

**AGREEMENT OF COLLABORATION ON THE MUTUAL  
RECOGNITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES AND ACADEMIC  
PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER  
EDUCATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS OF THE  
KINGDOM OF SPAIN.**

The **Commission on Higher Education of the Republic of the Philippines** (henceforth: CHED) and the **Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of the Kingdom of Spain** (henceforth: MECD), hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Signatory" and collectively as "the Signatories";

**DESIRING** to further advance cooperation in the field of education in accordance with the Agreement on Cultural, Sports and Educational Cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Spain, signed on 03 December 2007 in Madrid;

**RECOGNIZING** the importance of strengthening their countries' cultural and educational relations and of promoting cooperation and exchanges between them;

Have agreed as follows:

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**PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the mutual recognition of studies (including partial studies), academic programs and academic correspondences, which have official validity within the respective educational systems of the Signatories and to facilitate access to each other's institutions of higher education.
2. This Agreement is applicable to study programs that have official validity within the educational system of the other Signatory, as well as to the certificates, transcripts, diplomas, and academic levels evidencing the said studies in accordance with the legal systems of the Signatories.

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**UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS**

1. The Signatories shall recognize, in accordance with their domestic laws, the transcripts and official records certifying that their corresponding nationals have successfully completed secondary education. Where students meet the academic requirements of the education system of one of the Signatories in order to gain admission to a university, the students may likewise be admitted, on the basis of reciprocity, to the universities of the other Signatory.
2. This shall be without prejudice to compliance with the requirements, as the case may be, under their respective domestic legal systems in the case of

university studies where it is necessary to pass certain admission requirements, as well as adequate knowledge of the language in which classes are to be given.

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#### **RECOGNITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDIES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

1. A Signatory shall, in accordance with its domestic laws, recognize the other Signatory's official higher-education programs followed at higher-education academic institutions. This recognition shall be applicable in all cases where the said qualifications are equivalent in terms of academic level, and to the conditions and contents laid down as compulsory in the study programs in force in the system of the Signatory granting recognition.
2. Recognition shall have such academic effects as are conferred by each Signatory on its own official qualifications, without prejudice to compliance with all non-academic requirements that must be met in accordance with their respective domestic laws.
3. If the studies and study programs completed in the education system of one Signatory do not have a direct equivalent in the education system of the other Signatory, such other Signatory shall recognize the corresponding academic level in accordance with its own legislation.
4. For these purposes, Annex I to this Agreement contains the structure of the university studies of each of the Signatories.
5. The officially recognized Universities and Higher Education Institutions for each Signatory shall be as follows:
  - A. For the Philippine side, those higher-education academic centres authorized by the Commission on Higher Education of the Philippines, as stated in the Education Acts and further regulations; and
  - B. For the Spanish side, those defined at Article 3 of the Ley Organica 6/2001, of December 21, of Universities, Ley Organica 4/2007, of April 12, and authorized by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

Both Signatories shall present to each other, in due time, with the lists of officially-recognized universities and higher education institutions. For initial purposes of this Agreement, the list of Spanish universities is included in Annex II, and the list of Philippine universities is included in Annex III.
6. Under no circumstances shall such recognitions apply to professional accreditation.

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#### **RECOGNITION OF PARTIAL STUDIES**

The recognition of partial studies or training of a particular type, level or branch of studies, where evidenced by way of a certificate, shall be carried out on the basis of