

**October 17, 1997**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S  
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON CULTURAL COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Desirous of strengthening the friendship and understanding between the two countries through cooperation in the realms of art, culture, education, sports, and mass media; and

Recognizing the benefits that may be derived by their peoples from such cooperation;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

The Parties shall facilitate and encourage cooperation in the fields of art and culture, education, mass media, journalism and sports, in order to contribute to a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

**ARTICLE II**

The Parties shall encourage and facilitate as far as possible:

- a) reciprocal visits of professors and experts for delivering lectures, study tours, and conducting special courses;
- b) reciprocal visits of representatives of educational, literary, artistic, scientific, technical, sports and journalist associations and organizations, and participation in congresses, conference, symposia, and seminars;
- c) exchange of materials in the fields of culture, science, education, sports, translation and exchange of books, periodicals and other educational, scientific, technical, cultural and sports publications, and wherever possible, exchange of art specimen; and
- d) reciprocal facilities in regard to visits by archaeologists of one country to the other to enable them to gain experience of excavation as well as, preservation and display of archeological finds and for training purposes, and also in regard to the exchange of specimens of casts.

**ARTICLE III**

Each Party shall endeavor as far as possible to provide facilities and scholarships to students and scientific personnel of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education and research laboratories.

**ARTICLE IV**