

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY...

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The Department of Agriculture of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of the National Food Security and Research of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (hereinafter referred individually as a "Participant" and collectively as the "Participants"),

ACKNOWLEDGING the friendly relations existing between the two countries,

DESIRING to further strengthen the cordial relations and economic cooperation between the Participants in the field of agricultural cooperation,

RESPECTING the sensitivity of food security especially in cereals, fruits, vegetables, fish, dairy and livestock, poultry, meat and meat products and the current laws and regulations of the two countries in this sector;

Have agreed as follows:

Paragraph 1

OBJECTIVE

The Participants will implement the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in accordance with their national laws and international obligations.

Paragraph 2

AREAS OF COOPERATION

2. The Participants will co-operate in the following areas:

2.1 cooperation in the fields of crops, fruit and vegetables, livestock, poultry and fisheries sub sectors for research and development;

2.2 sharing/exchange of elite genetic resources of food grains and horticultural crop to develop high yielding hybrid and varieties resistant to diseases;

2.3 mutual cooperation in the areas of post harvest management and processing of crops;

2.4 mutual cooperation in production, modernizing and marketing of exportable livestock and fisheries products;

2.5 sharing of information and technology on management of animal health, advance packaging, slaughtering and processing techniques of meat, and feed production, including on halal products;

2.6 collaborative research and capacity building in the fish farming systems, fish nutrition and genetics;

2.7 exchange of information/delegation on best practices on Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures for pest control in the two countries;

2.8 collaboration in use of alternate energy sources for pumping of water for irrigation;

2.9 collaboration in development of innovative agricultural and post harvest machinery;

2.10 rehabilitation of marginal and degraded land, dry forestation and sand-dunes stabilization;

2.11 fertilizer use efficiency for enhancement of crop production;

2.12 Integrated Plant Nutrient Management (IPNM) for improvement of crop production;

2.13 facilitation and promotion of bilateral trade in agricultural and food products;

2.14 exchange of scientific publications (journals, bulletins, articles and statistical data of research, if required); and

2.15 such other relevant activities as may be mutually agreed upon by the Participants.

Paragraph 3

MEANS OF COOPERATION

3.1

A Joint Steering Committee (the Committee), headed by Senior Officials of the Participants will be set up to oversee, guide and coordinate in areas of cooperation as mentioned in this MOU.

3.2

The first meeting of the committee will be confirmed by the written notification of the Participants through diplomatic channels, and the Participants will meet thereafter alternately in the Philippines and Pakistan on mutually agreed dates.

3.3

The Committee will be entrusted with the following responsibilities:

- i. to identify the volume of cooperation;
- ii. to identify modalities for directed trade and trade facilitation, in the food sector in conjunction with relevant agencies of each country;
- iii. to explore possibilities to promote trade and investment between the Participants;
- iv. to explore possibilities in the areas of research and development, capacity building and production of agricultural and livestock products and commodities, including the possibility of joint investment in production of identified food products;
- v. to cooperate in any other related issues and areas as agreed upon between the Participants.

3.4 The expenses incurred on the visits, exchanges and other activities undertaken under this MOU will be apportioned as agreed between the Participants.

3.5 The Participants will also designate Focal Persons through diplomatic channels for direct interaction between their respective research institutes.

Paragraph 4

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

4.1

The Participants will equally share the results of the collaborative research undertaken under this MOU and the intellectual property rights entering therefrom.

4.2

The Participants will not disclose or transfer the results of collaborative research under this MOU a third party without mutual written consent.

Paragraph 5

AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION

This MOU may be amended or modified at any time through mutual written consent of the Participants. The amendment or modification will become effective in the like manner as provided in Paragraph 6(1) of this MOU.

Paragraph 6

EFFECTIVITY, VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

This MOU will come into effect on the date of later written notification by either of the Participants, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its effectivity have been complied with.

This MOU will be effective for five (5) years and will be renewed for a similar period, unless one Participant notifies the other _in writing, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to suspend or terminate this MOU, at least three (3) months prior to intended date of termination.

The termination of this MOU will not affect the implementation of any on-going activities or projects, unless both Participants mutually decide otherwise.

Signed in duplicate in Quezon City, Philippines, on the 17[th] day of October 2018, in the English language.

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