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Senate
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Franklin M. Drilon
Senate President

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The Honorable
JASPER TSANG YOK SING
President
Legislative Council
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
People's Republic of China

Dear Honorable Tsang:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 October 2013 and to likewise assure you that the Members of our Senate are fully aware of the concerns relating to the victims and families of the tragic bus hostage incident in Manila last 2010.

I believe that our two sides continue to meet and are trying their best to work out an acceptable solution to the situation. I understand that our President, Benigno S. Aquino III, and your Chief Executive, the Honorable Leung Chun-Ying, also met at the sidelines of this year's APEC Summit in Indonesia and have arrived at an agreement to instruct their respective officials to thoroughly discuss the incident and its outstanding issues.

We should welcome this latest development with optimism as I believe that it will open new opportunities in our common effort to find a suitable solution which, I hope, will be acceptable to all parties.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin M. Drilon".

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