

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION OF
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE ON THE
TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OF TIMOR-LESTE DIPLOMATS**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, through the Foreign Service Institute "Institute," and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste "Ministry," herein after referred to as "Parties,"

CONSIDERING the desire of both Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to deepen and broaden their bilateral relations; and

CONSCIOUS of the objective of the Foreign Service Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation to enhance their collaboration in human resource training and development in the field of diplomacy herein set forth;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to assist the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste on the training and development of its diplomats.

**ARTICLE II
OBLIGATIONS**

1. The Institute commits itself:

- (a) To accept the participation of diplomats from Timor-Leste in its Foreign Service Officers Cadetship Programs starting 2005;
- (b) To accept the participation of diplomats from Timor-Leste in its other training programs; and
- (c) To prepare and implement programs customized to the training needs of the Ministry in the field of diplomacy upon the mutual agreement of the two Parties on such a modality.

2. The Ministry commits itself to source funds for the transportation expenses, board and lodging, per diem, and other relevant expenses of the trainees under the modalities (a) and (b) of Article 2.1, as well as those for the lecturers, facilitators, trainers and other resource persons under the modality (c) of Article 2.1.

3. The Terms and Conditions of the modalities a, b and c of Article 2.1 shall be embodied in supplemental documents, which shall form an integral part of this