

September 11, 2002

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
CONCERNING TOURISM COOPERATION**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "BOTH PARTIES"**

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly relations and mutual understanding existing between the two countries;

AWARE that tourism, on account of its socio-cultural and economic dynamism, is an excellent instrument to promote goodwill and to enhance the relations between them;

RECALLING that both the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People's Republic of China have encouraged travel and tourism between their peoples for the purpose of study, cultural exchange, recreation, business, and congresses and conventions pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding on Tourism Cooperation signed by both Parties in Manila on 21 April 1989, the Agreement on Tourism Cooperation signed by both Parties in Beijing on 10 May 1990, and its implementing Protocol for 1993-1994 signed on 26 April 1993; and,

RECOGNIZING their common interest to establish greater cooperation in tourism exchange of equality and mutual benefit;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

Both Parties shall take necessary measures to enhance friendly and cooperative relationship between the two countries, so as to promote mutual understanding between the two peoples.

ARTICLE II

Both Parties shall encourage communications between their tourism departments to promote understanding between the counterpart officials and exchange views concerning the sustainable development of bilateral tourism cooperation.

ARTICLE III

Both Parties shall endeavor to assist tour operators from either side in fostering mutually – beneficial links with their counterparts and in obtaining information necessary to enhance travel and tourism service between the two countries.

ARTICLE IV