



SISTERHOOD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE QUEZON CITY GOVERNMENT AND THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS

The Quezon City Government and the City Government of General Santos both of the Republic of the Philippines, herein referred to as "The Parties."

Desiring to promote favorable relations of partnership and cooperation between the peoples of the two cities; and

Recognizing the importance of the principles of equality and mutual cooperation and benefits:

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I

The parties, shall in accordance with their prevailing laws and regulations, shall establish a Sister City Cooperation to promote and expand effective mutually beneficial efforts for the development of both cities, within the limits of their financial, material and human resource capabilities, in the following fields:

1. Exchange of best practices on Social Services
2. Exchange of best practices on Economic Enterprise development and management particularly on the exchange on best practises on local college
3. Exchange of trade and commerce through advertising patronizing each city's assets with the assistance of the private sector;
4. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise promotion and development.
5. Exchange of culture, heritage and arts through promotion and development;
6. Exchange of best practices on information communication and technology, local government administration, revenue generation, resources management, halal industry, environmental protection and other innovative programs and projects;
7. Exchange of school students, teachers, workers, correspondence, and sports;
8. Cross visits of government officials, employees, and public and private organization to learn about effective governance and efficient public service practices;
9. Other special projects that may be identified later.

Article II

To facilitate the implementation of this Sisterhood Agreement, the Parties may conclude arrangements, within the terms of this agreement, which cover the fields of cooperation provided in Article I hereof.

Article III

To implement such fields of cooperation, both parties agree to establish a Quezon City – General Santos City Joint Technical Working Group that shall prepare and recommend short-term and medium-term program of activities to implement the sisterhood arrangements. The said joint working group shall meet at least twice a year and alternately in Quezon City or General Santos City to plan and evaluate the implementation of the Sisterhood Agreement.

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If such meeting cannot be held for whatever reason, exchange of documents may be made in lieu of the said meeting.

Article IV

Difference arising out of the interpretation of implementation of this Sisterhood Agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Article V

The Sisterhood Agreement may be modified by mutual consent between the Parties, but such modifications must be in writing

Article VI

The Sisterhood Agreement shall come into force on the date of the signing and shall be in force unless terminated in writing by either Party, giving at least six months' notice in advance to the other party. Should this "Sisterhood Agreement" be terminated, the arrangement agreed upon by the parties shall remain in force until such time when the implementation of the program of activities in the fields of cooperation has been carried out to its completion.

Article VII

Both Parties agreed to provide the human, financial and other resources required to implement the programs and activities related to the realization of the objectives of this Sisterhood Agreement

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