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EU DELEGATION SPONSORS FORUM ON ADDRESSING RADICALISM

The European Union Ambassador has asked civil society organisations, academe and think-tanks to help prevent terrorist attacks to help address radicalization and violent extremism.

EU Ambassador Guy Ledoux said that the EU firmly believes in eradicating terrorism at its source which is outlined in the European Union Internal Security Strategy in Action during a speech delivered at the Forum on the Current Dynamics of Radicalism in Southeast Asia held today (2 October) in Edsa Shangri-La Hotel.

He said that "a new threat of radicalism related to Islamic State in the Middle East, appears at a time of great hope and optimism in Muslim Mindanao".

"The peace agreement signed in March has not only signalled an end to a long war, but also the settlement of a historic grievance that could easily fuel radicalism and lead to violent extremism and acts of terrorism if not addressed", Ambassador Ledoux said.

While the European Union and some of its Member States have contributed significantly to supporting the Mindanao peace process, he said that the peace processes are best settled by the people of the Philippines.

The Forum on Radicalism in the Philippines was initiated by the Institute of Bangsamoro Studies with support from the EU Delegation to the Philippines, Philippine Institute for Peace, Violence and Terrorism Research and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue.

The Forum aims to increase awareness among critical peace and security stakeholders in the Philippines of the value of negotiated political settlement in terms of security implications in the country; draw lessons and policy recommendations from the GPH-MILF peace process geared at addressing concerns on radicalisation among Muslims both in the Philippines and abroad; and mobilising greater support for the GPH-MILF peace agreements and other policy instruments aimed at fully entrenching the agreements.

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