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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **2ND PHILIPPINES-HUNGARY JOINT COMMISSION ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL**

DATE : **DEC 17 2020**

This is to respectfully refer the letter dated 14 December 2020 from the Department of Trade and Industry, sharing the 2nd Philippines-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) Protocol.

DTI further encourages to sustain the momentum and undertake follow-up work on the agenda items that fall under the department's purview.

For your information and appropriate action.


ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

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Let's Go Green!!!

Re: Invitation to the 2nd Philippines-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC)

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Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

The Department of Trade and Industry would like to thank the inter-agency for your substantive contribution and active participation in the 2nd Philippines-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (2nd PH-HU JCEC) Meeting held last 03-04 December 2020.

Moving forward, we highly encourage your office to sustain the momentum and undertake follow up work on the agenda items that fall under your purview. Please find enclosed the advance copy of the signed 2nd PH-HU JCEC Protocol for your reference. An official letter transmitting the same will be sent separately. You may likewise access the joint press release on the JCEC through this link: <https://www.dti.gov.ph/news/joint-commission-on-economic-cooperation/>

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

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PROTOCOL
OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PHILIPPINE-HUNGARIAN
JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Manila, December 3-4, 2020

The Second Session of the Philippine-Hungarian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), established in accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Hungary on Economic Cooperation, signed on March 28, 2017, was held on December 3-4, 2020 in Manila.

The Philippine delegation (hereinafter referred to as the Philippine Side) was headed by H.E. Dr. Ceferino S. Rodolfo, Undersecretary for Industry Development and Trade Policy of the Department of Trade and Industry of the Republic of the Philippines and Co-Chair of the Philippine Side of the Commission.

The Hungarian delegation (hereinafter referred to as the Hungarian Side) was headed by H.E. István Joó, Deputy State Secretary for Export Development of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and Co-Chair of the Hungarian Side of the Commission.

The Agenda of the Session and the composition of the Philippine and Hungarian Delegations (hereinafter referred to as both Sides) are listed in Annexes I, and II respectively.

On the occasion of the Second Session of the Commission the following agreements were signed:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Food and Drug Administration of the Republic of the Philippines and Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary on Cooperation in the Field of Food Safety;
- Strategic Cooperation Agreement between the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Hungarian Water Technology Corporation Ltd. (HWTC); and
- Strategic Cooperation of Undertaking between the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) and HWTC.

The deliberations of the Second Session of the Commission took place in a cordial atmosphere of mutual understanding, reflecting the desire to find practical, feasible and effective ways and means that could expand the cooperation between the Philippines and Hungary, which is on a mutually beneficial basis and in line with the potential of the countries.

The bilateral relations between the Republic of the Philippines and Hungary have improved largely since the reopening of the Embassy of Hungary in Manila. The visit of Mr. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade to the Philippines in 2017 has given a significant impetus to accelerating the relations between the two countries. Both Sides noted with satisfaction the growing number of high-level contacts between the ministries and government agencies, as well as of business visits.

Both Sides agreed that the Inaugural Session enhanced the common projects as well as contributed to the results achieved in different fields of cooperation. Both Sides expressed their assurance that the Second Session of the Commission will have a positive influence on the development of future bilateral cooperation between the Republic of the Philippines and Hungary.

In accordance with the articles of the Agenda of the Commission accepted by both Sides, the following decisions and recommendations were adopted.

I. Status of economic relations

Both Sides exchanged information on the economic development and economic policies being implemented in each country, including measures aimed to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both Sides also emphasized the potential for development cooperation and common interests of mutual concerns.

1. Bilateral trade and economic cooperation

Both Sides welcomed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) and HEPA Hungarian Export Promotion Agency Nonprofit Company Limited by Shares (HEPA) signed on April 3, 2019, on the margin of the Inaugural Session.

Recognizing the potential of the Philippine market, HEPA is ready to foster business relations between Hungarian and Philippine companies. HEPA is open to cooperate and suggest contacts and cooperation with relevant professional and business organizations in the Philippines. HEPA pays special attention to the cooperation with its partner organization PITC. In the framework of the cooperation, HEPA would inform the Philippine organizations about Hungarian business delegations attending exhibitions, as well as about relevant sectoral exhibitions organized in Hungary. HEPA is also ready to prepare business events for either Philippine delegations visiting Hungary or Hungarian delegations visiting the Philippines.

The Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry has an excellent working relationship with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2017 at the ceremony of the re-opening of the Embassy of Hungary in Manila provides a framework for the cooperation. It aims to facilitate bilateral business matching, to distribute relevant business information and to organize events.

Both Sides highlighted the possibility of the collaboration among the startups of the countries, and welcomed the initiative of the private sector considering the discussion among the relevant actors.

2. Tied aid credit cooperation

Both Sides agreed to continue negotiations regarding a potential tied aid cooperation by identifying, assessing new and discussing already identified prospective projects, such as the rehabilitation and monitoring of the Laguna Lake and the procurement of containerized mobile water treatment compact units.

Other potential projects could be identified in the fields of water-treatment, agricultural development, and IT, and those enumerated in Article II of the Framework Agreement on

Technical Cooperation signed between the two Governments on July 13, 2020. In order to initiate formal negotiations about the establishment of a framework programme for tied aid credit cooperation, the Philippine Side, through the Department of Finance (DOF) after consultation with the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), will need to send an official request containing the list of the proposed projects and the total estimated budget with the detailed project descriptions enclosed as a requirement for the Hungarian Side. Following the conclusion of the Framework Agreement for Financial Cooperation and Tied Aid Credit and in accordance with the Philippine Side's standard procedures and legal requirements for processing Official Development Assistance (ODA), the DOF proceeds with the negotiation and signing of the loan facility agreement of the projects with the Hungarian Export-Import Bank PLC.

3. Investment

Both Sides emphasized the importance of mutually enhanced investment activity, which is indispensable for developing bilateral economic relations. Both Sides welcomed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Philippine Board of Investments (BOI) and the Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA) signed at the margin of the First Session, and expressed the readiness to provide client oriented services for potential investors.

The Philippine Side informed the Hungarian Side on the recent launch of its international marketing campaign, the "Make It Happen in the Philippines", which focuses on the Philippines' key industries with the most potential for foreign investment. The said campaign is also part of the Philippine government's efforts to rebuild the economy during and post-COVID-19. The Philippine Side encouraged the Hungarian Side to disseminate information to their stakeholders and to consider the Philippines as their next investment destination.

II. Discussion on the areas of cooperation

1. Manufacturing

Both Sides acknowledged the importance of enhancing bilateral investment flows and strengthening technical cooperation in light of the current global pandemic. Relatedly, the Philippine side presented opportunities in Philippine pharmaceuticals, PPE and medical devices. The Hungarian Side thanked the Philippine Side for the information on aforesaid business opportunities in manufacturing and conveyed interest to see where both Sides can pursue collaboration on.

Furthermore, the Philippine Side also presented details of the IC Design Faculty Immersion concept that was proposed during the Inaugural Session of the Philippine-Hungarian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation. The Hungarian Side expressed openness to further review the proposal so that both Sides can move forward to the IC Design Faculty Immersion Project.

The Philippine Side also proposed a possible signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the respective electronics industry associations of the Philippines and Hungary to outline additional areas of cooperation and activities in the field of electronics.

2. Water management

The Hungarian Side is ready for cooperation on water management between the appropriate ministries and institutions with special regard to exchange of information and experience in the fields of integrated river basin management, planning, drinking and wastewater management to mitigate the negative water-related effects of climate change, including those related to droughts and water scarcity, flood management, water resource management, transboundary cooperation as well as water related education. Both Sides agreed to further explore opportunities for cooperation in the areas of more effective and efficient water management practices, including the groundwater management, wastewater management, technological innovation, and improving the efficiency of water supply infrastructure.

The Hungarian Ministry of Interior's Deputy State Secretariat of Public Employment and Water, their departments, the General Directorate for Water Management and the regional Directorates are ready to cooperate in water-related issues under their portfolio, in the case of the interest from the Philippine Side.

The Philippine Side expressed interest to explore opportunities of cooperation in terms of exchange of information and experience, organization of seminars and training courses for the experts of the government and supporting institutions, primarily in the field of integrated river basin management, planning, drinking and wastewater management, and mitigation of water damages. Regarding wastewater management, this should include domestic and industrial wastewater treatment technologies and sludge management.

Both Sides welcomed the signing of the Strategic Cooperation of Undertaking between LLDA and HWTC and the Strategic Cooperation Agreement between NDRRMC and HWTC.

3. Agriculture

The field of agriculture offers promising possibilities for the cooperation. Continuing the rice and crop biotechnology research cooperation and joint work among the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), the National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre Research Institution of Irrigation and Water Management, and the International Rice Research Institute aiming to reduce the environmental impacts – such as water demand – and adapt new genotypes and breeding methods is also encouraged.

The National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre Institute of Agricultural Engineering is open to contribute to the success of the Philippine Side through technical and technological research, development, innovation and other activities that help mechanize agriculture.

The National Agricultural Research and Innovation Centre Agri-Environmental Research Institute is ready to assist potential Philippine partners in the field of environmental analysis and study of agricultural pollutants.

The Philippine Side conveyed interest to gain more knowledge and information on liquid waste management and the safe re-use of wastewater for irrigation, fertilization, aquaculture, and other agricultural purposes.

4. Environment and Biodiversity

Both Sides also expressed interest in cooperation on biodiversity genetic resources conservation to develop state of the art forest and animal molecular biology laboratory facility for the DNA barcoding towards product development, technology and science-based regulation or decision-making policy.

5. Food safety

Both Sides welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Food and Drug Administration of the Republic of the Philippines and the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary on the Cooperation in the Field of Food Safety. The MOU serves as a framework for both Sides to collaborate in the field of food safety through information exchange, cooperation programs, post graduate educational exchanges, notification of cases relevant to public health associated with food, among others. Both Sides look forward to the establishment of the Consultation Forum to facilitate the implementation of the MOU.

6. Information and communication technology

Both Sides agreed about the relevance of information and communication technologies (ICT) and digitalization for faster recovery of economic growth and societal progress after the COVID-19 pandemic. Considering the fast and steady increase in technological developments, the collaboration in this field has remained significant. Both Sides agreed that further efforts are needed for broadening the existing collaboration among business partners.

The aims of the future cooperation on IT technologies are:

- strengthening cooperation between Philippine and Hungarian ICT companies and encouraging joint research and projects;
- promoting the establishment of joint Philippine-Hungarian IT companies for entering the markets particularly in developing countries;
- prioritized cooperation on emerging technology fields such as Big Data, high-performance computing, cloud computing, data centres, Internet of Things, ultra-fast digital networks and Artificial Intelligence, among others; and
- widening the cooperation in regards to IT education and R&D as well as assuring participation of Philippine post-graduate students in Hungarian research programmes.

7. Health care

Both Sides agreed that the health sector is an important pillar of the bilateral cooperation and affirmed the importance of promoting the cooperation in health care.

The Philippine Side expressed interest to learn the Hungarian Side's experience on Universal Health Coverage implementation, particularly on healthcare financing mechanisms based on Diagnosis Related Groups and the establishment of Health Enterprise Data Warehouse as a robust platform for health analytics. Moreover, the Philippine Side conveyed interest to learn more about the Hungarian Side's experience on taxation of unhealthy foods, which is considered as a best practice in Europe.

8. Transportation

Both Sides agreed to facilitate transport cooperation and promote mutual benefits by sharing information, experiences and technology in the fields of roads, railways and airports.

Both Sides also expressed interest to facilitate cooperation between the transport-related industries and organization of the two countries with the aim of enhancing their competitiveness in domestic and international markets.

Both Sides will endeavour to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding as a basis for transport cooperation.

The Hungarian Side promotes bilateral cooperation in the field of transportation emphasizing its commitment and readiness to commence negotiations on specific projects around the topics of intelligent transportation, road tolling and traffic control systems (ITS) and weigh-in-motion (WIM) systems. The Hungarian Side expresses the willingness to prepare a feasibility study that presents all the possible technological and economical solutions regarding the introduction and implementation of a country-wide electronic, multi-lane free-flow road tolling system in the Philippines.

The Philippine Side took note of the Hungarian Side's interest on specific cooperation projects on transportation and encouraged the Hungarian Side to coordinate with the relevant Philippine agencies.

9. Energy

Both Sides had initial discussions to explore the possibility of cooperation in the field of nuclear energy. Nevertheless, both Sides are open to other possible bilateral cooperation aside from nuclear energy.

The Hungarian Side welcomed information on the Department of Energy (DOE) Nuclear Energy Program Implementing Organization (NEPIO) strategy and stated its interest in the development and future achievements in the field of nuclear energy.

The Hungarian Side informed the Philippine Side that in agreement with the Minister responsible for the construction of the second Hungarian nuclear power plant in Hungary, H.E. Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, announced that Hungary will include nuclear training in the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship program, additionally, following the preparations, a Nuclear Academy will be established in Paks. Both projects will offer practical knowledge and training in dual higher education to foreign students in the future, in accordance with the principles of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), supporting the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The programs are based on the readily available university and college education and training capacities of Hungary as well as on the training opportunities of the Center for Training and Maintenance at the Paks Nuclear Power Plant. Furthermore, Hungary has more than 60 years of practical experience in the planning, commissioning, operation, maintenance and construction of nuclear power plants and in radioactive waste management.

Given that nuclear training is inevitably linked to security policy, both in terms of energy security and non-proliferation, the Hungarian Side informed the Philippine Side that it is currently working on a draft text for a Philippine-Hungarian Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the education and training of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, which will soon be made available to the Philippine Side. The Hungarian Side informed that the MOU can be established on a ministerial level. Therefore, it would be signed by the Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary and the Ministry responsible for nuclear development on the Philippine Side to be named later. Based on the relevant IAEA conventions, the MOU would pave the way for practical nuclear training and education of Philippine students in Hungary within the framework described above.

Both Sides agreed that they will start drafting an MOU in the field of education and training of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

10. Culture

Both Sides agreed that the cultural exchanges including the introduction of each other's traditional and modern culture are integral parts and valuable promoters of their bilateral relations. Hence, both Sides further agreed to identify potential areas of bilateral cooperation between the relevant cultural institutions that include museums, libraries, archives, performing arts centers, films, and organizations and federations of artists.

Both Sides also highlighted the importance of the exchange of visits of cultural officers and experts at all levels, as well as exchange of information on creating favourable conditions for both Sides to participate in artistic and cultural activities within bilateral and multilateral frameworks.

Cognizant of the restrictions brought about by the current pandemic in the culture sector, both Sides agreed to migrate cultural activities, where applicable, to the digital platform.

11. Education

Both Sides welcomed the growing number of applicants for the Stipendium Hungaricum scholarship programme offered by the Government of Hungary, and confirmed their commitment to the continuation of the programme on the basis of the new Stipendium Hungaricum Memorandum of Understanding for the years 2021-2023, signed on October 15, 2020.

The Hungarian Side shares with pleasure its experience in dual vocational education and training (VET) as well as presents the VET reforms, which were introduced in line with the VET 4.0 Strategy, upon request of the Philippine Side. Both Sides expressed openness to explore the possibility to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen cooperation in technical VET and human resource development. The Philippine Side also conveyed its willingness to pursue further discussions with its Hungarian counterparts to identify specific cooperative activities in areas of common interest, particularly in the area of dual VET.

The Hungarian Rectors' Conference (HRC), the representative body of all the Hungarian higher education institutions intends to cooperate in the execution of the tasks to-be-agreed between the countries. The HRC can support the collaboration in higher educational and research

projects, centrally coordinate and manage the interinstitutional student and staff mobility programs, and strengthen the higher education-related bilateral interinstitutional partnerships.

Both Sides also expressed willingness to promote further collaboration between the Philippine and Hungarian higher education institutions.

The Philippine Side continues to build relations and endeavour to facilitate linkages and collaborations with Hungarian higher education institutions in specific areas of mutual interest such as, but not limited to engineering, humanities and communication social studies, information, technology and systems, mathematics, natural sciences, agriculture, marine sciences, environmental and related programs.

12. Sport

Both Sides agreed to explore cooperation opportunities in the field of sports between organizations and institutions operating in the Philippine and Hungarian sports sector based on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Philippine Sports Commission and the Ministry of Human Capacities of Hungary on cooperation in the field of sports signed on April 3, 2019 in Budapest. The MOU focuses on the fields of infrastructural developments, sports-related IT developments, sports science, and professional knowledge exchange. Furthermore, in May 2019 the Ateneo de Manila University and University of Physical Education of Hungary signed an MOU on sport innovation, training camp in Hungary, motivational trainings and short-term trainings.

The Philippine Side also expressed openness for sports exchange, specifically on gymnastics to train athletes in the elite and grassroots levels, as well as the exchange of coaching technology.

13. Humanitarian assistance

The aim of the Hungary Helps Program (HHP) is to ensure rapid and effective provision of assistance to persecuted Christians and victims of humanitarian catastrophes and to contribute to Hungary's international efforts to eradicate the root causes of migration through direct local assistance. Through the HHP, Hungary strives to help the world's most troubled communities closely following the guidelines laid out by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and with special attention dedicated to the developing countries and the group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) as defined by the United Nations. Through the HHP, Hungary also provides direct support for persecuted Christian communities threatened by radicals and raising domestic and international political and public awareness of the phenomenon and increasing scale of Christian persecution in the 21st century.

Aid activities implemented under the HHP include humanitarian aid projects as well as rapid humanitarian relief in case of natural or man-made catastrophes in countries like the Philippines. The Hungarian Government is committed and ready to take action to help communities suffering from humanitarian crises and was the first member of the international donor community to offer assistance in the recovery and social integration of the survivors of the humanitarian crisis in Jolo, Sulu. Through the HHP, Hungary offered the amount of 10 million HUF, which was officially accepted by the Government of the Philippines on March 21, 2019

In the framework of the Hungary Helps Program, in November 2020, the Hungarian Side allocated 7,5 million HUF in emergency aid to assist the victims of the humanitarian disaster caused by Super Typhoon Rolly.

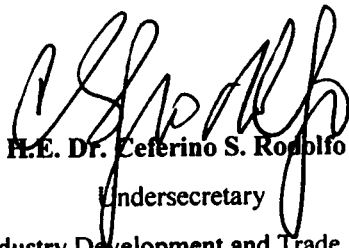
The Philippine Side is appreciative of the aid as it commits to the humanitarian principle of impartiality in its programs and services and prioritizes assistance to families, who were heavily affected by man-made or natural disasters. With the significant impact of Typhoons Quinta, Rolly, and Ulysses to the Philippine Side, the aid from the Hungarian Side will help facilitate the recovery of the typhoon victims and survivors, especially the poor, vulnerable and the disadvantaged, regardless of religious or ethnicity affiliation.

III. Closing Remarks

Both Sides agreed to hold the Third Session of the Commission in Budapest. The specific date will be agreed through diplomatic channels.

Signed on December 4, 2020 in two originals, both in English language with all texts being equally authentic.

**On behalf of the Government
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2nd Philippine-Hungarian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation

December 3-4, 2020

Manila, Philippines

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(3-4 December 2020)**

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