

CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC

The **Republic of the Philippines** and the **Portuguese Republic** (hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"),

Desirous of strengthening the friendly ties existing between their two countries, and of promoting and developing their relations in the fields of culture, art, education, sports, youth and mass media,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1 Aims of the Agreement

The Parties shall promote better understanding and closer communication and cooperation between their two peoples and the development of mutual relations in the fields of culture, art, education, sports, youth and mass media through:

- a) Exchange of scholars , teachers, non-teaching staff, students, researchers and administrators;
- b) Creation of language training and translation courses focusing on literary and artistic works;
- c) Dissemination of their respective literatures in the other country;
- d) Mutual visits of writers, painters, musicians, dancers and other artists and encourage their activities or performances;
- e) Encouraging cooperation among governmental and non-governmental sports organizations, on the exchange of trainers or athletic coaches and sports researchers, and on exchanges as regards participation, scholarships and sports information;
- f) Exchange of information and other documentation concerning youth policies and programs in both countries and encouraging cooperation between institutions and organizations;
- g) Encouraging direct cooperation between the media organizations of each country, responsible for the press, radio and television fields, particularly those involved in public service activities, so as to promote reciprocal exchange of materials and visits within their specific scope;
- h) Encouraging art exhibitions, cultural presentations and film festivals;

- i) Exchange of experts in the field of restoration and preservation of cultural heritage;
- j) Attendance in congresses, conferences and seminars; and
- k) Other ways and means upon which the Parties may agree.

Article 2

Educational Systems

Both Parties shall exchange information and documentation about their educational systems.

Article 3

Educational Cooperation

1. To foster educational cooperation, each Party shall place particular emphasis on academic exchanges and reciprocal access to elementary, secondary and higher education institutions, research units, libraries, archives and other similar establishments.
2. To this end, programs for study and research scholarships as well as the exchange of students, teachers, professors, school administrators and researchers shall be established.
3. The setting up of secondary and higher education centers offering integrated courses or programs of studies that are academically valid in both countries will likewise be promoted.
4. The establishment of inter-university cooperation, aiming at jointly offering academic courses and programs of studies that are valid in both countries shall also be implemented.

Article 4

Certification of Equivalences

1. The Parties shall devise the methods and conditions on which degrees, diplomas and other certificates acquired in one Party may be recognized by the other Party for academic purposes.
2. The determination of equivalence for studies, qualifications and academic years will be facilitated for the purpose of recognition and validation.

Article 5

Setting up of Cultural Institutions