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New York/New Jersey Chapter Report
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First of all, I am honoured to take the role of Chapter Coordinator for the New York/New Jersey Chapter from Ms. Nannette Amorado who retired in June 2016 from UNDP and has since settled back in Manila. While I am not an ADB pensioner, I will surely disseminate information from the AFE-ADB HQ on health and insurance benefits to increase members' awareness. Based on the latest registration, the Chapter has more than 50 members.

I joined ADB in 1994 as a Consultant in Programs West under Jean Pierre Verbiest and luckily was absorbed a year after as Technical Assistant. I moved to Programs East under Bruce Murray. My last assignment was with Strategy and Policy Office under Shoji Nishimoto and was team member of the pilot Governance team. My work experience in ADB helped me pursue a career with the United Nations beginning 2000 in the occupational group of Administration. I am currently working as Chief of Mail Operations Unit supervising about 70 staff. To date, I still carry that pride to date to have worked for a multi-cultural, international Organization with a very noble cause of fostering economic growth within the Asia and Pacific region. And I am sure that same pride is the common bond that brings together our colleagues from the NY/NJ Chapter every Annual Reunion. The Annual Reunion is an event that AFE-ADB colleagues looks forward to attending as it provides a fun, enjoyable and welcome opportunity to catch up with each other, reminisce the good old ADB days and be updated with the latest developments about ADB in general and AFE-ADB in particular. Over the years, each Annual Reunion is organized and planned by a Committee. A Chairperson is selected to lead the logistics including searching for the hotel venue and handling the hotel arrangements. And each year, we receive a subsidy from AFE-ADB to defray part of the expenses and we are truly grateful for this continuing support.

For 2016, the Annual Reunion of the NY/NJ Chapter was held on 22nd of October at the Crystal Ballroom of the Ramada Hotel in New Jersey and was chaired by Ms. Mia Jose, or Baby Jose from IDBD/DFD. The "SAVE THE DATE" notification has already been sent out for this year's Annual Reunion set on 28th October. This year's theme will be "Parisien Hats and Bow Ties" and the venue will be the Sheraton Lincoln Harbor Hotel in New Jersey. The event will be chaired by Juliet Capati and

husband, Alfonso. The invite is open to everyone and it will be our pleasure to have colleagues from other Chapters from across the globe!