

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NAST), PHILIPPINES

AND

THE U.S. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines and the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America, recognizing both the opportunity for strengthening the important role of science as an area of intellectual inquiry in an era where scientific discovery is unparalleled, and the opportunity to utilize science to address important societal issues, agree by way of this memorandum of understanding to:

- (1.) sponsorship of projects applying science to societal issues that are of mutual interest to the Philippines and the United States of America, including activities that will strengthen the capacity of both the Philippine National Academy of Science and Technology and the US National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council to advise their respective national government.
- (2.) exchange of publications and reports that will foster the above activity.

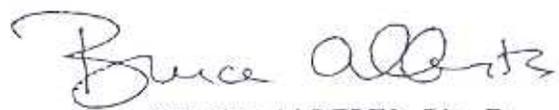
The development of projects between the two academies will be subject to available financial resources for both academies and will be focused on specific activities. This Memorandum of Understanding does not of itself impose any financial obligation on either side.

Signed in Manila, Philippines on 02 April 2002 in two equally authorized copies.

On behalf of
National Academy of Science and
Technology (NAST), Philippines


PERLA D. SANTOS OCAMPO, M.D.
President

On behalf of
National Academy of Sciences of
the United States of America


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