EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Romania referred to as “the Parties”,

Desirous of strengthening the friendship, understanding and the sense of shared values between the two States,

Determined to translate these bonds into cooperation instruments in order to strengthen their relations,

Acknowledging that culture, education and information are vital components of development,

Further acknowledging that cooperation in culture and education strengthens interstate relations by building up not only institutional networking but also people-to-people contacts,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall encourage cooperation on the basis of reciprocity in accordance with their respective legislation.

Article 2

The Parties agree to strengthen their bilateral cooperation in the area of education, culture, sports, mass media and information technology.

CHAPTER I – COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

Article 3

To foster educational cooperation, the Parties shall endeavour as much as possible to promote academic networking and exchanges, and reciprocal access between basic educational institutions and, institutions of higher education, research and development, teaching and training institutions, libraries, archives and other similar establishments.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote reciprocal study scholarships, study and research professorships and exchanges in accredited education institutions, and endeavour to provide the appropriate facilities to this end for students, faculty and support staff, school administrators, researchers and scientific personnel of one State seeking to study in institutions of higher education and research laboratories in the other State.

Article 5

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of materials for general information, educational methodology, statistics, educational literature, periodicals and journals etc., including where possible, information technology link-ups.

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Article 6

The Parties shall endeavour to exchange literature and documentation and take all necessary steps, with the end of establishing parity of degrees, diplomas and certificates etc., awarded by Universities and educational institutions in the two States.

Article 7

Each Party shall encourage the study, teaching, research on, and diffusion of the languages, culture, history, as well as the diffusion and translation of the literature of the other State in the appropriate educational and scientific institutions. To this end, scholarships/research grants for students, researchers, specialists, and teachers shall be provided in institutions to be identified by each Party.

Article 8

To the extent possible, each Party shall support the establishment of professorial chairs in such fields of study and in learning institutions as may be acceptable to the participating institutions, and, if feasible, by bringing in appropriate partners.

Article 9

The Parties shall encourage reciprocal participation in educational congresses, conferences, symposia, seminars, and trainings in each other's State.

CHAPTER II – COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE

Article 10

The Parties shall endeavour as much as possible to promote, in the public and private sectors, networking and exchanges, and reciprocal access between libraries, museums, archives, cultural agencies and establishments, and anthropological institutions.

Article 11

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate the exchange of materials on general information and cultural literature, methodology and statistical studies, periodicals and journals, etc., including, where possible, information technology link-ups.

Article 12

The Parties shall endeavour to encourage, both in the public and private sectors, reciprocal visits, trainings and scholarships, and research exchanges in their respective States. They shall endeavour to provide the appropriate facilities to this end for cultural experts, researchers, scientists, and representatives of State archives, State and provincial libraries, State and provincial museums, and other cultural establishments and foundations.

Article 13

The Parties shall likewise endeavour to make provisions to citizens of their respective State for access to libraries, documentation centers, archives, museums, galleries, and other cultural, scientific and educational institutions in the other State for purposes consistent with the present Agreement and in accordance with national legislation.

Article 14

The Parties shall strengthen cooperation in the control, protection, recovery, conservation and restoration of the

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cultural and artistic patrimony of each State. They shall facilitate reciprocal access to the other's cultural properties and patrimony, including all assets that are defined as part of their cultural heritage, in accordance with their respective legislation.

Article 15

The Parties shall undertake measures to prevent illegal importation and transfer of rights of ownership over items of cultural heritage of each of the two States in accordance with norms of international law and other relevant laws on intellectual property.

Article 16

The Parties shall promote and enhance knowledge and understanding among their respective peoples at the national and, where possible, at the local level, of the visual, musical and performing arts, literature, handicrafts and folklore, traditional, artistic, and cultural forms of expression, and other cultural activities of the other State, in particular by:

a) the exchange of visits of performers, writers, composers, conductors, artists, practitioners of the mass media to include government media practitioners and government information officers, critics and art experts, and other representatives of creative professions;
b) the exchange of visits of musical and performing art groups, and of exhibitions;
c) the establishment of contacts between creative associations, organizations, and cultural institutions, both public and private;
d) the use of information technology, in accordance with the national legislation and international norms, and without prejudice to intellectual property rights.

Article 17

The Parties shall endeavour to provide opportunities for and facilitate participation of scientists, experts, art critics, artists, students, cultural planners, private sector and public sector media practitioners, and information officers from each others State in its cultural and artistic congresses, conferences, symposia, and seminars.

Article 18

The Parties shall cooperate for the dissemination in each other's State of the other's State literary, musical, artistic, and published scientific works of authors in the fields provided for in the present Agreement.

Article 19

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of cinema by:

a) the exchange of films;
b) the organization on mutual basis of festivals and premiers of films produced in the other State;
c) the joint production of documentary, feature and animation films;
d) the establishment of contacts between cinematographers, directors and cinema workers of the two States;
e) the mutual enhancement of film archiving; and
f) sharing of expertise in state of the art technologies.

Article 20

The Parties shall facilitate the exchange of cultural goods and information between both States, paying particular attention to books and audio-visual material, with the maximum flexibility that their legislation allows. The increase in exchange of plastic arts, film, and television material will be particularly promoted through the

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organization of thematic programmes, exhibitions, festivals, and showings.

Article 21

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of copyrights, in accordance with their respective legislation, as well as with their commitments under international treaties, and they shall recognize and protect the copyrights of authors of books and other forms of publications, audio and video recordings, films, paintings, and other originals exchanged, in accordance with or pursuant to this Agreement.

CHAPTER III – COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Article 22

The Parties shall promote and foster cooperation in the field of information technology (IT) through the establishment of linkages in the public and private sectors of each State. The Parties shall endeavour to facilitate networking and exchanges that will help accelerate IT development in both States that will be mutually beneficial.

CHAPTER IV – COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MASS MEDIA

Article 23

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of mass and government media, the specific forms of which will be determined by agreement between competent organizations of the two States. To this end, the Parties shall facilitate the networking of news and information agencies in the two States.

Article 24

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of radio and television broadcasting by:

a) the exchange of radio and television programmes as well as fold and special media, on history, culture, arts, education and vocational training, science and technology, and current events; and
b) the joint production of radio and television materials on topics of mutual interest.

Article 25

The Parties shall promote cooperation in the field of print media by:
a) the exchange of visits of accredited journalists and print media practitioners; and
b) the mutual participation in fora, congresses, seminars, conferences, and symposia of accredited journalists and print media practitioners.

CHAPTER V – COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF SPORTS

Article 26

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of physical education and sports by:

a) the establishment of links and promotion of affiliation with each other’s sports organizations and associations;
b) the participation of sports educators/academicians in putting up Academy/Institute of Sports;
c) the participation of athletes of one state in competitions in the other Party’s state or in competitions hosted/organized by both Parties;
d) the exchange of athletes, trainers, coaches, technical officials and sports planners and administrators for various sports training programmes, conferences, short courses, scholarships,and competitions;
e) the exchange and development of sports officials in connection with sports administration, training

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programmes, systems and organizations;
f) the exchange of information and technology relating to sports and to promotion of the welfare of athletes, such as sports medicine, sports psychology, sports nutrition, sport metrology, sports training and team management programmes, sports research and communication, sports skill development, and the like;
g) the promotion of sports infrastructure, as well as the promotion and development of the sports equipment industry, through the exchange of information and technology;
h) the provision of scholarship grants and other incentives on sports promotion and development; and
i) the development and exchange of a sports data bank, sports and physical education books, instructional materials and journals, and other research materials.

CHAPTER VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 27

The Parties shall promote and encourage the development of contacts between the friendship societies and cultural cooperation associations in their respective States.

Article 28

For the fullfillment of the objectives of the present Agreement, and for the purpose of the practical implementation of this Agreement, the Parties shall develop and conclude Programmes for periods established upon mutual agreement. These Programmes shall determine specific activities and exchanges, as well as financial and other terms of their implementation.

Article 29

All the expenses under the provisions of the present Agreement shall be covered by each Party in accordance with its internal legislation in force.

Article 30

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later notification by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating compliance with their respective internal legal procedures for its entry into force. It shall remain in force unless terminated in writing by either Party, through diplomatic channels, at least 6 (six) months prior to the intended date of termination.

Article 31

This Agreement may be amended upon mutual agreement by the Parties. These amendments shall enter into force in accordance with the provisions on entry into force.

Article 32

Upon its entry into force, this Agreement shall automatically supersede the Cultural Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania signed in Manila on April 12, 1975.

Article 33

Any question that may arise in the application and interpretation of the present Agreement shall be settled amicable by consultations or negotiations through diplomatic channels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties have affixed their signatures thereto.

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Signed in Bucharest, Romania on April 28, 2006 in two original copies, each in the Filipino, Romanian, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

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