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PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATOR CRITICIZED FOR SUPPORTING EU PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The EU-ASEAN Campaign network, with members in Europe and Southeast Asia, assailed the statements made recently by Philippine Assistant Secretary Ramon Cabigting of the Department of Trade and Industry expressing support to the EU proposal to proceed with bilateral talks with the EU and the country's willingness to liberalize its services sector...[Read More](#)

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EU, RUSSIA MEET FOR FIRST LARGE POST-CRISIS TALKS

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and nine of his fellow commissioners are in Moscow today in an attempt to keep channels of communication with Russia open after the tensest period for EU-Russian relations in recent times....[Read More](#)



STEEL EXPORTS UP. WILL THE MOMENTUM CONTINUE?

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NETHERLANDS SUPPORTS INDIA'S STAND ON WTO

Minister for Foreign Trade of Netherlands Frank Heemskerk has supported India's stand on World Trade Organization (WTO) talks and said it was unfair to blame India for failure of talks. He also favored signing of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the European Union stating it would boost trade....[Read More](#)

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THE COVENANT OF MAYORS – THE MAIN HIGHLIGHT OF AN INTENSE EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK

EU Sustainable Energy Week 2009 (EUSEW 2009) will open its doors to more than 6000 registered participants and visitors on Monday, 9 February 2009. The highlight of this year's EUSEW (9-13 February) will be the written commitment of around 400 cities to reduce drastically their CO2 emissions by 2020. A year after the design of the Covenant of Mayors initiative, city leaders from across Europe will meet in Brussels on 10 February to confirm their pledge in writing....[Read More](#)



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CHINA MANIPULATES, EUROPE WINS

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INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRADE COSTS

Both the quantity of infrastructure investment and the quality of infrastructure services influence trade performance (see e.g., Limao and Venables 2001; Clark et al. 2004). This occurs through infrastructure's impacts on monetary transaction costs, loss, damage and spoilage to goods in transit, and timeliness of delivery, among other factors.....[Read More](#)

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