

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH
REPUBLIC ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE,
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND SPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Contracting Parties"),

- Desiring to develop mutually beneficial cooperation between their two States in the fields of culture, education, science and sports,
- Convinced that this cooperation will contribute to a better mutual awareness and understanding and thus to the strengthening of relations between both States in all respects,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties shall, on the basis of the principles of equality, general reciprocity and mutual benefit, develop cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science and sports, and to this end encourage direct contacts between the cultural, educational, scientific and sports institutions operating in both States. They shall in particular facilitate mutual cooperation within multilateral programmes, projects and initiatives.

ARTICLE 2

1. For the purpose of the implementation of this Agreement, the competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may conclude temporary protocols on cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science and sports to provide for concrete activities and regulate the forms and conditions of such cooperation.
2. The competent authorities of the Contracting Parties may agree on individual joint activities and the arrangement for their implementation through diplomatic channels.

I. Cooperation in the fields of education and science

ARTICLE 3

With the aim of facilitating cooperation in the fields of education, research, experimental development and innovations, the Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation and exchanges, including reciprocal exchanges, between schools and other institutions operating in the fields of research, experimental development and innovations.

ARTICLE 4

The Contracting Parties shall encourage reciprocal awards of scholarships for the purpose of study and research stays of students and teachers from higher education institutions, experts in the field of information and communication technologies, and other research workers. The Contracting Parties expect that persons awarded scholarships for stays in the State of the other Contracting Party under this Agreement shall, during such stays, observe rules and regulations in force in the State of the receiving Contracting Party.

ARTICLE 5

The Contracting Parties, using modern information and communications technologies, shall encourage and facilitate exchange of information on the educational system and its elements, specialized materials and statistical data, pedagogical publications and reference books, periodicals, magazines, including works based on them.

ARTICLE 6

The Contracting Parties shall encourage mutual exchange of information on their higher education systems and the higher education institutions that constitute these systems. The mutual exchange of information shall be done with a view to examine possibilities to conclude an agreement on reciprocal recognition of equivalence of higher education certificates.

ARTICLE 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage the study, teaching, research and spreading of the language, culture and history of the State of the Contracting Party. To this end the institutions operating in the State of a Contracting Party may award scholarships and research grants to students, teachers of higher education institutions, research workers and experts.

ARTICLE 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage reciprocal participation in pedagogical congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars organized in their respective States.

II. Cooperation in the field of culture

ARTICLE 9

In the field of development of cultural cooperation, the Contracting Parties shall encourage in particular:

- a) Spreading of the literature originated in the territory of the State of the other Contracting Party or forming a part of its culture, both in the original and in translations;
- b) Exchange of books, documentation and other publications in the fields of culture and arts;
- c) Organization of exhibitions, concerts and other art events by cultural institutions;