

February 09, 1996

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW
GUINEA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea hereinafter referred to as "the Parties,"

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly relations and mutual understanding existing between their respective countries,

RECOGNIZING the common interest of both countries to establish cooperation in the field of tourism,

RECOGNIZING further the importance of tourism in the enhancement of knowledge and understanding between the people of the two countries and as an essential element for economic development of both countries,

DESIRING to promote and develop cooperation in the field of tourism between their respective countries within the framework of the Agreement on Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea signed on July 20, 1990.

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall, subject to the laws and regulations of the respective countries, promote and develop cooperation in the field of tourism on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit for both countries.

ARTICLE 2

The Parties shall encourage and promote individual or group travel by their respective citizens and citizens of third country to the Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties shall authorize their following competent agencies to implement this Memorandum of Understanding: -

The Philippine
Party :

Department of Tourism

The Papua New
Guinea Party :

Department of Civil Aviation,
Culture and Tourism (including Air
Niugini and Tourism
Promotion Authority).