

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

between

ASIA-PACIFIC ACCREDITATION AND CERTIFICATION COMMISSION (APACC)

Manila, Philippines

and

1.0 PURPOSE

We, the undersigned, enter into this voluntary Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) concerning mutual support to advance the core principles of accreditation and certification of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Systems for Human Resources Development (HRD) in Asia and the Pacific Region, starting with the concerned country in cooperation with APACC.

2.0 TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 2.1 *Whereas*, the Colombo Plan Staff College (CPSC), as the center of excellence for human resources development in TVET, has initiated the creation of a regional inter-governmental accreditation and certification body to harmonize and standardize qualification standards in the TVET sector in the Asia and Pacific region;
- 2.2 *Whereas*, the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC) was established in Seoul, Republic of Korea in December 2004 by virtue of a declaration passed by delegates from CPSC participating member countries;
- 2.3 *Whereas*, the role and work of APACC are fortified through the Manila Resolution of Commitment 2005 by participants to the 2005 APACC Workshop.
- 2.4 *Whereas*, both institutions recognize the role that will be played by APACC in the region, which necessitates country-based support to key in a bottom-up approach towards achieving harmonized TVET systems and top-down approach towards the promotion of accreditation and certification principles.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties agree to:

- 3.1 Promote the objectives and goals of the APACC as a mechanism to encourage TVET systems for HRD such as Polytechnic Colleges, Technical Colleges, Vocational Training Institutions, Tertiary and Secondary Schools, TVET Modules of Universities, and others, to undergo a self-study evaluation under APACC procedures and standards;

- 3.2 Identify opportunities for prescriptive directions towards encouraging TVET systems for HRD in _____ to undertake accreditation and certification by APACC;
- 3.3 Identify TVET systems for HRD under the purview of _____ to apply for accreditation and certification by APACC;
- 3.4 Tap qualified local accreditors, in addition to already-identified National Coordinator for Accreditation (NCA) from _____, who may be trained on APACC accreditation procedures as would-be accreditors for scheduled accreditation activities in _____.

4.0 Agreed Parameters

- 4.1 This document sets out an agreement that has been reached and as such is not intended to be legally enforceable.
- 4.2 Each party acknowledges that the other remains independent and that this understanding confers no rights unless by expressed agreement, and that each has external limits on the extent and nature of cooperation permitted between the parties.
- 4.3 The parties recognize that they are separate organizations and have their respective accountabilities and organizational policies and guidelines.
- 4.4 Any new development and enhancement of policies and guidelines will be discussed in APACC Board Meetings composed of NCAs.

This Agreement will be valid for five years from the date of signing; the duration may be extended by the parties prior to that date or ended by action of the parties.

Signed:

Signature: **Date:**.....
Name: **Dr. Man-Gon Park**
Title: President, APACC

Signature: **Date:**.....
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