BILATERAL

AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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The Government of the Republic of Philippines and the Government of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties,

Animated by the desire to enhance the friendship between the two peoples and to strengthen scientific and technical cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the principles of equality, respect for each other's independence and national sovereignty, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, and mutual benefit,

Have agreed to conclude the present Agreement:

ARTICLE I
The Contracting Parties shall promote, in accordance with their respective laws and regulations, scientific and technical cooperation through the exchange of relevant information, data and experience for the economic and developmental needs of both countries.

ARTICLE II
The scientific and technical cooperation referred to in Article I shall consist of:

1. Exchange of professionals and technicians for study, observation and training in scientific and technical fields;

2. Mutual invitation of professionals and technicians to transfer scientific and technical knowledge and experience;

3. Mutual supply of scientific and technical data, as well as seeds, seedlings, specimen, and similar materials for use in scientific experiments;

4. Such other forms of scientific and technical cooperation as the Contracting Parties may deem necessary.

ARTICLE III
To implement the scientific and technical cooperation provided for in Article II, both Governments agree to negotiate specific project arrangements in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV
The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has designated the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Government of the People's Republic of China has designated the Ministry of Economic Relations With Foreign Countries as their executive departments for the purpose of implementing the Agreement. The executive departments of the Contracting Parties shall maintain constant contact through the diplomatic missions of the two countries.

ARTICLE V
Expenses involved in the implementation of this Agreement shall be discussed and agreed upon separately by the

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Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE VI

The professionals and technicians exchanged under this Agreement shall observe the laws and regulations in force in the country to which they are sent.

Each Party shall give the professionals and technicians sent by the other Party under this Agreement the necessary assistance so that they may accomplish their mission.

The provisions of the present Agreement shall not limit the right of either Contracting Party to adopt or execute measures for reasons of public health, morals, order or security.

ARTICLE VII

The present Agreement shall become effective upon the exchange of instruments of ratification between the Contracting Parties for a period of two (2) years and shall continue in force thereafter unless terminated by either Government through a six-month prior written notice.

Done in Manila this 14th of March, 1978, in two original copies each, in the Pilipino, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. The English text shall be availed of as reference in the event of any difference of meaning between the Pilipino and Chinese texts.

For the Government of the
Republic of the Philippines: For the Government of the
People's Republic of China:

(Sgd.) CARLOS P. ROMULO (Sgd.) HUANG HUA

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Minister of Foreign Affairs

Entry into Force: October 10, 1978

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