

December 17, 1998

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON  
VISA EXEMPTION FOR HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS AND  
VISA FACILITATION FOR HOLDERS OF ORDINARY PASSPORTS**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

Desiring to further expand their bilateral relations;

In addition to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic passports, signed on 20 January 1997 in Hanoi:

Have agreed on the following with respect to holders of official and ordinary passports:

**ARTICLE 1**

Citizens of one Party, who are holders of valid official passports, shall be exempt from visa requirement for entry into, exit from and transit through the territory of the other Party at the border-checking points designated for international travel.

The citizens referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be permitted to stay in the territory of the other Party for a maximum period of 30 days. Upon the request in writing of the Diplomatic Mission or Consular Post of the Party whose citizens are holders of such passports, the other Party may extend the temporary stay of those citizens.

**ARTICLE 2**

Citizens of one Party and members of their families holding valid official passports, accredited to work in the Diplomatic Mission, Consular Post or International Organizations located in the other Party, shall be permitted to enter this country without visa and allowed to stay for a maximum of 30 days, during which time they should obtain the necessary authorization from the competent authorities of the receiving Party.

**ARTICLE 3**

Pursuant to existing ASEAN Guidelines, citizens of one Party working in the ASEAN Secretariat and holding valid ordinary passports, shall be exempt from visa requirements for a visit of 15 days or less to the other Party in connection with ASEAN activities.

The same privilege shall be accorded to citizens of one Party holding valid ordinary passports, who are attending ASEAN activities organized in the other Party by the ASEAN Secretariat or the other Party's Government Agencies or Organizations.