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HONORABLE MICHAEL PEI-YUNG HSU

Head of Mission

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office

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Dear **Representative Hsu**:

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 IN THE PHILIPPINES (TECO) CONCERNING COOPERATION ON EDUCATION AND LEARNING LINKAGES”** is expiring on 21 May 2022.

The increasing cooperation between our State Universities and your various Universities in the past five years along with your government’s New Southbound Policy promoting educational and cultural cooperation among the identified partners in Southeast Asia and South Asia validates the stated objectives of the said MOU.

In order to build more on the achievements of the collaborative undertakings, we propose to further extend the validity of the said MOU for another ten years from 21 May 2022 up to 21 May 2032 or until a new MOU is agreed upon by both parties, through an Exchange of Letters.

We remain positive in our pursuit of greater partnerships between our peoples and authorities under the MECO-TECO mechanism.

We hope that you will find our proposed Exchange of Letters on the MOU extension acceptable.

With my best wishes.

Very truly yours,

WILFREDO B. FERNANDEZ

Chairman and Resident Representative

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May 20, 2022

Dear Chairman Fernandez,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 07 March 2022 regarding the extension of the validity of the **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**, signed on 22 May 2012, which reads as follows:

“In order to build more on the achievements of the collaborative undertakings, we propose to further extend the validity of the said MOU for another ten years from 21 May 2022 up to 21 May 2032 or until a new MOU is agreed upon by both parties, through an Exchange of Letters.”

In reply, I have the honor to confirm that the proposal set forth in your letter referred is agreeable to my office and to the Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan), and to agree that your letter and this letter shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two governments, which will extend the validity of the aforesaid MOU,

effective from 21 May 2022 for another ten (10) years until 21 May 2032.

Furthermore, in reference to Article 3, paragraph 1 of the MOU, the designated representative of TECO shall be the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations (BICER). In this regard, we wish to inform your good office that BICER changed its name in 2013, and is now referred to as the Department of International and Cross-strait Education (DICE).

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of three Chinese characters: 徐佩雲.

Ambassador Peiyung Hsu
Representative