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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted to: (1) identify and describe the diplomatic initiatives on trade of the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in terms of trade agreements from 2011 to 2015; (2) compare the trade developments in the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of the Netherlands in terms of (a) exports, (b) imports, (c) balance of trade and (d) investments; and (3) determine the implication to the Republic of the Philippines of the bilateral relationship and trade developments between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Descriptive analysis was used to present the data between the Republic of the Philippines and The Kingdom of the Netherlands. Secondary data were gathered from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippine Statistics Authority and National Library. And additional data were gathered through the internet. The data gathered covered the years 2011 to 2015.

Upon conducting this study, it was discovered that there were three agreements between the Philippines and Netherlands such as: (1) Agreement Between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, (2) Memorandum of Understanding Between The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on the Programme for Cooperation with Emerging Markets (PSOM) and (3) Memorandum

of Understanding on Economic and Technological Co-operation Between the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines and the Ministry of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands

The export rate of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of the Netherlands had decreased 10.9 percent in 2012 but slightly increased the following year and in 2014 at its peak, it increased by 7.3 percent with \$1.9 billion. The export rate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of the Philippines showed continuous increase from 2011 to 2014 and at its peak in the year 2014 with \$536,757,020. It decreased by 5.6 percent in 2015.

The import rate of the Republic of the Philippines from the Kingdom of the Netherlands decreased from \$312,778,775 in 2011 to \$293,191,331 in 2013 but it recovered from 2013 until 2014 with the total increase of 42.6 percent. The import rate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Republic of the Philippines had been continuously increasing from 2011 to 2014 with the highest value amounting to \$1.5 billion. In 2015, it plunged to \$1.2 billion.

Balance of trade is the difference in value over a period of time between a country's import of goods and services, usually expressed in the unit currency of a particular country or economic union. From 2011 to 2015, the total export rate of the Republic of the Philippines to the Kingdom of the Netherlands is \$8.8 billion while the import rate of the Republic of the Philippines from the Kingdom of the Netherlands is \$1.7 billion. The balance of trade between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of the Netherlands from 2011 to 2015 was \$7 billion, which had been favorable to the Republic of the Philippines.

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