



WELCOMING REMARKS

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Good afternoon!

A year ago in Munich, Germany, in behalf of Lt Gen Oscar Rabena, Commanding General of the Philippine Air Force and Lead-man of AMI-Philippines, we proposed the holding of 2011 AMI Conference here in the Philippines. And the AMI body gave its assent.

We brought home that good news. It was happily received especially by General Rabena, who had his first AMI experience here in the Philippines as a junior officer and would had experienced the Munich AMI last year had he not been called back to the Philippines for an urgent conference with the new Philippine president, President Aquino. After that what followed next were series of meetings and fund raising presided by the good general himself.

Now we are here in this conference that we had prepared for, the best we could. The year of preparation was a rewarding experience for us: it has bonded us more closely as AMI members.

If I am able to guess right, my partners' only wish for this conference is that: first, the participants will feel welcomed, and say that the Philippines is home; second, that they will like the Filipino way of life, and say the Philippines is a happy people to remember; and third, that they enjoy their stay, and say years from now we hold AMI Conference in the Philippines again.

Mientras tanto, may I welcome you all delegates from other countries as well as from the Philippines: maligayang pagdating at Mabuhay, welcome and Long Live.