

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines
and
The Manila Economic and Cultural Office in Taiwan
Concerning Cooperation on Education and Learning Linkages

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 parties", agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning Cooperation on Education and Learning Linkages.

The parties, realizing the positive contribution of a strong education and learning-related linkages between and among the educators and educational institutions located in the territories of the Parties to the development of each others' educational system, have reached the following understanding:

Article 1: PURPOSES

To maintain and enhance cooperation in educational matters and to promote mutual understanding and the pursuit of common benefits and collaborative development in the education sector, the parties will pursue the development of a work plan through which they may achieve purposes:

Article 2: ACTIVITIES

The parties agree to pursue, through this MOU, the following activities:

1. The promotion of educational and academic exchanges between individuals, organizations and educational institutions, both public and private, in Taiwan and the Philippines.
2. The promotion of study opportunities in Taiwan and the Philippines.
3. The promotion of assistance, information and services, educational opportunities and scholarships.
4. The development of research partnerships with appropriate cooperative organizations in Taiwan and the Philippines regarding seminars, project conferences and collaborative research in areas of mutual interest.
5. The encouragement of joint efforts in language teaching which may include such as: teacher training for language teachers, assistance for the recruitment of language teachers, assistance to the relevant authorities in Taiwan and the Philippines, the organization of relevant conferences or colloquia in the field of education related research and language teaching.



Article 3: COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. Designated Representatives

Each party shall designate its representative who shall be responsible for coordinating activities concerning this MOU. For TECO, its designated representative shall be the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations (BICER). For MECO, its designated representative shall be the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

2. Working Group

A Technical Working Group (TWG) will be formed by the parties consisting of officers of the designated representatives and the parties to develop and oversee a work plan to implement this MOU. The TWG will be co-chaired by senior officials of the designated representatives, and may involve participation of other agencies as appropriate. The Technical Working Group, thus formed, will meet at least once a year.

3. Work Plans

An annual work plan will be developed based on proposal submitted to the Technical Working Group. The nature and priority of specific cooperation areas, the types of activities, and the development of annual work plans to be implemented under this MOU will be determined by the Technical Working Group on behalf of the parties.

4. Involvement of other Organizations


The parties will promote, facilitate and encourage, as appropriate, the development of direct contacts between institutions, scientific research and other organizations and private sectors including relevant industry or stakeholder associations.

Article 4: COSTS

Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, each party participating in cooperative activities and initiatives will be responsible for all costs of its participation at the Technical Working Group and other joint meetings.

Article 5: LIABILITY

In implementing the cooperative activities under this MOU, each party will be responsible for its own acts and results thereof, and will not be responsible for the acts of the other party and results thereof.



Article 6: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The MOU does not affect intellectual property rights of the parties. In proposed cooperative activities, where it is foreseeable that questions related to intellectual property rights might arise, the parties, in accordance with their national laws, will agree in advance as to the effective protection and allocation of those intellectual property rights.

Article 7: GENERAL PROVISIONS

The MOU shall come into force on the date of the signature by both parties and remain in effect for a period of five years. This MOU may be extended or amended with the written consent of both parties.

This MOU maybe terminated by either party at anytime, upon three months written notice being given to the other party. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the validity or duration of activities agreed upon hereunder and initiated prior to such termination, unless the parties otherwise agree.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding at Ministry of Education, this 22nd day of May 2012 and done in duplicate in the English language.



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Taipei Economic and Cultural Office



Antonio I. Basilio
Resident Representative
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Signed in the Presence of:

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