

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIWAN ON COOPERATION IN HEALTH INS...

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made and entered into between:

THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE in the Philippines represented by MR. RAYMOND L.S. WANG, Representative, hereinafter referred to as “TECO”;

and

THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE in Taiwan represented by MR. ANTONIO I. BASILIO, Resident Representative, hereinafter referred to as “MECO”;

WHEREAS, desiring to improve the health of the people in Taiwan and the Philippines to promote mutual understanding and friendly relations and to cooperate on national health insurance;

WHEREAS, the TECO and MECO, hereinafter referred to as “Participants” wish to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Participants have come to the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH 1

Responsibilities of Participants

The Participants will designate respectively, a representative agency to implement this MoU. For TECO, the implementing agency is the Bureau of National Health Insurance (BNHI) Department of Health, Executive Yuan, Taiwan, and for the MECO, the implementing agency is the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

Coordination and Collaboration in Health Insurance Implementation Activities

The Participants and their respective representative agencies will:

- Hold meetings as far as practicable for the planning of measures designed to improve social health insurance;
- Promote and facilitate the exchange of experiences pertaining to health insurance including such areas as health care financing, payment reforms, insurer organization, quality of care, and information technology implementation;

- Promote and facilitate the development of direct contact and networking among academic institutions and non-government organizations to support these endeavours;
- Promote health insurance services and personnel exchanges;
- Promote their experiences in shoal health insurance implementation; and
- Promote cooperative studies on the National Health Insurance Systems of Taiwan and the Philippines and the publication of study results in international journals.

PARAGRAPH II

Implementation of this MoU

- Unless otherwise agreed upon, each Participant will be responsible for its own costs in the implementation of this MoU.
- Financial arrangements to cover expenses for cooperative activities under this MoU will be mutually decided upon, on a case-to-case basis and subject to the availability of funds and other resources.
- The implementation of plans, programs and activities as specified under this MoU will be subject to specific arrangements to be mutually decided upon in writing.

PARAGRAPH III

Consultations

Either Participant may request consultations concerning this MoU upon prior written notice.

PARAGRAPH IV

Effectivity and Duration

- This MoU will become effective on the date of signature.
 - This MoU will remain effective unless suspended or terminated by either Participant
- 2.1. Either Participant may suspend the application of this MoU upon prior written notice to the other Participant of its decision to suspend this MoU.
- 2.2. Either Participant may terminate this MoU upon three (3) months prior written notice to the other Participant of its decision to terminate this MoU.
- The termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation of any on-going activity or project, unless both

Participants mutually decide otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned signs this Memorandum of Understanding in duplicate in the English language at Taipei, this 18 th day of November 2012.

For:

THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL OFFICE IN THE
PHILIPPINES THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIWAN

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