

## **ASEAN COMMITTEE IN MANAMA BAHRAIN (ACMB) HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING**



The ASEAN Heads of Mission in the Kingdom of Bahrain during the inaugural meeting of the ASEAN Committee in Manama Bahrain (ACMB). From left to right, Chargé d' Affaires Nor Huda Ahmad of Brunei Darussalam, Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo of Indonesia, Ambassador Agus Salim bin Yusof of Malaysia, Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver of the Philippines and Ambassador Chayapan Bamrungphong of Thailand.

(Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain) – The ASEAN Committee in Manama Bahrain (ACMB) held its inaugural meeting on Thursday, 25 May 2017, at the residence of the Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, H.E. Alfonso A. Ver, in Bu Ashira, Manama.

The ACMB was established after the ASEAN Foreign Ministers approved last month the request for the constitution of the said committee by the Heads of Mission of the ASEAN Member-states accredited to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

At present, five ASEAN Member-states have diplomatic missions in Bahrain, consisting of Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. Singapore has a non-resident Ambassador accredited to the Kingdom of Bahrain but is based in Saudi Arabia.

The meeting discussed the ACMB's plans for the formal launching of the Committee, as well as the proposed activities for the year, which include the commemoration of ASEAN's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ASEAN Family Day and the ASEAN Sportsfest.

The Philippines was selected as the ACMB Chairman for this year, in consonance with its Chairmanship of ASEAN, while Thailand was selected as the Vice Chairman.

The ACMB Heads of Mission are Ambassador Alfonso A. Ver from the Republic of the Philippines, Ambassador Chayapan Bamrungphong of the Kingdom of Thailand, Ambassador Agus Salim Bin Yusof of Malaysia, Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo of the Republic of Indonesia and Chargé d' Affaires Nor Huda Ahmad of Brunei Darussalam.END



The ASEAN Committee in Manama Bahrain (ACMB) held its first meeting, which was chaired by Philippine Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Alfonso A. Ver.