



# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (City Sisterhood Agreement) BETWEEN THE CITIES OF QUEZON AND NAGA

WHEREAS, the people of the Naga City and Quezon City through their respective Mayors, have expressed their desire to maximize their respective efforts towards promotion of peace and understanding, through people-to-people interaction in the areas of culture, education, new technology, commerce, trade, agriculture, ecology and local governance;

WHEREAS, the objectives outlined above deserves the highest attention and priority on the principle that the guest for peace and understanding can be better attained through the personal level of awareness of the people of both cities;

WHEREAS, for their mutual benefit, both cities, agreed to undertake the following programs;

#### I. OFFICIAL VISITS

Both Mayors agree to authorize official visits to each city in alternate years. Composition of the delegations – government and private sectors – to be decided based upon interest and results of negotiations.

## II. PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, COMMERCE AND INVESTMENT

Both cities shall work to increase their economic ties, in order to promote increased commerce, trade and investment and both cities agree to provide access to their respective ports and foreign trade zones at competitive rates and terms. In addition, a Naga-Quezon Investment Committee will be established to review, recommend and facilitate projects and joint ventures which will promote economic development. The committee in both cities will include government and private sector executives, appointed by each Mayor. Also, each city offers the other the invitation to establish representative offices or to authorize existing offices of local businesses to represent their interests.

#### III. EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE

The cities of Naga and Quezon shall adopt a faculty and students exchange program, details to be worked out in a separate agreement between the two cities.

#### IV. EXPERT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A scheme for an expert exchange program shall be developed to facilitate technical capability building in terms of LGU computer technology, resource generation and mobilization, community organizing and other areas of local government expertise through on-the-job trainings, seminar – workshops and others.

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#### V. CROSS VISITS

Study tours or "Lakbay-Aral" and other exchange visits shall be encouraged to facilitate sharing of learning's and techniques on outstanding or exceptional city programs on social economic and environmental reforms.

#### VI. CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Both cities shall adopt a city officials exchange program where selected key officials in each city will be sent to the other to share experiences and observations on city administration, operations and other official activities. Such exchange will be conducted under guidelines established by both mayors.

#### VII. TOURISM

Each city shall take positive steps to help promote and enhance the tourist industry of the other, in addition, both cities agree to develop opportunities for visitors from each city to the other. These efforts will be designed to provide for home stay and other activities that provide intensive exposure to cultural and community life. Both cities also agree to mount promotion weeks to feature the unique qualities of each city. These promotion weeks would be delivered with the assistance of the visitor and retail business, including major department stores.

#### VIII. SECTORAL EXCHANGE

Both cities agree to share programs initiated by the government and private sector towards sectoral social development such as housing, health and other social and economic programs geared towards the upliftment of the concerned division.

#### IX. PLANTS

Both cities shall exchange rare plants for propagation in appropriate places within their territory, especially tree that can contribute best to the restoration and conservation of the environment.

### X. STREETS

The City of Naga shall name a street in Naga after the Quezon City and the City of Quezon will name a street after Naga City in Quezon.

#### XI. ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL

Both cities agree to entertain additional project proposals as long as they are able to be funded and meet the criteria of offering mutual benefit and promoting people-to-people relations. As plans develop, they will be reviewed and final approval outlined in the letter agreements as amendments to the memorandum.

Both cities agree that this agreement shall be in English and shall be the official text.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Cities of NAGA and QUEZON as represented by their respective Mayors have hereunto signed this agreement this 6th day of February, 2017 in the City of Quezon, Philippines. HERBERT CONSTANTINE M. BAUTISTA G. BONGAT Mayor, Quezon City or, Naga City Attested by: MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE-ALIMURUNG Vice Mayor, Quezon City **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** Republic of the Philippines) Quezon City S.S. BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of COTY JAN 2018 of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, personally came and appeared with Community Tax Certificate No. \_, known to be the same person at who executed the foregoing instrument which he acknowledged before me as his free and voluntary act and dead. Doc. No. 92 Admin. Mat. 1710 1 8-(71), 017-2016)

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