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The Honorable  
**GARY SONG-HUANN LIN**  
Representative  
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office  
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Dear **Representative Lin**,

I have the honor to inform you that the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE (MECO) AND THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE (TECO) CONCERNING COOPERATION ON EDUCATION AND LEARNING LINKAGES** is expiring on 21 May 2017.

Upon consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs), they have expressed interest to continue further engagements in linkage building and cooperation with Taiwan's Ministry of Education and collaborating universities. In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that our side would like to extend the validity of the MOU to another five (5) years or until a more comprehensive MOU is agreed upon between us.

I believe that the increasing number of collaborative undertakings between and among our universities and colleges, as propelled especially by Taiwan's "New Southbound Policy", is a strong indication of the flourishing cultural and educational exchanges among our peoples which translates into closer cooperation among our authorities.

It is in this light that we are hopeful for your concurrence on the proposed extension of the validity of the said MOU for another five years, or until a new MOU is agreed upon by both sides, through an Exchange of Letters between our Offices.

We remain steadfast in our pursuit of greater partnerships between our peoples and authorities under the MECO-TECO mechanism. We also acknowledge your special and keen attention and vigorous support to developing better cultural and educational linkages as you are an excellent educator and historian yourself.



I hope that you will find this proposed Exchange of Letters on the extension of the validity period of the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE MANILA ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE (MECO) AND THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE (TECO) CONCERNING COOPERATION ON EDUCATION AND LEARNING LINKAGES** acceptable.

If you are amenable to the proposal to extend the validity of the aforesaid MOU through an Exchange of Letters, kindly advise us accordingly.

With my best wishes.

Very truly yours,

**ANGELITO T. BANAYO**  
Chairman and  
Resident Representative

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**Hon. Angelito T. Banayo**  
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**Honorable Chairman and Representative Banayo,**

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 May 2017 regarding the extension of the validity of the 2012 Memorandum of Understanding between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) and the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) Concerning Cooperation on Education and Learning Linkages which reads as follows:

“Upon consultation with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and other Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs), they have expressed interest to continue further engagements in linkage

our side would like to extend the validity of the MOU to another five (5) years or until a more comprehensive MOU is agreed upon between us... ”

“It is in this light that we are hopeful for your concurrence on the proposed extension of the validity of the MOU for another five years, or until a new MOU is agreed upon by both sides, through an Exchange of Letters between our Offices...”

In reply, I have the honor to confirm that the proposal set forth in your letter under reference is agreeable to my office and to the Department of International and Cross-Strait Education, Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan) and that your letter and this letter shall constitute an Agreement between our two sides to extend the validity of the aforesaid MOU with effect from 22 May 2017 for another five (5) years until 21 May 2022.

Please accept, Honorable Chairman, the assurances of my highest consideration and best regards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Song-Huann Lin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

**Dr. Gary Song-Huann Lin**  
Representative