

**AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CUBA**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of Cuba (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Willing to strengthen the friendly relations between both countries;

Recognizing the advantages of scientific and technological cooperation between both Parties, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

Have agreed as follows-

ARTICLE I -AREAS OF COOPERATION

Both Parties, in accordance with their respective laws, rules and regulations, shall promote and develop scientific and technological cooperation in fields of mutual interest and benefit.

ARTICLE II - MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

Within the framework of this Agreement, scientific and technological cooperation shall include:

1. Grant of fellowship for graduate and post graduate studies, training or study tour in scientific and technological fields;
2. Upon request, provision of services of professionals, experts and research workers in scientific and technological fields;
3. Undertaking of joint special studies-researches in scientific and technological fields;
4. Exchange of scientific and technological information; and
5. Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation that may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE III - ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT COMMISSION

In order to implement the provisions of this Agreement, a Joint Commission on scientific and technological cooperation shall be established.

The tasks of the Joint Commission shall be as follows:

1. To agree on the fields of cooperation;
2. To create favorable conditions for implementation of this Agreement;

3. To facilitate, support and assess the implementation of joint programs and projects; and
4. To exchange views on the overall prospects of bilateral scientific and technological cooperation.

The Joint Commission shall meet as mutually agreed upon by both Parties, alternately in the territory of each Party and conclude Protocols which will embody conclusions and proposals of the joint sessions. The composition of the Joint Commission shall be specified by the Government of both countries, prior to each Joint Commission meeting.

In order to accomplish its tasks, the Joint Commission shall submit recommendations on the projects to be undertaken by the Joint Commission to the Governments of both countries. These recommendations shall be included in the Agreed Minutes to be signed at the conclusion of the Joint Commission meeting.

The Governments of both Parties shall offer the necessary logistical assistance to the Joint Commission in order to fulfill its functions and tasks.

ARTICLE IV - CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

In order to carry out the decisions reached during the implementation of the cooperation in the different branches of science and technology, the Joint Commission shall create Subcommittees and Working Groups, permanent or provisional, upon prior agreement by both Parties.

The Subcommittees and Working Groups may negotiate specific project arrangements which shall contain, among others, detailed descriptions of the activities to be jointly undertaken through the relevant agencies of both Parties, and the manner in which the activities shall be carried out.

ARTICLE V - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Both Parties undertake not to transfer to third countries, or to citizens or organizations from third countries, specific scientific and technological knowledge exchanged and developed during the process of implementation of this Agreement, without express and prior written consent of the other Party.

The Parties shall be co-owners with equal rights, of any invention, technique and benefit resulting from activities developed within the framework of this Agreement and being a form of intellectual property, shall be treated in accordance with the relevant laws in force in both countries. The intellectual property so produced may be registered, subject to mutual agreement, in accordance with the respective laws on intellectual property in both countries.

ARTICLE VI - COORDINATING AGENCIES

For the implementation of this Agreement, the coordinating agencies designated are the Department of Science and Technology of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry for Foreign Investments and Economic Cooperation of the Republic of Cuba.