

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement, made and entered into by and between:

The **Local Government Development Foundation** (LOGODEF), represented by its Executive Director, **EDMUND S. TAYAO**, with office address at Suites 333-334, Secretariat Building, PICC, CCP Complex, 1307 Roxas Boulevard, 1000 Manila and hereinafter referred to as the **LOGODEF**,

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The **Association of Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines, Inc.**, represented by its National President, **DR. GRACE GOROSPE-JAMON**, with principal address at Room 202, NCPAG Building, U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City and hereinafter referred to as the **ASPAP, Inc**,

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, LOGODEF is a non-stock, non-profit organization established on March 21, 1989 for the purpose of providing professional services to local governments in support of central government efforts to promote the continuing development of Philippine local authorities;

WHEREAS, LOGODEF, with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAF) as its major institutional partner in strengthening local political institutions in the Philippines through interlocal cooperation, has been helping local governments help themselves in the promotion of local autonomy and self reliance towards the attainment of effective decentralization;

WHEREAS, one of LOGODEF's major objectives is to establish working linkages with academic, research and training institutions for the purpose of pooling resources and information useful in mobilizing integrated and structured responses to increasing capability-building requirements of local governments;

WHEREAS, the Association of Schools of Public Administration in the Philippines, Incorporated (ASPAP, Inc.) is a non-stock, non-partisan, not-for-profit and SEC-registered national organization of schools and institutes of public administration with presence in all regions in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, ASPAP Inc. aims to encourage cooperation and coordination among institutions through mutually beneficial programs, projects and activities such as the development of instruction and research knowledge products, conduct of fora

and discussions on national and international issues relating to the advancement of public administration, public management and/or governance both as a formal field of study and a profession and/or vocation;

WHEREAS, ASPAP Inc. has, through the years, evolved into a developmental organization involved in direct advocacy work and in the implementation of programs/projects and activities targeted to promote/enhance good governance at all levels of the government's politico-administrative structure;

WHEREAS, ASPAP, particularly through its regional chapters, has already established collaborative linkages and/or partnerships with local government units and/or local governance institutions in the research, advocacy and implementation of programs, projects and other activities aimed at capacitating local government units and/or communities on critical public administration and governance concerns in areas such as local development planning and the mainstreaming of the rights-based approach to development;

WHEREAS, both parties agree that their respective mandates and objectives as well as their shared vision towards strengthening local governance and providing local governments/communities all the capacity building support/assistance they need in critical public administration and/or governance concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the foregoing premises, the herein parties hereby enter into this Memorandum of Agreement and hereto Agree to engage in the following areas of cooperation and/or collaboration:

1. Conduct of research and other related forms of inquiries, studies or case documentations on local governance, local government initiatives, projects and/or activities;
2. Development, publication and dissemination of knowledge products on local governance and/or local governance initiatives to local government units, local government institutions, ASPAP schools and other local governance stakeholders;
3. Conduct of fora or other similar activities on local public administration and governance, local initiatives, policies and/or cases/projects; and,
4. Implementation of development programs/projects and activities to assist local governments in the performance of mandated public administration and/or governance functions;

Section I

General Obligations of Parties

- 1.1 The LOGODEF shall be responsible for the following:
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)

- 1.2 The ASPAP Inc. shall be responsible for the following:
 - a) Mobilize its nationwide network of schools and institutes of public administration and governance in pursuit of the activities listed above, in close coordination and collaboration with the LOGODEF;
 - b) Ensure wider participation and dissemination among its members and/or partners in the various collaborative activities, programs and projects with LOGODEF, specially those that build and strengthen partnerships between the academe/ SPAs and LGUs;
 - c) Encourage and guide SPA members to integrate into their annual planning and work programs specific activities that support local capacity development through collaborative mechanisms with LOGODEF;
 - d) Encourage and provide opportunities and/or venues for students, researchers and scholars of public administration from its member SPAs to get to know their local governments through these researches, case studies and other structured learning events with LOGODEF;
 - e) Involve LOGODEF, as much as possible, in ASPAP's academic activities such as fora, conferences and symposia, especially those that will facilitate knowledge sharing not only among LGUs but also among their constituency; and;
 - f) Engage LOGODEF's participation, as much as possible, in the development and implementation of activities that promote and strengthen partnerships between the LGUs and the SPAs pursuant to the "town and gown" principles.

Section II

General Terms

- 2.1 Both parties shall develop detailed terms of reference for their collaboration in every project, activity or research where the deliverables and obligations of each party is clearly spelled out
- 2.2 The cost sharing and/or the detailed mechanism of resource sharing/pooling for every collaborative project, activity or research shall further be spelled out in said terms of reference.
- 2.3 Neither party is constrained by this agreement to bring in and or forge collaborative arrangements with other partner(s) pursuing local governance development objectives, who may be interested to contribute resources to collaborative activities, projects and researches of both parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, all parties hereby affix their signatures this 4th day of April 2008 at _____, _____ Philippines

EDMUND S. TAYAO
Executive Director
Local Government Development
Foundation

DR. GRACE GOROSPE - JAMON
National President
Association of Schools of Public
Administration in the Philippines