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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNM...

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, represented by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA),

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR, represented by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and referred to hereafter as the “Parties”,

RECOGNIZING the importance of technical vocational education and training (TVET) in developing human resources;

DESIRING strengthen the technical cooperation to enhance the current friendship between the two countries;

HAVE REACHED the following Understanding:

ARTICLE 1
Objectives
The Parties in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their countries will endeavor to sustain and develop cooperation in the areas of TVET.

ARTICLE 2
Areas of Cooperation
The Parties will endeavor to carry out TVET activities related to the technical cooperation which will include the following:

- Hosting joint conferences, symposia, workshops and exhibitions for trainees, employees, trainers and technology institute administrators;

- Recommend conducting joint research and technical studies which promote TVET;

- Promote joint training programs for employees, trainers and technology institute administrators;

- Exchange of professionals in technical areas to allow conducting training programs and studies;

- Exchange of experts in the area of managing technology institutes;

- Exchange and publish research studies and other relevant materials;

- Exchange of technology programs among private sector organizations and technology institutes;

- Exchange of information on mutual recognition of skills and qualifications awarded in disciplines to be identified and given priority by both Parties; and

- Other forms of technical cooperation as may be agreed upon in the future.

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The Parties will mutually decide on implementation plans for any of the activities or areas stipulated in this Article.

ARTICLE 3
Joint Committee
To coordinate the works that will be implemented as per the provisions of this Memorandum, a Joint Committee shall be formed by both Parties, within a period not exceeding two (2) months from the date of completion of the legal procedures necessary for this Memorandum to enter into force, composed of an equal number of their representatives. The Committee shall meet whenever necessary and according to the arrangements being coordinated through diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 4
Funding
Expenses related to any activity within this Memorandum will be borne according to the conditions decided upon in writing by the Parties.

ARTICLE 5
Consultations
Any differences arising from the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum will be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

ARTICLE 6
Amendment
Any amendment or revision to the text of this Memorandum will be done by mutual written consent of the Parties. Such amendment or revision will enter into force in accordance with the same procedures stipulated in Article (7) of this Memorandum.

ARTICLE 7
Effectivity, Duration and Termination
This Memorandum will enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by any of the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating the completion of required internal procedures for entering this Memorandum into force, in both countries. This Memorandum will remain valid for a period of three (3) years, and will automatically be renewed for similar periods, unless either Party notifies the other Party in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate it with a period of at least six (6) months prior to the date of its termination or expiration.

Unless, otherwise decided by both Parties, the termination or expiration of this Memorandum will not affect the continuation of the on-going projects and activities approved upon by both Parties until they are completed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum is done and signed in the city of Doha on 16 April 2017, in two original copies in Arabic and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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Republic of the Philippines

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