BILATERAL

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND SPORTS

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

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Desiring to develop mutually beneficial cooperation between their two States in the fields of culture, education, science and sports,

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Convinced that this cooperation will contribute to a better mutual awareness and understanding and thus to the strengthening of relations between both States in all respects,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall, on the basis of the principles of equality, general reciprocity and mutual benefit, develop cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science and sports, and to this end encourage direct contacts between the cultural, educational, scientific and sports institutions operating in both States. They shall in particular facilitate mutual cooperation within multilateral programmes, projects and initiatives.

ARTICLE 2

- For the purpose of the implementation of this Agreement, the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may conclude temporary protocols on cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science and sports to provide for concrete activities and regulate the forms and conditions of such cooperation.

- The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may agree on individual joint activities and the arrangement for their implementation through diplomatic channels.

I. Cooperation in the fields of education and science

ARTICLE 3

With the aim of facilitating cooperation in the fields of education, research, experimental development and innovations, the Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation and exchanges, including reciprocal exchanges, between schools and other institutions operating in the fields of research, experimental development and

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innovations.

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage reciprocal awards of scholarships for the purpose of study and research stays of students and teachers from higher education institutions, experts in the field of information and communication technologies, and other research workers. The Contracting Parties expect that persons awarded scholarships for stays in the State of the other Contracting Party under this Agreement shall, during such stays, observe rules and regulations in force in the State of the receiving Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties, using modern information and communications technologies, shall encourage and facilitate exchange of information on the educational system and its elements, specialized materials and statistical data, pedagogical publications and reference books, periodicals, magazines, including works based on them.

ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage mutual exchange of information on their higher education systems and the higher education institutions that constitute these systems. The mutual exchange of information shall be done with a view to examine possibilities to conclude an agreement on reciprocal recognition of equivalence of higher education certificates.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the study, teaching, research and spreading of the language, culture and history of the State of the Contracting Party. To this end the institutions operating in the State of a Contracting Party may award scholarships and research grants to students, teachers of higher education institutions, research workers and experts.

ARTICLE 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage reciprocal participation in pedagogical congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars organized in their respective States.

II. Cooperation in the field of culture

ARTICLE 9

In the field of development of cultural cooperation, the Contracting Parties shall encourage in particular:

a)

Spreading of the literature originated in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party or forming a part of its culture, both in the original and in translations;

b) Exchange of books, documentation and other publications in the fields of culture and arts;

c) Organization of exhibitions, concerts and other art events by cultural institutions;

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d)

Participation of artists or experts from the State of one Contracting Party in international film festivals and film events organized in the States of the other Contracting Party;

e) Direct cooperation between professional institutions and associations in the field of cinematography;

f)

Exchange of information and experience in the field of literature, film, museums, fine arts, archives, preservation of architectonic and cultural heritage, music and direct contacts between experts in these fields;

g)

Exchange of information, cooperation and assistance in the field of preventing illegal exports and imports of and trafficking in objects of cultural and historical value; and

h) Direct cooperation between the respective institutions in the field of mass media.

III. Cooperation in the field of sports

ARTICLE 10

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation between the government and public administration authorities and civic associations in the field of physical education and sports, as well as the exchange of documentation, information, experts and the participation of sportsmen from the States of the Contracting Parties in international sports events taking place in the State of the other Contracting Party. Arranging such activities, as well as covering the cost, falls with the competence of the organizers, i.e. sports organizations.

IV. General Provisions

ARTICLE 11

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and respect the rights to intellectual property during the exchange of information and cooperation between the competent institutions operating in the States of the Contracting Parties. Matters pertaining to intellectual property rights that may arise from any project or activity pursuant to this Agreement shall be determined and agreed upon by the Parties prior to the implementation of the said project or activity.

ARTICLE 12

Cooperation under this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the States of both Contracting Parties.

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ARTICLE 13

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the Agreement shall be settled by consultations or negotiations of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 14

The rights and commitments assumed by the Contracting Parties within the framework of other valid international treaties shall not be affected by this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15

This Agreement is subject to approval in compliance with the national regulations of the Contracting Parties, which shall be confirmed by the Contracting Parties by exchanging diplomatic notes. It shall enter into force on the day of receipt of the last notification by the other Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 16

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time. Each Contracting Party may terminate this Agreement in writing. This Agreement shall terminate on the day of receipt of the notification of termination by the other Contracting Party.

Unless otherwise agreed by the Contracting Parties in writing, the termination of the Agreement shall not prejudice the completion of projects initiated under this Agreement.

ARTICLE 17

On the date of entry into force of this Agreement, the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic on Cultural Cooperation, signed in New York on 8 October 1974, shall cease to apply in the relations between the Czech Republic and the Republic of the Philippines.

Done at Manila on 25 July 2013 in two originals, each in the English and Czech language, both texts being equally authentic.

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For the Government
of the Republic of the Philippines

For the Government
of the Czech Republic

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