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**MEMORANDUM ON DEFENSE COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE OF JAPAN**

The DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES and the MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" and individually referred to as "Participant"),

DESIRING to further develop and strengthen bilateral relations by promoting and increasing defense cooperation and exchanges;

RECALLING that the Philippines and Japan share many common interests in international defense and security;

ACKNOWLEDGING the mutual benefits to be derived from mutual cooperation in defense;

CONSIDERING that the enhancement of the defense relationship between the Participants will be instrumental in promoting mutual understanding and trust, as well as in contributing to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region and beyond;

RENEWING the will to further strengthen the bilateral defense relationship between the Participants,

have decided to make this Memorandum:

PARAGRAPH 1

OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum will provide a framework for cooperation and exchanges between the Participants in the field of defense on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

PARAGRAPH 2

SCOPE OF COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES

The Participants will conduct the following defense cooperation and exchanges under this Memorandum:

a. High-Level Exchanges:

- i. Bilateral meetings between their Defense Ministers;
- ii. Bilateral meetings between their Vice Ministers; and

- iii. Reciprocal visits between the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Commanders of the Philippine Army, Navy and Air Force and the Chiefs of Staff of Joint Staff and Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF);
- b. Working-Level Exchanges:
 - Regular dialogue between the Participants and AFP and JSDF;
- c. Cooperation on Capacity-Building;
- d. Training Activities and Exercises:
 - Participation in training activities and exercises held by either Participant or held multi-nationally;
- e. Service to Service Exchanges:
 - Exchanges other than trainings and exercises as mutually decided;
- f. Cooperation and exchanges in the area of Non-Traditional Security, especially in the following areas:
 - i. UN Peacekeeping Operations;
 - ii. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief; and
 - iii. Maritime Security;
- g. Education and Research Exchanges;
- h. Information Exchanges on matters of mutual interests;
 - i. Cooperation on Defense Equipment and Technology;
 - j. Cooperation on Logistical Support;
- k. Multilateral Cooperation in fora such as:
 - i. ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus); and
 - ii. ASEAN Regional Forum; and
- l. Any other activities as may be mutually decided.

PARAGRAPH 3

IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

1. As necessary, the Participants may decide to have implementing arrangements for specific defense cooperation and exchanges.