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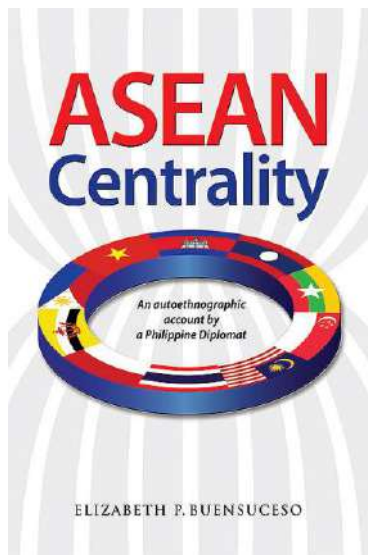
BOOK E-LAUNCH: “ASEAN CENTRALITY: AN AUTOETHNOGRAPHIC ACCOUNT BY A PHILIPPINE DIPLOMAT”

Date: 8 March 2022 (Tuesday)

Time: 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm (Singapore Time)

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About the Book



ASEAN Centrality is often referenced by government officials, academics and the External Partners of ASEAN, as if it had a generally accepted definition with a practical application. Although it is a principle enshrined in the ASEAN Charter and other seminal ASEAN documents, there is no common understanding of what it is and how it is manifested.

In her book titled “*ASEAN Centrality: An Autoethnographic Account by a Philippine Diplomat*”, Ambassador Buensuceso provides a definition of ASEAN Centrality from the perspective of a long-time practitioner of ASEAN diplomacy. Her three-dimensional definition is distinctive and practical because it can be applied in the day-to-day conduct of ASEAN’s relations among its Member States and its External Partners.

Using the unique analytical framework of autoethnography, Ambassador Buensuceso puts to full use her membership in the unique subculture, the so-called Jakarta Channel, to cull an account that is not only authoritative in its scholarly discipline but also provides for an engaging reading with its evocative, informative and sometimes, entertaining style.

About the Author



Ambassador Elizabeth P. Buensuceso is the Philippine Eminent Person to the High-Level Task Force that will chart the future of ASEAN. She was, until recently, the Undersecretary (Vice Minister) and ASEAN SOM Leader of the Philippines, and before that, the Permanent Representative to ASEAN for six years during which she chaired various ASEAN committees and bodies based in Jakarta. She has been with the foreign service for over 41 years and has served as Ambassador to Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and the Lao PDR. She has received a number of awards and distinctions, including a presidential Grand Cross (Gawad Kamanong). She has a degree in English (magna cum laude) and an MA in ASEAN Studies. Ambassador Elizabeth P. Buensuceso is the Author of the book titled “*ASEAN Centrality: An Autoethnographic Account by a Philippine Diplomat*”.