

AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties") desirous of strengthening friendly relationship between the two countries and promoting the development of cooperation in the fields of science and technology;
Recognizing the importance of science and technology in the national economies of both countries;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall promote, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, the cooperation in the fields of science and technology between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 2

The cooperation under this Agreement shall include the following forms:

- 1.exchange of scientists, researchers, technical personnel and experts;
- 2.exchange of documents and information of scientific and technological nature;
- 3.joint organization of scientific and technological seminars, symposia, conferences and other meetings;
- 4.implementation of joint research and development on subjects of mutual interest, as well as exchange of its results; and
- 5.any other forms of scientific and technological cooperation as may be agreed upon by the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 3

1.With a view to facilitating scientific and technological cooperation, the Contracting Parties shall encourage, if necessary, the conclusion of supplementing arrangements to carry out cooperative activities between their government agencies, research institutes, universities and other relevant institutions which shall be within the framework of this Agreement. Such arrangements shall be concluded in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

2.The arrangements mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall include the terms, conditions and procedures to be followed in particular cooperative activities and other relevant matters.

ARTICLE 4

1. In order to ensure optimum conditions for the application of this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall establish a Joint Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation which shall consist of representatives designated by the two Governments.

2. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be:

- (A) review the progress in cooperative activities under this Agreement;
- (B) define new areas of cooperation under this Agreement; and
- (C) discuss on other matters related to this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee shall meet, if necessary, alternately in the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Slovenia on mutually agreed dates.

ARTICLE 5

The cooperation under this Agreement shall be subject to the applicable laws and regulations in force in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 6

1. The treatment of intellectual property arising from the cooperative activities under this Agreement shall be provided for in the supplementary arrangements mentioned in Article 3 of this Agreement, as agreed upon and signed by both contracting parties.

2. Scientific and technological information of a non-proprietary nature derived from the cooperative activities shall not be made available to the third party, unless the consent of the other party is first secured in writing, in accordance with the customary procedures of the participating agencies.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall bear the expenses incurred in connection with the cooperative activities under this Agreement on the basis of the principle of equality and reciprocity and in accordance with the availability of resources.

ARTICLE 8

1. This Agreement shall enter into force after the Contracting Parties have exchanged notes on completion of the requirements of their internal procedure for its entry into force.

2. This Agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall continue to remain in force thereafter, for successive periods of five years, unless one of the Contracting Parties gives notice in writing, at least six months in advance, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

3. This Agreement may be revised by mutual consent. Any revision or termination of this Agreement shall be effected without prejudice to any right or obligation accruing or incurred under this Agreement prior to the effective date of such revision or termination.

Done at Slovenia on September 9, 1996 in duplicate in the English language.

(Sgd.) (Sgd.)

For the Government of For the Government of
the Republic of the Philippines the Republic of Slovenia

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