

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN
AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Desiring to strengthen existing friendly relations between the two countries through the development of cooperation in the field of agriculture;

Recognizing the importance of agriculture in the national economic development of both countries;

Desiring to further promote agricultural trade and agribusiness investments;

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries;

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE AND AREAS OF COOPERATION**

1. The parties shall encourage development in all fields of agriculture, particularly but not limited to livestock and animal health, biofuel feedstock development, dairy, horticulture, food safety, agribusiness management, sustainable land management, genetics and biotechnology, pre- and post-harvest processing technologies and agricultural machineries, and plant and animal science including disease control, quarantine, pest surveillance, pest risk analysis, cooperation in inspection procedures for international transit of animal and plant products and agricultural inputs.
2. The Parties shall promote cooperation in the areas mentioned in the preceding paragraph through the pursuit of scientific and technical cooperation, trade, agribusiness investments and other forms of cooperation as enumerated in Article II of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**ARTICLE II
FORMS OF COOPERATION**

1. The forms of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding shall include:
 - a) Exchange of genetic material and genetic improvement technology in accordance with the domestic regulations of both Parties, including strict observance of sanitary and phytosanitary protocols and in consonance with international treaty

obligations and other relevant laws;

b) Exchange and development of agricultural science and technology, including technology on biofuels and feedstock development;

c) Exchange of experts, professionals, scientist and trainees and the conduct of study tours, seminars and other professional training;

d) Joint formulation of projects involving technical assistance;

e) Collaborative research and joint agricultural research, development and extension including exchange of scientific and technical information, documentation and publications;

f) Collaboration in the development of pre- and post-harvest facilities and agricultural infrastructure;

g) Organization of training, symposia, seminars, fora and conferences on agri-related issues and advocacies;

h) Conduct of strategic market facilitation activities including trade fairs, trade promotional activities and the mounting of special exhibits and organization of trade missions;

i) Promotion of joint ventures, investments, marketing and other related forms of cooperation;

j) Any other form of cooperation as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

2. The Parties shall encourage and support the involvement of the private business sector in market facilitation activities, business development, joint ventures and such other business arrangements in agriculture.

3. The Parties agree to promote agricultural trade and technology and shall endeavor to create favorable conditions for import and export of important products, particularly livestock and meat products, without prejudice to their respective commitments under existing bilateral and multilateral arrangements.

4. To generate broad interest, this Memorandum of Understanding authorizes the involvement of other interested government agencies as well as scientific, business, academic communities and private sector of both countries.

ARTICLE III IMPLEMENTING ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Parties shall negotiate specific project arrangements in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding to implement the aforementioned areas of cooperation.

2. The implementation of this MOU including the projects and other activities based herein shall be in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of the Parties.