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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITE...

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The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, through the Foreign Service Institute, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, through the Matias ·Romero Institute, hereinafter referred to as "the Participants";

CONVINCED of the importance of establishing and developing close ties of academic cooperation;

MOTIVATED by the desire of enhancing the study of international relations and contemporary events as well as the strengthening of their relations;

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH I
The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding is the establishment of a program linking the Foreign Service Institute and the Matias Romero Institute in order to strengthen the programs of development of the foreign service in their respective countries.

PARAGRAPH II
In order to achieve the objective which is referred to in Paragraph I, the Participants will maintain an active programs of exchange of information related to their respective programs of study, courses, seminars, language programs and other activities administered by their respective institutions.

PARAGRAPH III
The Participants will exchange information on International Law, diplomatic practice, and other subjects related to diplomacy as well as in the field of international politics, economic, and cultural relations.

PARAGRAPH IV
The Participants will regularly hold consultations and will organize courses and seminars, alternately in Manila and Mexico City. As such, they will encourage the exchange of lecturers, professors, experts and trainees in all areas of interest for their respective institutions.

PARAGRAPH V
The Participants will foster the exchange of publications and other materials of common interest as well as facilitate the establishment of contacts between their respective libraries.

PARAGRAPH VI

The Participants will maintain permanent contact with respect to activities of mutual interest particularly their participation in regional and international meetings on international relations which concern the Foreign Service or diplomatic institutes and research institutions as well as diplomatic practice,

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PARAGRAPH VII
The Participants will exchange information on their e-Learning or online training programs and shall make them available on a reciprocal basis.

PARAGRAPH VIII
The Participants will finance the cooperation activities with resources allocated in their respective budgets, according to their availability, budgetary appraisal and the provisions of their national legislation.

PARAGRAPH IX
This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of its signing and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years, renewable for a similar period following evaluation.

Each of the Participants may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding through written notification addressed to the other Participant with sixty (60) days notice.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the conclusion of cooperative activities or projects which would be formalized during its period of validity.

Signed in Mexico City, this 16th day of February of two thousand and twelve, in two originals copies in English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally valid.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE
UNITED MEXICAN STATES

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