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PROTOCOL FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF TH...

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The Commission on Higher Education of the Republic of the Philippines and the Council of Higher Education of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

With regard to the Cultural and Educational Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Turkey, done at Ankara on 9 March 1995;

Willing to strengthen, broaden and foster mutual cooperation in higher education between both countries;

Recognizing that academic cooperation is an important tool for the economic and social development of both countries and in order to improve the currently existing mutual understanding between them;

Acting within the framework of their respective competencies;

Have decided on the following:

PARAGRAPH I
The present Protocol aims to establish the terms and conditions of cooperation between the Participants in order to organize training, research activities and academic, scientific, technological and innovation exchanges in the institutions of higher education.

PARAGRAPH II
The Participants will encourage cooperation in the following activities:

- Exchange of visits of higher education officials, faculty members and students as well as the exchange of scientific and educational delegations in order to strengthen cooperation in all the fields of common interest;

- Exchange of expertise and ideas in the scientific, technological and administrative fields between institutions of higher education and scientific research centers;

- Scholarships, training programs at undergraduate and graduate degree levels, short term research programs, promotion of bilateral education opportunities, through joint or double/dual degree programs and exchanges between educational institutions;

- Participation of other public or private institutions, and/or technical experts whose activities may have an impact on the areas of cooperation;

- Organization of scientific-cultural days and weeks at the institution of higher education;

- Joint publications;

- Conferences, symposia, scientific and educational workshops and other local and international meetings,

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provided that the other Participant is given adequate advance notification of these events; and

- Creation of a Joint Working Group to facilitate the implementation of the cooperative activities.

PARAGRAPH III
The Participants may execute financial arrangements for activities implementing this Protocol subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with their respective domestic laws, rules and regulations.

PARAGRAPH IV
The participants will ensure adequate and effective protection measures, as well as a fair distribution of intellectual property rights which may result from the research activities developed within the framework of this Protocol.

The protection of the intellectual property rights will be enforced in accordance with the domestic laws of the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Philippines, and in compliance with the international agreements in force between both countries and those to which each country is a party.

PARAGRAPH V
This Protocol will become effective upon its signing by the Participant and will remain valid for a period of three (3) years, which will be automatically renewed for successive periods of three (3) years, unless a Participant notifies the other Participant through the diplomatic channels, of its desire to suspend or terminate this Protocol. In such a case, the Protocol will remain effective until ninety (90) days after the date on which one Participant receives an official notification from the other Participant expressing the desire of the latter to suspend or terminate this Protocol.

The termination of the present Protocol will not affect on-going projects, except when the Participants agree otherwise.

PARAGRAPH VI
The present Protocol may be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants at any time. The amendments will come into effect in accordance with their agreed terms and conditions.

PARAGRAPH VII
Any dispute arising from the interpretation, implementation, amendment and settlement of the present Protocol, will be settled amicably by mutual consultation and dialogue between Participants.

PARAGRAPH VIII
This Protocol is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Participants and does not constitute an agreement under international law. No provision of this Protocol shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Participants.

Signed in Manila on this 21st day of November 2018 in English and Turkish languages, all texts being equally valid. In case of any divergence of interpretations, the English text will prevail.

For the Commission on Higher Education
of the Republic of Philippines For the Council of Higher Education
of the Republic of Turkey

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