

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE  
PHILIPPINES FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE AND THE MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA  
DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF COLOMBIA - AUGUSTO RAMIREZ  
OCAMPO -**

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines - Foreign Service Institute - and The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia - Diplomatic Academy Augusto Ramirez Ocampo - hereinafter "the Participants",

RECOGNISING the spirit of cooperation that exists between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Colombia, and the willingness to promote closer collaboration on the training of diplomats;

The Participants have reached the following Understanding:

**PARAGRAPH I**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) intends to establish and develop cooperation on the training of diplomats, between the Participants.

For the coordination, monitoring and implementation of the activities of this MoU, the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines designates the Foreign Service Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia designates the Diplomatic Academy.

**PARAGRAPH II**

On the basis of their mutual benefit and interest, the Participants have decided on the following forms of cooperation:

1. Exchange of information and experiences concerning the Participants respective programs of study and research and other relevant academic activities in the field of diplomacy;
2. Promotion of contacts and the exchange of teaching staff, experts and researches in the area of diplomacy.
3. Facilitate the exchange of national and international publications, as well as the Participants respective publications and relevant texts.
4. Exchange of information and views on the international trends of diplomacy, and other activities of common interest in connection thereto.
5. Explore the possibilities of other forms of cooperation under this MoU.

**PARAGRAPH III**

The Participants will jointly decide the specific project that will carry out under this MoU, their funding, frequency and duration as well as the venue where said projects will be held.

#### **PARAGRAPH IV**

The Participants may propose, in writing, amendments to this MoU. Such proposals will be conveyed to the other Participant through the appropriate diplomatic channels and will come into effect upon approval, in writing, by the latter.

#### **PARAGRAPH V**

The Participants will perform its commitments under this MOU in accordance with its respective local legislation. Not being an international agreement, this MOU may not be construed as creating between the Participants legal rights or obligations under International law.

#### **PARAGRAPH VI**

This MoU will come into operation on the date of its signature for a period of three (3) years, and will be automatically renewed for further equal periods, unless terminated by any of the Participants, by giving to the counterpart a written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of termination.

Any ongoing activities at the time of termination shall be carried out to their conclusion.

#### **PARAGRAPH VII**

Any difference arising from the interpretation of any provision of this MoU will be settled amicably by consultation between the Participants, through diplomatic channels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies in Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally valid.

Signed in Manila on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

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