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**BASIC AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL OFFICE (MECO) AND THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL OFFICE (TECO)**

The Manila Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Manila, hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties inspired by the mutual desire of strengthening the traditional ties of friendship existing between them, and recognizing the advantages to be derived by their respective peoples in promoting and developing scientific and technological cooperation within the limits of their capacities, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Contracting Parties, in accordance with their respective laws, rules and regulations, shall promote and develop scientific and, technological cooperation in fields of mutual interest to them, based on the principles of equal rights and mutual advantage.

ARTICLE II

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

1. Upon request, provision of services of professionals, experts and research workers in scientific and technological fields;
2. Grant of fellowships for graduate and post graduate studies, training or study tours in scientific and technological fields;
3. Exchange of scientists, technologists, expert and research workers in scientific and technological fields not prejudicial to public health, morals, order or security;
4. Undertaking of joint special studies/researches in the scientific and technological fields;
5. Exchange of scientific and technological information;
6. Other forms of scientific and technological cooperation not prejudicial to public health, morals, order or security that may be mutually agreed upon.

ARTICLE III

To implement the scientific and technological cooperation provided for in Article II above, the Contracting Parties shall negotiate and conclude specific project arrangements or protocols in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

The specific project arrangement or protocols shall contain, among others, detailed description of the activities to be jointly undertaken, the manner in which the activities shall be carried out, the contributions of the cooperating institutions, their rights, obligations and responsibilities and the financial conditions in undertaking the activities.