

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN THE  
FIELD OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES BETWEEN  
BUREAU OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT,  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND NATIONAL SMALL  
INDUSTRIES CORPORATION, REPUBLIC OF INDIA**

The Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (BSMED) and The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd.(NSIC), India (herein after jointly referred to as "Participants") ;

RECOGNIZING the important role of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the economy of developing countries, through their significant share in industrial production, exports and employment and achieving equitable and inclusive growth;

CONSIDERING that MSMEs are facing challenges from globalization and regional economic integration;

REALIZING the importance of mutual cooperation to advance the development of the MSMEs in both countries;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

**PARAGRAPH 1**

**Objective**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is concluded with a view to developing and enhancing cooperation between the Participants on mutually agreed terms and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the countries of the Participants under international law.

**PARAGRAPH 2**

**Areas of Cooperation**

1. Subject to their respective laws, rules and regulations, the Participants will encourage cooperation in the following areas:
  - A. Share their key programs on MSME development in areas such as business enabling environment, access to market, financing, and productivity improvement.
  - B. Undertake capacity building for developing policy and institutional framework for the development of MSMEs in both countries on mutually agreed terms.
  - C. Carry out relevant surveys and feasibility studies to identify thrust areas and opportunities for the development of MSMEs.
  - D. Facilitate exchange of business mission to enhance enterprise-to- enterprise cooperation and help initiate sustainable business alliances between the enterprises of Philippines and India. The expenditure of the visits of delegations within the framework of this MOU does not create any financial obligation for the Participant which accepts the delegation.