

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA RELATING TO THE NUTRIENT  
MANAGEMENT IN RAINFED CROPPING SYSTEMS**

**1. GENERAL**

1.1 This MEMORANDUM expresses the understandings of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Australia concerning the responsibilities and contributions respectively of the two Governments with regard to the implementation of the ACIAR Project No.9102 Nutrient Management of Rainfed Cropping Systems

1.2 The project aims to develop techniques to assess the sustainability of agricultural systems, by measuring their current status and dynamics with regard to organic and inorganic nutrients and develop strategies to optimize the management of residues and inorganic fertilizer. The project is further described in Attachment 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**2. DEFINITIONS**

In This Memorandum:

- (a) "Australian institutions, firms and organizations" means Australian institutions, firms or organizations engaged in the project;
- (b) "Australian personnel" means Australian nationals or permanent residents or other persons who are not nationals or permanent residents of the Philippines, who are working in the Philippines on the project and whose salaries or other costs are funded from the contribution of the Government of Australia to the project;
- (c) "dependant/dependent" means the spouse or unmarried minor children of a member of the Australian personnel or any other person recognized by the two Governments as a dependant/dependent of a member of the Australian personnel;
- (d) "professional and technical material" means equipment, motor vehicles, and other goods imported by members of the Australian personnel or Australian institutions, firms and organizations for their professional use in carrying out their assigned duties under the project and paid for from funds provided by the Government of Australia;
- (e) "project supplies" means equipment, material and other goods supplied for the execution of the project, the cost of which is funded from the contribution of the Government of Australia to the project;
- (f) "services" means services performed by individuals or by general professional partnerships registered in the Philippines as detailed in Attachment 1; and

(g) "personal and household effects" means equipment, motor vehicles and other goods imported by Australian personnel or Australian institutions, firms and organizations for the personal-use of Australian personnel and their dependents while engaged in the project.

### **3. COORDINATING AUTHORITIES AND IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES**

3.1 Each Government will implement the research project through respective Coordinating authorities.

3.2 The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, hereinafter referred to as ACIAR, will be the Australian Coordinating Authority. The Department of Foreign Affairs, hereinafter referred to as the DFA, will be the Philippine Coordinating Authority.

3.3 Under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding, ACIAR nominates the University of New England, hereinafter referred to as UNE, to carry out the project on its behalf, and the DFA nominates the Department of Agronomy and Soil Science, Visayas State College of Agriculture, hereinafter referred to as ViSCA, to carry out the project on its behalf, as described and detailed in Attachment 1.

### **4. CONTRIBUTIONS**

4.1 The contributions of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Australia as described in Attachment 1 are estimated to value eighteen thousand Australian dollars (AUD\$18,000) and sixty eight thousand four hundred and fifty Australian dollars (AUD\$68,450) respectively. The financial contribution of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will be subject to its annual Congressional appropriations. The financial contribution of the Government of Australia will be subject to the normal annual parliamentary approval of appropriations.

4.2 Further to the estimated contributions above, additional funds will be provided by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for payment of taxes incurred through implementation of the project.

### **5. PERSONNEL**

5.1 The Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines will provide personnel possessing the competence required for the project, including Australian and Philippine project leaders. The project leaders will have responsibility for effective implementation in their respective countries.

5.2 Personnel composition in UNE and ViSCA are as described in Attachment 1.

### **6. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND REVIEW**

6.1 Project implementation will follow the schedule specified in Attachment 1. The project leaders will provide a yearly progress report to ACIAR, copies of which will be forwarded to the DFA.

6.2 The Australian and Philippine project leaders will establish regular consultations on project progress, direction and schedules.

6.3 Philippine project leaders will join the yearly co-ordination meeting of all project leaders from the three countries involved in the project.