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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND MINISTRY OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIR...

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The Department of Agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines, and the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment in the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter referred to individually as "the Participant" and collectively as "the Participants", based on their strong diplomatic relationships, and their desire to strengthen and develop a bilateral cooperation at the field of agriculture to promote sustainable development, Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph (1)
Objective

This Memorandum of Understanding aims to enhance cooperation between the participants in the fields of agriculture.

Paragraph (2)
Areas of Cooperation

The Participants will enhance cooperation, particularly in the following fields: Soil science and management, biotechnology, post-harvest transactions, research and development (R&D) in agriculture, agriculture innovation, protected agriculture technology, and irrigation and water resources.

Paragraph (3)
Mode of Cooperation

The Participants will enhance cooperation through:

- Exchange of technical and scientific information on agriculture;

- Exchange of information about laws, related to agriculture;

- Exchange visits of experts, specialists and trainees;

- Collaborative studies in the fields of common interests;

- Organisation of training workshops, seminars and conferences of common interests;

- Promotion of joint research and development programs.

Paragraph (4)
Joint Committee

1. A joint committee will be formed for the purpose of coordination and cooperation under this MOU. The committee will consist of a number of representatives of the Participants;

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2. The Committee will meet once each two years alternately in Abu Dhabi and Manila at the date agreed upon by the Participants. Special meetings will be held upon call of either Participants whenever they deem necessary.

3. The Joint Committee will submit annual reports on the achievements, set priorities and develop action plans for the targeted projects.

Paragraph (5)
Confidentiality

The participants shall not disclose the information related to this MoU. The usage of the Participants trademarks, logos, and all other rights, are subject to their written consent.

Paragraph (6)
Costs and Expenses

Each Participant will bear the travel and residence costs for the specialists, representatives and/or trainees upon participating in any of the set forth cooperation activities in this memorandum of understanding MOU, unless otherwise acknowledged by both Participant.

Paragraph (7)
Legal Obligation

All the activities within the framework of this MoU shall be carried out in accordance with the domestic legislation of each Participant, without detriment to the commitments or legal obligations arising from bilateral and multilateral agreements.

Paragraph (8)
Amendments

The provisions of this MoU can be amended by mutual written consent of the Participants. The amendment shall be issued by the same procedures as the MoU.

Paragraph (9)
Disputes Settlement

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this MOU shall be settled amicably by the Participants through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph (10)
Effectivity, Validity and Duration

This MOU shall be valid for five years from the date of signature. It shall be renewed for an additional period, unless one of the Participants terminates it by notifying the other Participant of its intention six months prior to the intended termination date.

The termination of this MOU will not affect the conclusion of the cooperation projects or activities that may have been executed while the MOU was in effect.

Signed on Monday 27th of June 2022 in Dubai in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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