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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR ON THE PROMOTION  
OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN FORESTRY AND FOREST  
INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Union of Myanmar, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Knowing that there are many shared characteristics between the forests of the two countries and forestry concerns;

Committed to a conservation-oriented forest utilization;

Aware of the important role of forests in sustainable development;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

**ARTICLE I  
AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The areas of cooperation shall be in the fields of:

1. Forestry research and development;
2. Forest products processing and marketing;
3. People-oriented forestry;
4. Forest protection, biodiversity conservation and eco-tourism;
5. Technology development on forest utilization especially of lesser known species.

**ARTICLE II  
FORM OF COOPERATION**

1. Form of cooperation in the areas referred to in Article I may include:
2. Exchange of information;
3. Exchange of visits of officials, scientists, scholars and private sectors of both countries;
4. Collaborative research and development activities;
5. Other forms of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

**ARTICLE III  
IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT**

For the purpose of this Memorandum, the Parties shall establish a Joint Committee, composed of representatives appointed by each Party. The Committee shall prepare the plan of action and shall screen all specific proposals for technical cooperation.