BILATERAL

AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

Desirous to strengthen the friendship, understanding and the sense of shared values between the two countries;

Acknowledging that culture is a vital component of development;

Determined to translate these bonds into instruments of cooperation in order to strengthen relations of the two countries by building not only institutional networking but also people to people contacts,

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Parties will encourage cultural cooperation on the basis of reciprocity in accordance with their respective legislation.

Article II

Each Party will promote and enhance knowledge and understanding among its people of the culture, history and general way of life, visual and performing arts, literature, handicrafts and folklore, traditional artistic and cultural forms of expressions, and other cultural activities of the other country.

Article III

The Parties shall endeavor as much as possible to promote in the public and private sectors, networking and exchanges between libraries, cultural, historical, and anthropological institutions, museums and archives, and in the preservation of historical relics and scenic spots.

Article IV

The Parties shall cooperate in the dissemination in each other's country of the other's literary, musical, artistic and published scientific works in the fields provided for in the present Agreement.

Article V

The parties shall promote cooperation in the field of cinema by the exchange of films, establishment of contacts between cinematographers, directors and cinema workers of the two countries.

Article VI

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of copyrights, in accordance with their respective legislation, as

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well as their commitments under international treaties.

Article VII

The Parties shall strengthen cooperation in the control, protection, recovery, conservation and restoration of the cultural and artistic patrimony of each country and shall undertake measures to prevent illegal importation and transfer of rights of ownership over items of cultural heritage of each of the Parties in accordance with norms of international law and other relevant laws on intellectual property.

Article VIII

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of later written notification by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that their respective internal legal requirements for its entry into force have been fulfilled. It shall remain valid for five years and shall be renewed for another five years unless one of the Parties notifies in writing the other Party, not later than six months before the expiration of the respective period, of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

Article IX

Any question that may arise in the application and interpretation of the present Agreement will be settled by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article X

Every three years, the Parties shall draw up an Executive Program identifying the projects to be implemented under the present Agreement during a specified period.

Done in Pyongyang on 23 April 2006 in three copies, each Filipino, Korean and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of conflict in interpretation, the English text will take precedence.

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