

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM

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The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Russian Federation (further referred to as "the Parties"),

Sharing the provisions of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism (1980) and the Hague Declaration Tourism (1989),

Expressing the desire to strengthen friendly relations between the peoples of the Republic of the Philippines and the Russian Federation and to promote a better knowledge of life, history and cultural heritage of both countries,

Realizing that tourism is an important means of strengthening mutual understanding, expressing goodwill and fostering friendly relations between peoples,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall strengthen and develop cooperation in the field of tourism on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, and in accordance with this Agreement, national legislation of both states and international agreements they are parties to.

Article 2

The Parties shall assist their national tourist authorities in the establishment of contacts and develop of cooperation between Philippine and Russian tourist organizations involved in the promotion of international tourism, including those investing in tourist sector, as well as organizing joint ventures to provide touristic services.

Article 3

The Parties shall work to simplify the border control, customs and other formalities related to the tourist exchange between the two countries in accordance with their national legislation.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote, through their national tourist authorities, both organized group and individual tourism, as well as the exchange of specialized groups to attend sporting events, musical and theater festivals and tourism-related exhibitions, symposia and congresses.

Article 5

The Parties shall encourage their national tourist authorities to exchange statistics and other information in the field of tourism, including information concerning:

- legislation and other normative acts regulating tourist activities in their countries;
- national legislation aimed at the protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources as tourist

attractions;

- experience in management of hotels and other establishments providing services to tourists;
- and other reference and advertising materials.

Article 6

State tourist authorities shall inform citizens of their states going on tour to the other Party about that Party's national legislation regulating entry, stay and return of foreigners.

Article 7

The Parties shall assist their state tourist authorities in the training of personnel for the tourist industry, as well in the exchange of scientists, experts and journalists specializing in tourism.

Article 8

State tourist authorities of the Parties shall coordinate cooperation within the framework of the World Tourism Organization and other international tourist organizations.

Article 9

The Parties shall assist their state tourist authorities in the establishment of tourist offices in the territory of the Parties.

Issues relating to the establishment and activities of the offices shall be agreed upon between state tourist authorities of the Parties and shall be subject to the legislation of the host state.

Article 10

The state tourist authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be as follows:

for the Philippine Party – the Department of Tourism of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines;

for the Russian Party – the Federal Agency for Tourism of the Russian Federation

Article 11

The financial terms of visits and exchanges of experts shall be agreed upon in each particular case between the state tourist authorities of the Parties.

Article 12

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the last written notification of the completion by the Parties of their respective domestic procedures required for its entry into force.

This Agreement shall remain in force for five years and shall be automatically extended for another five-year period provided that neither Party notifies, in writing, the other Party through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Agreement doing that no later than six months before its expiration date.

The termination of this Agreement shall not affect the implementation of programs and projects that may agreed upon during its validity period, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Done in Moscow on March 14, 2006, in two copies, each in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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For the Government

of the Republic of the Philippines

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For the Government

of the Russian Federation

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