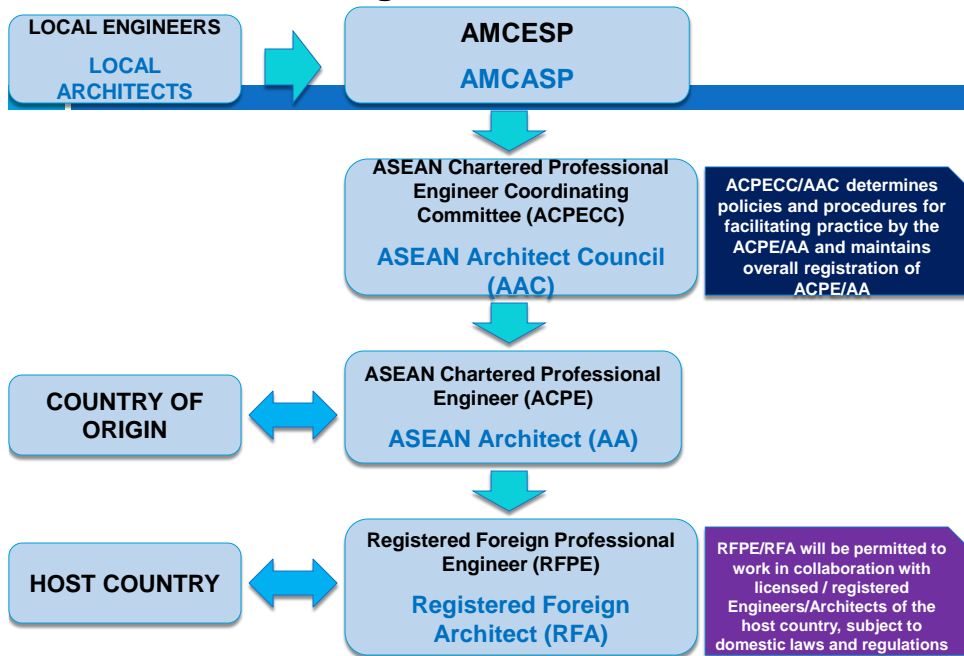
4. In compliance with **CPD** requirements
5. Has been certified as not having violated any professional or **ethical standards**, local and international
6. Has declared that there is **no investigation** or legal proceeding pending against him/her in the country of origin or another country
7. In compliance with any **other assessment** or requirement as may be imposed by host country

MONITORING COMMITTEE

Composition of ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Engineering Services of the Philippines (AMCESP)	Composition of ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Architectural Services of the Philippines (AMCASP)
1. Professional Regulation Commission	1. Professional Regulation Commission
2. Commission on Higher Education	2. Commission on Higher Education
3. Philippine Technological Council	3. United Architects of the Philippines

MONITORING COMMITTEE – (1) develops, processes and maintains an ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer Register/ASEAN Architect Register in the Country of Origin; (2) responsible for the registration and licensing of professional engineers/architects in the country concerned; (3) certifies the qualification and experience of individual professional engineers/architects;

Process of Registration of Professionals



ENGINEERING - ROADMAP AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN						
ASEAN MEMBER	NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION	MONITORING COMMITTEE	ASSESSMENT STATEMENT SUBMISSION	ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT APPROVED	REGISTRATION OF ACPE	2015
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	✓	✓	For submission			
CAMBODIA	✓	✓	✓	✓		
INDONESIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 140 ACPE	
LAO PDR	✓	✓	✓	✓		
MALAYSIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 194 ACPE	
MYANMAR	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 60 ACPE	
PHILIPPINES	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 12 ACPE	
THAILAND	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SINGAPORE	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 215 ACPE	
VIET NAM	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 113 ACPE	

ARCHITECTURE - ROADMAP AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN						
ASEAN MEMBER	NOTIFICATION OF PARTICIPATION	MONITORING COMMITTEE	ASSESSMENT STATEMENT SUBMISSION	ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT APPROVED	REGISTRATION OF AA	2015
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	✓	✓	Processing the Assessment Statement			
CAMBODIA	✓	✓	✓	Assessment Statement approved		
INDONESIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 51 ASEAN Architects	
LAO PDR	✓	✓	✓	Processing of Registration of AA		
MALAYSIA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 31 ASEAN Architects	
MYANMAR	✓	✓	✓	Processing of Registration of AA		
PHILIPPINES	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 40 ASEAN Architects	
THAILAND	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 3 ASEAN Architects	
SINGAPORE	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed the Process of Registration of 45 ASEAN Architects	
VIET NAM	✓	✓	✓	Processing of Registration of AA		

ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers Register (ACPER)

- To date, there are **734** ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineers, broke down as follows:

Indonesia	-	140
Malaysia	-	194
Myanmar	-	60
Singapore	-	215
Viet Nam	-	113
Philippines	-	12

ASEAN Architect Register (AAR)

- To date, there are **170** ASEAN Architects, broke down as follows:

Indonesia	-	51
Malaysia	-	31
Singapore	-	45
Thailand	-	3
Philippines	-	40

UPDATES

The Philippines:

1. will take the position as the Chairman starting from 26th ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineering Coordinating Committee meeting (September 2014) for two years.
2. is the current chair of the ASEAN Architect Council.

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT FRAMEWORK ON ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES

UPDATES

Key Features of final ASEAN MRA on Accountancy Services text

- ▣ Undergone legal scrubbing with DFA and DOJ on June 30, 2014
- ▣ Follows template of 2 MRAs that have earlier been approved and implemented
- ▣ Has undergone extensive discussion by the Experts Group coming from the ten ASEAN countries
- ▣ MRA has provisions to safeguard the interest of the local practice

UPDATES

Basic Features of final ASEAN MRA on Accountancy Services text

- Objectives and Definition of Terms
- Scope (with limitation on independent auditor and collaboration requirement)
- Qualifications and eligibility (first phase)
- Evaluation and assessment (second phase)
- Permit to practice in host country (third phase)
- Monitoring of practice (Last phase)

UPDATES

Safeguards to protect the local Accountancy practice

- Limits practice to collaboration
- Does not allow public practice
- Does not allow practice in the form of partnership or corporate form
- Requires similar competency, assessment, minimum work experience, continuing professional development requirements for foreign accountant

ASEAN FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT FOR THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT OF SURVEYING QUALIFICATIONS

FEATURES

- Provides a framework or mechanisms for ASEAN Member States to work together to further develop actual Mutual Recognition Agreements;
- Allows ASEAN Member States to enter into either bilateral or plurilateral MRAs;
- Harmonization of qualification based on the following recognition requirements: education, examinations, experience, recognition process, information and documentation, discipline and ethics and International Federation of Surveyors Standards and Guidelines

UPDATES

- **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION:** Educational System, Registration and Licensing Policies and Procedures

- **FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:**
 - Updates on regulatory regimes of the ASEAN Member States;
 - Assessment of present state of mobility and regime of surveying practice in ASEAN;
 - Form of future mobility of surveying professionals in ASEAN

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT ON DENTAL PRACTITIONERS

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT ON MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT ON NURSING SERVICES

RECOGNITION AND ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONERS OR NURSES

1. In possession of a dental/medical/ nursing qualification recognized by PRA (country of origin)
2. In possession of valid professional registration and current practising certificate
3. Has been in active practice for not less than :
5 continuous years - Medicine and Dentistry
3 continuous years - Nursing
4. In compliance with CPD at satisfactory level

RECOGNITION AND ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN MEDICAL/DENTAL PRACTITIONERS OR NURSES

5. Has been certified by the PRA of country of origin of not having violated any professional or ethical standards
6. Has declared that there is no investigation or legal proceeding pending against him/her in country of origin
7. In compliance with any other assessment or requirement as may be imposed on any such applicant as deemed fit by the PRA

UPDATES

- ASEAN has adopted a Roadmap Template
- Each ASEAN Member State (AMS) has submitted its Country Implementation Plan
- Discussions on mode of mobility (e.g. limited practice, expert visit, education, training and humanitarian mission)
- Matrix comparison on registration and licensing policies and procedures

The Roadmap Template: Criteria

- i. Exchange of Information
- ii. Facilitation of Mobility of Healthcare Professionals
- iii. Capacity-building and Training
- iv. Financing Mechanisms Best Practices
- v. Malpractice Insurance

The Roadmap Template

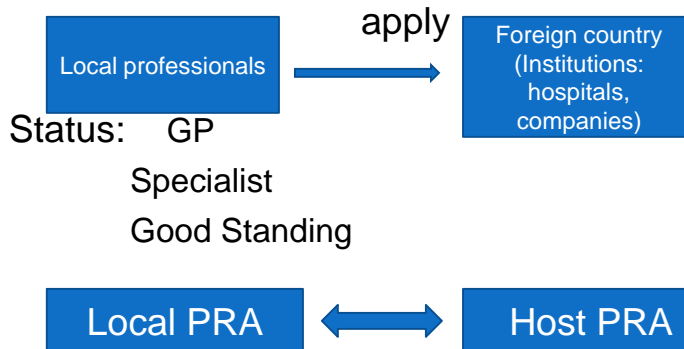
- I. Exchange of Information: Compilation
 1. Recognized Basic Qualifications and List of Recognized Institutions
 2. Recognized Postgraduate Qualifications and List of Recognized institutions
 3. Domestic Laws and Regulations
 4. Specialist Core Competencies / Scope of Practice
 5. Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and Practice Guidelines

The Roadmap Template

6. Continuing Professional Development Requirements
7. Registration Policies and Procedures
8. Licensing Policies and Procedures
9. Number of Foreign Professionals practicing in host country (by country of origin and by type of practice)
10. Contact Details of Professional Regulatory Authority (address, email, website, phone, fax)
11. Access to all AMS for certificate of good standing

The Roadmap Template

II. Facilitation of Mobility of Healthcare Professionals



The Roadmap Template

Process of Recognition by PRA

- 2.1 Evaluation of qualifications, training and experiences
- 2.2 Inclusion in Registry of professionals, Registry of Specialists
- 2.3 Monitor and assess practice and conduct
- 2.4 Records of disciplinary sanctions and pending cases
- 2.5 Monitoring by ASEAN Joint Coordinating Committee for Medical/Dental Practitioners/ Nursing Services
- 2.6 Elevated and taken up in the Healthcare Services Sectoral Working Group (HSSWG)

The Roadmap Template

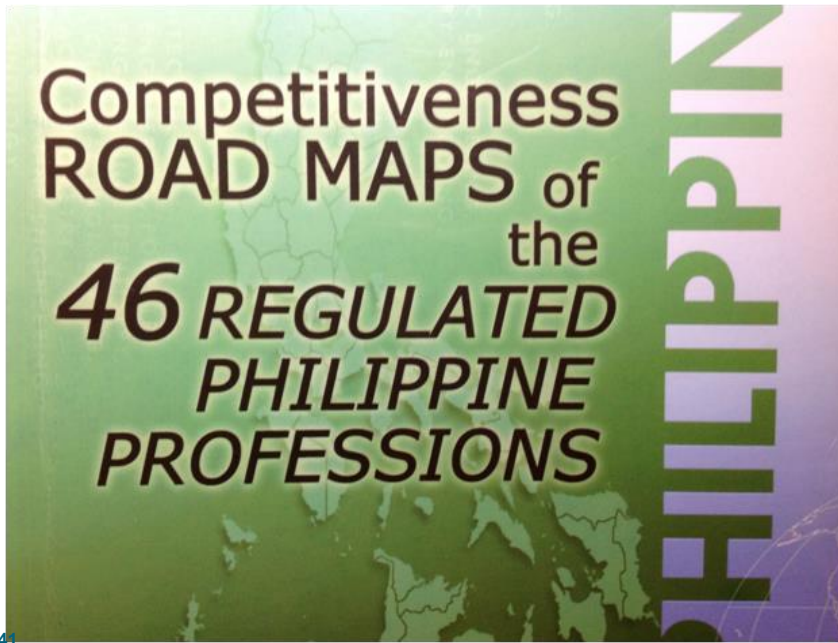
III. Capacity-building and training

3.1 Countries with developed systems assist
less developed countries

3.2 Visit to healthcare facilities

3.3 List of institutions with attachments
programs

**Can Filipinos COMPETE
with ASEAN counterparts?**



Competitiveness of Professionals

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1. **Market Condition and Trends**
 - 1.1 Number of schools
 - 1.2 Number of graduates
 - 1.3 Number of active professionals
 - 1.4 Surpluses / Shortages

2. **Core Competency Standards**
 - 2.1 Nature and quality of curricula
 - 2.2 Interaction with foreign professional bodies
 - 2.3 Trends in number of passers
 - 2.3 Professional outcomes indicators
professionals in other countries

Competitiveness of Professionals

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3. Quality Assurance

- 3.1 International benchmarking of professional standards
- 3.2 Compliance with international standards
- 3.3 Extent of performance-based professional assessment and accreditation

4. Salary / Fee Expectations

5. Language skills / Personal attributes

PRC's Initiatives

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1. Undertake Competitiveness Assessment
 - ▣ All professions have conducted their own competitiveness assessment
 - ▣ Identified gaps and weaknesses, supply and demand
 - ▣ Formulated action agenda, timetable
 - ▣ Objective: enhance competitiveness of professionals
2. Revised guidelines in the implementation of Continuing Professional Development including strict monitoring of CPD programs;
3. Implement a communication plan on updated and accurate information on over-supplied and under-supplied professions;

PRC's Initiatives

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4. Upgrade the quality of education to make our professionals more competitive in collaboration with CHED
5. Efforts of the PRC through the different 46 Boards' membership in the CHED Technical Committees (CHED TCGC) in integrating the PQF Levels in the new Policies, Standards and Guidelines (PSGs) across the different curricula and in transforming the PSGs competencies to learning outcomes as required for the AQRf.
6. Outcomes Based Education questions in databank
 - 2 workshops already conducted
 - a. First part - Quezon City Sports Club (Dec. 2013 and Jan. 2014)
 - b. Second part – Tagaytay (April 2014)

PRC's Initiatives

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7. Information dissemination : “ Empowering the professionals toward the ASEAN Economic Community”

a. NCR – Aug. 13, 2013	d. Cebu – Aug 28, 2013
b. Davao – Aug. 22, 2013	e. Baguio – Aug. 30, 2013
c. Iloilo – Aug. 23, 2013	f. Laguna – Sept. 3, 2013
8. **1st Professional Summit** : Convergence of Professional for Nation Building and Global Competitiveness (October 18 – 19, 2012, Manila Hotel)
- 2nd Professional Summit** : Empowering Professionals toward ASEAN Economic Community 2015 (October 15 -16, 2013, Manila Hotel)
- 3rd Professional Summit** : Ensuring International Alignment on Education and Professional Practice (October 2014, Manila Hotel)

Thank you very much
for your kind attention!

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