

ACCORD ON CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Gabon, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties.

Inspired by the need and common desire to promote and develop cultural relations among their respective peoples and develop cultural relations among their respective peoples and cooperation in the fields of education and culture.

Have agreed to conclude this present Accord pursuant to the General Accord of Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Gabon signed on 11th July 1976.

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties agree to promote cultural cooperation between their two countries on the basis of mutual respect for their sovereignty and in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in each country, having in mind the interest of their respective peoples.

ARTICLE II

The Contracting Parties shall encourage, subject to the laws and regulations prevailing in their respective countries and within their available resources:

- the exchange of professors, scholars and such other persons involved in the field of culture, art, education and related specialized fields;
- the grant of scholarships to enable the students of one Contracting Party to pursue their studies in the territory of the other in the mentioned fields; and
- the exchange between their two countries, to the extent possible in the fields of physical education and sports.

ARTICLE III

Each Contracting party shall allow nationals of the other Contracting Party, subject to its laws, rules and regulations, access to historic sites, scientific institutions, research centers, public libraries, public archives and other institutions, and seminars organized in its territory.

ARTICLE IV

The Contracting Parties shall determine and establish the academic equivalence of diplomas and university degrees granted in their respective countries for purposes of accreditation.

ARTICLE V

The Contracting Parties shall, subject to their respective laws, rules and regulations, support the development of contacts between the museum, libraries, and other cultural institutions in their countries through the exchange and publication of all kinds of cultural and educational works.

ARTICLE VI

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to include in its educational programs, ideas that would enable the other Contracting Party to gain a better understanding of its country, by means of exchange of materials and documents on the economy, the geography, the history, the organizational structure of the state and the culture of the two countries. Cultural information may be included in their respective school manuals and academic publications.

ARTICLE VII

Each Contracting Party will encourage, subject to its laws, rules and regulations, the holding in its territory of artistic exhibitions, concerts, theater and dance presentations, and the showing of non-commercial educational and artistic films of the other Party.

ARTICLE VIII

The Contracting Party shall encourage, subject to the laws, rules and regulations in their respective countries, cooperation between their press agencies, radio and television networks, as well as reciprocal visits of journalist and reporters.

ARTICLE IX

Supplementary agreements necessary for the implementation of provisions of the present Accord shall in the case of each item of implementation, be the subject of an exchange of notes between the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE X

The financial matters involved in the implementation of the present Accord shall be the subject of specific negotiation.

ARTICLE XI

The Joint Commission established by virtue of the General Accord of 11 July 1976, shall supervise the implementation of present Accord.

ARTICLE XII

This Accord shall enter into force provisionally upon the signature and definitively, after the exchange of instruments of ratification. It shall remain in force indefinitely unless one of the Contracting Parties signifies to the other, on six months prior notice in writing, its intention to terminate the Accord.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and affixed hereunto their seals.

Done in Manila this 17th day of September 1981, in duplicate, in the English language.

(Sgd.)

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GABON

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