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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AN...

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

RECOGNIZING the importance of education and professional training on national development, and

DESIRING to strengthen and broaden mutual cooperation and assistance in the provision of general education and professional training of their respective countries.

Have reached an understanding on the following:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The Parties shall strive to promote cooperation in higher education and professional training, including the development of institutional linkages at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

This Understanding provides the framework within which detailed proposals for programs of education cooperation in respect of the common activities are to be jointly considered by the Parties.

ARTICLE II

PROGRAMS/ AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall encourage, inter alia:

1. Cooperation in higher education and training, including the development of institutional links at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and the promotion of faculty, student and staff exchanges in the following disciplines:

a) Information Technology;

b) Mathematics;

c) Science; and

d) Other disciplines as may be accepted by the Parties

2. Exchange of information on education and training systems, curriculum development and research development in higher education.

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3. Development of specific higher education programs and projects between appropriate authorities specifically among quality schools/ Centers of Excellence or their counterpart.

4.Interaction between government bodies and officials of higher education and training institutions.

ARTICLE III

COORDINATING AUTHORITIES

The Commission on Higher Education, Manila shall be the coordinating authority for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines. The Ministry of Education, Brunei Darussalam shall be the coordinating authority for the Government of Brunei Darussalam.

ARTICLE IV

FUNDING

The Parties shall mutually determine arrangements for payment of costs in relation to cooperative activities pursuant to this Understanding, unless as otherwise mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE V

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute resulting from the interpretation on implementation of this Understanding shall be resolved by negotiations or consultations, through diplomatic channels between the Parties.

ARTICLE VI

ENTRY INTO FORCE

This Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the later written notification by the Parties, through diplomatic channels, indicating that the domestic requirements for its entry into force have been completed. This Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, and shall be automatically renewed for another period of five (5) years, unless sooner terminated by written notice, through diplomatic channels, six months prior to the intended date of termination.

The Coordinating Authorities will review this Memorandum of Understanding if and when necessary as mutually agreed by the Parties, Any amendments to this Understanding shall be mutually agreed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at Bandar Seri Begawan, on the 7th day of March 2005, in two original texts in English Language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
Republic of the Philippines For the Government of His Majesty
the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of
Brunei Darussalam

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