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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CULTURAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG
KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as the Governments,

DESIRING to promote and strengthen cooperation in the fields of culture, the arts and education,

BELIEVING that such cooperation will contribute to the furtherance of mutual awareness, respect, understanding and friendship between their peoples,

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

The Governments will promote the development of mutually beneficial relations in the fields of culture, the arts and education.

ARTICLE II

The Governments will endeavor to improve mutual knowledge of each other's culture and will endeavor, to the extent possible, to facilitate mutual understanding and exchanges in the fields of culture, the arts and education.

ARTICLE III

1. To this end, each Government will endeavor, within the framework of applicable laws, rules and regulations and under conditions to be mutually decided, to facilitate and promote cultural, artistic, educational and sporting activities and exchanges between their people and institutions.

2. "Institutions" within the meaning of Article III.1 include both governmental and non-governmental cultural, artistic, educational, and sporting entities.

3. The Governments will endeavor to a.) encourage performance and participation in the arts and cultural events; b.) promote exchanges of students or scholars and professors between educational institutions; and c.) encourage participation, where possible, in sporting events.

ARTICLE IV

The cooperative activities to be carried out under this Memorandum of Understanding will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Governments. Each Government will nevertheless endeavor to provide resources adequate to carry out its own commitments in relation to those activities.

ARTICLE V