

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK
AND IRRIGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF
MYANMAR ON FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL
COOPERATION**

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES and, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR, (hereinafter referred to singularity as "**Participant**" and collectively as the "**Participants**");

DESIRING to strengthen friendly relations between their countries and to engage in cooperation in the field of food security and agriculture on the basis of mutual benefit and in accordance with the laws and regulations of their countries;

HAVE REACHED the following **understanding**:

PARAGRAPH I

GENERAL PROVISION

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes a general framework for bilateral cooperation in the field of food security and agriculture between the Participants.

PARAGRAPH II

SCOPE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

The participants will endeavor to strengthen cooperation in the areas of food security in support of initiatives in agriculture, fisheries, food processing and Halal industry through the following:

- a. Promotion of investments through joint-venture arrangements;
- b. Conduct of research and development activities including efforts in developing mutual recognition of standards, certification and accreditation as well as facilitate transfer of technology in the areas of mutual interest;
- c. Sourcing raw materials for the purpose of value-adding;
- d. Conduct of training and capacity building in both technical and managerial levels;
- e. Development of partnership in the production of Halal food for the international market;

- f. Exchange of materials and information related to aforementioned area of cooperation;
- g. Exchange of innovative agricultural extension modalities;
- h. Forage production for ruminants; and
- i. Strengthen cooperation in other related areas to be identified and jointly decided upon by both Participants.

PARAGRAPH III

IMPLEMENTATION

The participants may enter into specific project arrangements in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding to implement the aforementioned cooperative activities.

PARAGRAPH IV

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Financial arrangements for cooperative activities and for the exchange of experts and specialists as well as the training of technical personnel will be agreed upon between the Participants prior to implementation.

Such arrangements will be in accordance with the regulations and practices of the Participants.

2. To the extent possible, the sending country will be responsible for the international travel and related costs of its participants in the cooperative activities.

PARAGRAPH V

ASSISTANCE TO PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICIANS

1. Each Participant will endeavor to provide the necessary assistance to professionals, technicians and trainees sent by the other Participant under this Memorandum of Understanding to enable them to accomplish this mission. The laws and regulations in force of the host country will be strictly observed by visiting-missions from the sending Participant.
2. The foregoing will not limit the right of either Participant to adopt or execute measures necessary to uphold public health, morals, public order or security, and public safety.