

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SPORTS

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the State of Qatar, hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Participants" , and individually as "Participant",

Seeking to promote the bilateral relations between the two countries to strengthen their cooperation in the field of sports,

Have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH (1)

Objectives

This Memorandum aims to promote cooperation between the Participants and facilitate communication between sports federations of both countries and to set the framework for the programs of cooperation in the field of sports, which are to be based on the principle of reciprocity.

PARAGRAPH (2)

Fields of Cooperation

The Participants shall strengthen their mutual cooperation in the field of sports by :

1.

Exchanging visits of sports delegations, coaches, experts and specialists in the field of sports and physical education and its applied science through the direct contact with the concerned sports federations in both countries;

2.

Exchanging research and sharing experiences related to sports and physical activities as well as other sports areas of mutual interest;

3.

Participation in meetings, conferences, lectures, seminars and academic forums on topics dealing with sports held in both countries;

4.

Exploring opportunities of staging sports competitions based on the interests of the sports federations where participation and financial issues in such competitions are subject to the concerned bodies in both countries;

5.

Cooperation in the field of sports for all;

6.

Sports for persons with special needs;

7.

Sports Medicine;

8.

Doping Control;

9.

Exchanging experiences in the field of management and maintenance of sports facilities;

10.

Mutual organization of sports training camps; and

11.

Any other cooperation in the field of sports agreed upon between the Participants in writing.

PARAGRAPH (3)

Visits

Visits of the official delegations for the development of cooperation in the field of sports will be organized on the basis of official invitations, and subject to the laws and financial and administrative regulations in force in both countries.

PARAGRAPH (4)

Financial Expenses

The visiting Participant will bear the round trip travel expenses of their own delegation. The hosting Participant will bear the accommodation and local transportation expenses, as well as medical assistance in emergency cases for the delegation of the other Participant, unless the Participants agree otherwise in writing.

PARAGRAPH (5)

Settlement of Differences

Any dispute arising between the Participants related to the implementation or interpretation of this Memorandum, shall be amicably settled by consultations and negotiations between them through diplomatic channels.

PARAGRAPH (6)

Amendment

Either Participant may request in writing through diplomatic channels, an amendment to this Memorandum. Such amendments shall take effect, after approval by the Participants, in accordance with Paragraph (7) of this Memorandum.

PARAGRAPH (7)

Entry into Force and Duration

This Memorandum shall take effect from the date of receipt of the last written notification from either Participant through diplomatic channels confirming the completion of internal legal procedures in force in both countries.

This Memorandum will remain in force for a period of three (3) years and will be automatically renewed for a similar period, unless either Participant notifies the other in writing through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it, at least six (6) months before the date of its termination.

Such termination or expiration of the validity term of this Memorandum shall not affect any events, programs and activities until their completion , unless otherwise agreed by the Participants in writing.

Done and Signed in Manila on 22 April 2024, in two original copies, in English and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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