# AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Desirous of strengthening the friendly relations and mutual understanding between the two countries and convinced that the promotion of tourism shall lead to the mutual benefit of both countries;

HEREBY agree as follows:

### **ARTICLE I**

The Parties shall create favourable conditions for the development of long-term cooperation in the field of tourism for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

### **ARTICLE 2**

The Parties shall, in accordance with the laws and internal regulations in force in each other's country, encourage the application of simple procedures for their citizens travelling to the other country for tourism purposes.

### **ARTICLE 3**

The Parties, through their executing agencies, shall coordinate in promoting tourism activities in accordance with the rules and regulations in force in each other's country by exchanging information, expertise and experience regarding inventory of tourism resources, existing legislation, and regulations on tourism services and measures for preservation as well as the sustainable development of their natural and cultural and historical resources.

### **ARTICLE 4**

The Parties shall encourage exchange of expertise and best practices in relation to organisation, management and operation of tourism business and shall also assist each other in training their staff in the field of tourism. They shall also consider exchange of curriculum methodology on tourism teaching studies and research.

# **ARTICLE 5**

The Parties shall facilitate the import and export of promotional tourism brochures, compact disc materials and documents for publicity including films and exhibition materials, free or with minimal customs duty as may be allowed by existing domestic laws of the country into which the said promotional materials shall be imported.

## **ARTICLE 6**