

**EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE YEARS 2016-2018**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as "the Sides".

DESIRING to expand bilateral cultural exchanges and to further strengthen the friendly relations existing between the countries, on the basis of the Cultural Agreement signed in New Delhi on 6 September 1969.

HAVE agreed through mutual consultations, upon the following Executive Programme for Cultural Exchanges for the period 2016-2018.

**Article I - Cultural and Arts Exchanges**

1. Both Sides will exchange visits between the Cultural Planners Association of the Philippines and Indian Cultural Officials, with each delegation consisting of six members for a period of ten days within the period of the program.
2. (i) Both Sides will exchange visits of three historians for a period of three weeks for the purpose of research/lecturing subject to mutual consultations.  
(ii) Both Sides will exchange three archaeologists to study the archaeological material of pre, proto and early historic times for a period of two weeks each.  
(iii) Both Sides will exchange two young archaeologists under the leadership of an expert for a period of one month to study and analyse the existing material as well as to explore the ancient cultural routes for ascertaining Indian contacts with Philippines with special reference to later Iron Age.  
The National Museum in Manila and the National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Property in Lucknow shall exchange one conservator each, subject to mutual consultations. The two agencies will also exchange publications and other resource materials in the field of cultural heritage preservation.
3. Both Sides will exchange visits of a delegation of four dance educators for a period for two weeks. The receiving party will organize the workshop as well as the performance. Both sides shall consider sending/receiving exhibitions of paintings, photography and textiles to each other's country.

4. (i) The Philippines Educational Theater Association (PETA) and India's National School of Drama shall exchange one or two theatre school administrators who will compare management styles and course syllabi. Details shall be worked out through mutual consultations.
- (ii) Both sides shall consider exchange of faculty members, students, management and technical staffs with the theatre institutes in Philippines on a reciprocal basis.
- (iii) Both sides shall facilitate an exchange of records, journals and publications on performing arts.
- (iv) Both sides shall participate in the theatre festival held in either country upon invitation and based on the condition and the schedule provided by the Organizing Committee of the festival and consider exchange of performances between similar theatre institutes in both the countries.

#### **Article II - Books and Publication**

1. Both Sides will exchange publication and information materials for each other's country.
2. (i) Both Sides shall promote the cooperation and exchanges of delegations of writers, particularly eminent novelists, who will conduct talks, workshops and book signings.
- (ii) The National Libraries of two countries shall exchange on reciprocal basis publications and other reading materials of mutual interest.
- (iii) Both Sides will exchange visit of one expert from library field, each from India (National Library, Kolkata) and Philippines on reciprocal basis for a period not exceeding two weeks.

#### **Article III - Film**

1. Both Sides will hold in 2016 to 2018 a film festival in each other's country for a period not exceeding five days, during which a delegation consisting of two/three members will be sent to attend the activities. These delegation members shall also conduct a filmmaking seminar/workshop in the Film and Television Institute in Pune and the University of the Philippines Film Institute/Mowelfund Film Institute/Marilou Diaz-Abaya Film Institute and Arts Center in Manila.

2. Both Sides shall encourage their own film, outfits to participate in international film festivals held in each other's country.

#### **Article IV - Archives and Heritage**

1. Both Sides shall support development of cooperation between National Archives of both countries, pursuant to direct agreements between them, in particular for organizing visits of experts in archival and allied disciplines, implementation of common projects, exchange of information, publications and copies of archival documents and organizing exhibitions based on their respective archival collections and of interest to each Party.
2. Both Sides shall consider and encourage/facilitate:
  - (i) Study of the artistic heritage, Folk lore/folk traditions and narrative forms;
  - (ii) Devising creative activities for cognitive and skill development of the students;
  - (iii) Exploring possibilities of developing Art Academies, Museums, Cultural Centres and Educational Institutions as Centres of learning;
  - (iv) Development of audio-visual and printed educational materials for student and teachers to learn art, music, dance, theatre and puppetry and any other form of tangible or intangible arts;
  - (v) Documentation of the Arts, Museum objects and Production of Cultural Resources.

#### **Article V - Expenditure**

1. The Sending country will pay for the international travel to the persons and transport expenses of items for exchange as stipulated in the present Executive Programme. The international travel and transport expenses to be borne by the sending country will be those incurred from the sending country to the city where the official visit starts in the host country and from the city where the official visit ends en route the sending country. The host country will provide the internal expenses, which will include suitable boarding and lodging, allowance for sundry expenses, local transportation allowance and medical treatment in cases of emergency. The accommodation to be provided by the host country shall meet internationally accepted standards of comfort befitting the rank of the visitors concerned.

2. The consular sections of the Republic of India in Manila and the Republic of the Philippines in New Delhi shall grant appropriate visas to cultural delegations, scholars and other participants under this Executive Programme.
3. The sending country will shoulder the costs of any extension of its delegation's period of stay in the host country beyond the period stipulated in the Executive Programme as agreed upon between the two Sides.

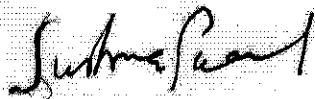
#### Article VI – Others

1. Further consultations on the details of the items for exchange stipulated in the present Executive Programme will be conducted between the Department of Foreign Affairs for the Philippines side and the Ministries and Departments concerned for the Indian side.
2. If it is necessary to add or omit some items during the implementation of the present Executive Programme, agreement on such additions or omissions will be made through consultations between the National Commission for Cultural and the Arts for the Philippine side and the Ministry of Culture for the Indian side, in coordination with the respective Foreign Ministries.
3. The present Executive Programme will enter into force on the day of its signing and will be valid up to 31 December 2018, unless either Side requests its termination by serving a written notice to the other Side at least three months prior to the intended termination.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Executive Programme.

Done at New Delhi on the Fourteenth Day of October, Two Thousand and Fifteen, in two originals, each in the English and Hindi languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt in interpretation the English version shall prevail.

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