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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN ON TOURISM**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain,

Within the framework of brotherly relations existing between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Bahrain;

Based on the strong ties between the two countries;

Recognizing and supporting the role of tourism in strengthening the affinity and understanding between the people of the two countries;

Wishing to continue enhancing the level of cooperation in the field of tourism;

Having studied the current status of cooperation in tourism between the two countries, and ways in which it might be developed;

Have reached the following understandings:

1. The two sides will take the necessary steps to support the exchange of tourism between the Republic of the Philippines and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

2. Each side will promote tourism between the two countries within the scope of regulations and laws in effect in both countries by encouraging travel and tourism offices to organise tourist trips for citizens to the other country.

3. The two sides will work to exchange expertise in the development of tourism and to exchange information and expertise with regard to methods of protecting and preserving the environmental, cultural and social characteristics of each country.

4. The two sides will promote the exchange of expertise in the following areas:

(a) tourism and hotel qualifications and curricula;

(b) methods of education and training in specialised institutes and centres in each country; and

(c) tourism and hotel scholarships and training in the institutions of each country.

5. Each side will encourage the exchange of visits by its media representatives to the other country to collect information materials for broadcasting and publication.