

法規名稱：MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIWAN ON AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY COOPERATION

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The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines and the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) in Taiwan, hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties;"

Desiring to enhance the existing friendly relations between the agricultural authorities of the Contracting Parties through technical and economic cooperation in agriculture and fisheries; and

Recognizing the advantages to be gained by their respective peoples from the implementation of such cooperation;

Have agreed as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

- 1.The Contracting Parties, in conformity with their respective laws and regulations, including those on conservation and management of natural resources, shall promote scientific, technical and economic cooperation in the fields of agriculture and fisheries, including but not limited to:
  - a.Exchange of professionals, scientists and technicians to facilitate study, observation and training in agriculture and fishery;
  - b.Establishment of a mechanism to enhance institutional capabilities to comply with relevant international sanitary and phytosanitary standards;
  - c.Encouragement of joint venture investment between the private sector in areas of agriculture, aquaculture, marine fisheries, post harvest, handling, food processing and marketing technologies for agriculture and fishery products;
  - d.Exploration of possible modes of commercial fishing which the fishermen of both sides can undertake in the future;
  - e.Establishment of a mechanism to help prevent poaching activities including expeditious resolution of alleged poaching cases on the waters of both sides.
- 2.The Contracting Parties shall encourage the involvement of academic, scientific and business communities and related entities to generate broadened interest and increased activities in the fields of agriculture and fishery.

## ARTICLE II

1. The Contracting Parties agree to negotiate specific project agreements in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum to implement projects on programs in the aforementioned areas of cooperation.

## ARTICLE III

To ensure the implementation of this Memorandum, the agricultural authorities of the Contracting Parties shall establish a Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of an equal number of representatives from both sides.

- a. The TWG shall be co-chaired by senior officials of the agricultural authorities of the Contracting Parties;
- b. The agricultural authorities of the Contracting Parties shall designate liaison officers to the TWG to coordinate with concerned agencies and deal with daily and routine work of the TWG thus established;
- c. The TWG shall formulate and submit a regular work program on agriculture and fishery cooperation;
- d. The TWG shall meet annually, or as may be necessary, the venue alternating between the Contracting Parties.

## ARTICLE IV

1. The agricultural authorities of the Contracting Parties shall bear the cost of their respective participation in cooperation activities unless both sides agree otherwise.
2. Activities pursuant to this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funds and personnel of the respective agricultural authorities of the Contracting Parties.

## ARTICLE V

Disputes concerning the implementation of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties.

## ARTICLE VI

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines and the Manila Economic and Cultural Office in Taiwan.

## ARTICLE VII

Any revision or amendment agreed upon by the Contracting Parties shall be in writing and shall enter into force on the date of signature.

## ARTICLE VIII

This Memorandum shall be valid for a period of three years and

shall automatically be renewed for the same period unless sooner terminated by written notice by either of the Contracting Parties six months prior to the intended date of termination. The termination of this Memorandum is without prejudice to the completion of on-going cooperative undertakings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Memorandum.

Done at Taipei, on the 30th day of September, 2005, in duplicate in the English language.

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