BILATERAL

CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People Republic of Bangladesh, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties;

Desirous of strengthening friendly relations between the two countries and of promoting and developing closer understanding and culture of each other's peoples;

Inspired by the need and common desire to promote and develop cultural relations between the two countries and peoples and developing mutual cooperation in the fields of art, education and culture;

Have agreed as follows:

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

ARTICLE II
The Contracting Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations existing in their respective countries, endeavour to accord to each other every possible facility to ensure better understanding of their respective cultures through an exchange of:

- Books and periodicals dealing with art, literature and education.

- Art and cultural exhibitions, including folk dance, musical presentations and productions in the performing arts.

ARTICLE III

The Contracting Parties, subject to the laws and regulations prevailing in each country and within their available resources, shall encourage the exchange of educational and training facilities, on terms to be agreed upon between the two Governments.

ARTICLE IV
Within the limits of its resources, each Contracting Party shall grant scholarships to the nationals of the other Country for training in higher educational institutions, for specialization and exchange of experience in higher educational and cultural institutions.

ARTICLE V
The Contracting Parties shall endeavor to ensure that the audiovisual materials and publications prescribed in their respective educational and professional institutions do not include such materials tending to misrepresent the way of life and culture of each other's country.

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ARTICLE VI
The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to facilitate as far as possible reciprocal visits by cultural and youth groups of non-political nature of their respective countries.

ARTICLE VII
The provisions of the present Agreement shall not limit the rights of either Contracting Party to adopt and execute measures relating to its national interest.

ARTICLE VIII
The Contracting Parties shall adopt, on the basis of reciprocity, necessary measures for the protection in their respective territories of the intellectual and artistic properties of each Other's nationals, including national cultural treasures.

ARTICLE IX
The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to stimulate tourism from one country to the Other by appropriate means.

ARTICLE X
The Contracting Parties shall consult each Other, when deemed necessary, to provide the details for the execution of the provisions of this Agreement.

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

ARTICLE XII
This Agreement shall be ratified in accordance with the respective constitutional procedures of the two Contracting Parties and shall enter into force three (3) months after the exchange of the Instruments of Ratification.

ARTICLE XIII
The present Agreement shall enter into force for five (5) years and thereafter shall continue indefinitely until terminated by either Contracting Party by giving a written prior notice six (6) months to the Other of its desire to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

Done in Manila this 26th day of May 1980, in the Filipino, Bengali and English languages, all text being equally authentic. In case of differing interpretations, reference should be made to the English language text.

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