BILATERAL

CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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The Government of the Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties :

Desirous of further promoting the friendly relations existing between the two countries ;

Reaffirming the need for cultivating and developing closer and stronger cultural relations between their respective peoples ;

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties agree to promote cultural cooperation 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, having in mind the interest of their respective peoples.

ARTICLE II

The Contracting Parties, subject to the laws and regulations of each Party, endeavour to accord to each other every possible facility for a better understanding of their respective cultures through an exchange of :

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

- Non-commercial cinematographic films and recordings for television and radio broadcasting programs dealing with culture, art, science and education; and

- Exhibitions on the national art, history and culture of each other's country.

ARTICLE III

The Contracting Parties shall encourage, subject to the laws and regulations prevailing in each country :

- The exchange of professors, scholars and members of cultural and art institutions within their available resources.

- The grant of scholarships to enable students to pursue studies in the other's country in cultural disciplines and similar specialized fields.

- The promotion of athletic and friendly competition in sports.

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ARTICLE IV

The Contracting Parties shall consult each other when necessary, on matters of detail and additional arrangements for the fruitful implementation of this of this Agreement. All supplementary arrangements necessary for the implementation of any provision of the present agreement shall be the subject of an exchange of notes between the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE V

This Agreement shall be ratified by the Contracting Parties in accordance with the procedures laid down in their respective Constitutions and shall enter into force on the date on which the Contracting Parties shall have notified each other that the legal formalities required for such purpose have been fulfilled.

ARTICLE VI

This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, renewable automatically for the same period unless either Party notifies the Other of its intention to terminate the Agreement by written notice (6) months prior to the expiration of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement and have affixed hereunto their seals.

Done in Manila this 11th day of November 1976, in duplicate, in the English language.

(Sgd.) (Sgd.)

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