

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA ON CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD
OF EDUCATION**

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES as represented by the Department of Education AND **THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA** as represented by the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties"),

RECOGNISING the importance of education and training in national development, as well as a means to further cultivate ties between their peoples;

MINDFUL of each other's achievements in this field;

DESIRING to strengthen and broaden mutual co-operation in the provision of education and training in their respective countries; and

BELIEVING that co-operation in the field of education would benefit both Parties, HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE

The Parties, subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in each country, agree to provide the framework within which detailed proposals for programmes of education and professional interaction between the Parties are to be jointly considered on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE II
FORMS OF CO-OPERATION

Co-operation under this Memorandum of Understanding, to be encouraged and managed by the designated authority of the Parties, shall take the form of linkages between education institutions of all levels, through exchange between educational leaders, high officials, experts, teachers, administrators and students. It shall include the exchange of all forms of education related materials, publications, teaching aids and information, interaction through meetings, workshops, exhibitions, conferences, seminars, study visits, competitions, camps, scholarships or sponsorship, and other forms of educational co-operation as may be mutually determined by the Parties.

ARTICLE III
AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

Each Party shall, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote co-operation in the following areas relating to the field of education (basic education):

- (i) School / Institution Linkages;
- (ii) Teacher Education & Training;
- (iii) Educational Assessment;
- (iv) Educational Planning & Research;
- (v) Educational Management & Leadership;
- (vi) Technical & Vocational Education & Training;
- (vii) Curriculum Design & Development; and
- (viii) Any other areas of co-operation to be mutually agreed upon in the field of education (basic education) by the Parties.

ARTICLE IV **DESIGNATED AUTHORITY**

The designated authority responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines shall be the Department of Education and on behalf of the Government of Malaysia shall be the Ministry of Education.

ARTICLE V **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be implemented in accordance with the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in each country and in accordance with their respective international obligations.
2. The manner of implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be determined and agreed upon respectively through the Department of Education of the Philippines and the Ministry of Education of Malaysia.

ARTICLE VI **JOINT WORKING GROUP**

1. The Parties shall establish a Philippines-Malaysia Joint Working Group (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Working Group") to review the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding between the two (2) countries.
2. The Joint Working Group shall consider ways and means to promote the aforesaid objective and ensure the proper co-ordination and implementation of its decisions and/or recommendations. The Joint Working Group shall also review the progress of the implementation of all understandings concluded between the two countries within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding, and take steps to ensure the active and speedy implementation of the understandings.
3. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Philippines by a senior official of the Department of Education of the Philippines and on behalf of the Government of Malaysia by the Secretary

General of the Ministry of Education, with participation from other relevant, government agencies of the Parties as appropriate.

4. The Joint Working Group shall meet once every eighteen (18) months, alternately in the Philippines and Malaysia. The Joint Working Group may also hold additional meetings whenever it considers it necessary.
5. The Joint Working Group shall meet at a date convenient to and mutually decided upon by the Parties.
6. The composition and procedure of the Joint Working Group shall be jointly decided upon by the Parties.
7. The decisions and other conclusions of the Joint Working Group shall be reflected in the Agreed Minutes of the Meeting and the Parties shall take appropriate steps to implement these decisions and conclusions.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. The financial arrangements to cover expenses for the cooperative activities undertaken within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon by both Parties and on a case-by-case basis shall be subject to the availability of funds.
2. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 1 above, expenses for organising the meetings of the Joint Working Group shall be borne by the Party hosting the meetings. The Party, which is sending its representatives for participation in the meetings of the Joint Working Group, if any, shall bear their own travel and living expenses.

ARTICLE VIII

PARTICIPATION OF THIRD PARTY

Either Party may invite the participation of a third party in the joint activities and/or programmes being carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding upon the agreement of the other Party. In carrying out such joint activities and/or programmes, the Parties shall ensure that the third party shall comply with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE IX

PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

1. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of the Parties and with other international agreements signed by both Parties.