

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON SPORTS COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINE SPORTS COMMISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GENERAL
ADMINISTRATION OF SPORT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA**

With a view to developing sports exchange and cooperation, and promoting the mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples and athletes of the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China, the Philippine Sports Commission of the Republic of the Philippines and the General Administration of Sport of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

The Parties consider that the conclusion of this Memorandum of Understanding will contribute to the promotion of cooperative relationship, mutual understanding and friendship among the athletes and peoples of the two countries. The Parties shall endeavor to develop sports exchange and cooperation on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE II

The leaders of the Parties shall keep in contact and exchange views on bilateral sports exchange and international sports affairs of common concern.

ARTICLE III

The Parties encourage their sports organizations to coordinate their stand and strengthen cooperation on international sports affairs.

ARTICLE IV

The Parties shall encourage their athletes to participate in international sports competitions to be held in each other's countries, as well as their national sports associations to strengthen exchange and cooperation

ARTICLE V

The Parties shall encourage exchange and cooperation between sports specialists in the fields of competitive sports, sports for all, sports science and medicine.

ARTICLE VI

The Parties agree that it is necessary to strengthen the cooperation in the fight against doping and other unsportsmanlike behaviors in the field of sports.

ARTICLE VII

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on the date of signing and be valid for a period of four years. The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be extended automatically once for the same period unless either Party sends a written notice to the other