

# CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE PHILIPPINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER, INC.

AND

THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

THE PHILIPPINE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER, INC., a non-stock corporation organized and existing under the law of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office at Makati City, Metro Manila, Philippines

and

THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE LIMITED, a company incorporated by guarantee according to the laws of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, People's Republic of China, having its registered seat at Hong Kong with principal office at 38<sup>th</sup> Floor Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Hong Kong S.A.R., China,

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center, Inc., and Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre are both committed to the development of efficient methods of resolving commercial disputes and to assisting parties in solving commercial disputes when they arise;

WHEREAS, with these objectives in mind, both institutions have agreed to cooperate with each other;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the Parties hereby agree to cooperate as follows:

1. In promoting the use of mediation, conciliation, arbitration and any other appropriate related procedures or combinations of procedures.
2. In the development of dispute resolution by the organisation of seminars, conferences and educational programmes whenever appropriate.

3. In providing each other with assistance in:
- i) selection of persons of suitable experience and integrity to be included on our respective panels of mediators, conciliators and arbitrators;
  - ii) the appointment of experts or assessors;
  - iii) the appointment of mediators, conciliators and arbitrators;
  - iv) the provision of facilities and support such as hearing rooms, and administrative services and arranging for translation and transcription;
  - v) obtaining information, publications and advice;
  - vi) any other matter relating to dispute resolution.

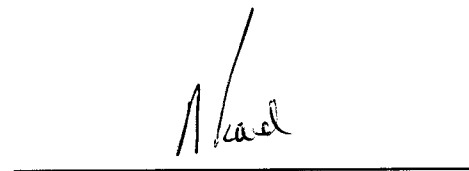
Before incurring any expense, for which one party will require reimbursement, in providing any assistance under this Co-operation Agreement, the party, which will require reimbursement, shall obtain the other party's agreement to incur the expense.

Signed by

for **Philippine Dispute Resolution  
Center, Inc.**

for **Hong Kong International  
Arbitration Centre**

  
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**Sedfrey A. Ordoñez**  
Chairman

  
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**Robin S. Peard**  
Vice-Chairman

Date: 18 JUL 2000

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