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Dear Attorney Ceniza

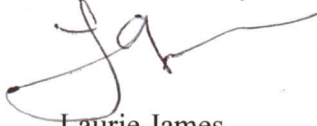
It gives me much pleasure on behalf of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia to write this expression of our gratitude to you and the Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Inc (PDRCI), for agreeing to enter the Memorandum of Co-operation agreement between our two organisations.

As Australia's oldest and largest professional association for ADR professionals, IAMA has in recent times embarked on a positive program to strengthen its linkages with the prominent regional ADR organisations. This agreement will be the fifth such arrangement, and it is most appropriate as it extends the goodwill and friendliness that already exists in commercial and related activities between the Philippines and Australia. The MoC is also seen as a further development of the relationship through our common memberships of the Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG).

I am pleased to advise you that IAMA National Councillor Mr Andrew Robertson has been authorised by our Council to represent the Institute and be our signatory to this new Memorandum of Co-operation between our organisations, to be signed on 12 October 2007 in Manila.

He carries our best wishes and support to this significant occasion.

Yours sincerely



Laurie James  
**National President**



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Memorandum of Co-operation between

The Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Incorporated

and

The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia

Memorandum of Co-operation  
Between  
**The Philippine Dispute Resolution Center**  
**Incorporated**  
And  
**The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia**

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**WHEREAS**

- A. The Philippine Dispute Resolution Center Incorporated (“PDRCI”) and The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (“IAMA”) agree to establish linkage and cooperation in order to maximise the utilisation of their resources through mutual cooperation and sharing of expertise and efforts in education, training and promotion, to advance arbitration, mediation, adjudication and other alternative dispute resolution methods in their respective countries.
- B. The Parties agree to encourage the exchange and dissemination of information between each other’s organisations and to promote understanding and cooperation between their respective members.

THEREFORE, in furtherance of the above, the parties have agreed to enter into a memorandum of co-operation on the following matters.

**1. JOINT ACTIVITIES**

- 1.1. The parties may, subject to separate agreement on specific items, enter into joint projects, events such as conferences, forums, publications, history, standards, educational materials, etc.

- 1.2. Appropriate groupings within each party's organisation are encouraged to develop joint activities, based on additional individual agreements, including co-sponsorship of conferences, joint publications, exchange of papers etc.

## **2. COORDINATION OF CONFERENCES, EVENTS & TECHNICAL MEETINGS**

- 2.1. Plans and schedules for international conferences and major events will be exchanged between the parties. To the extent practical, consultation will take place with the parties when finalizing plans to conduct a major conference or event.

## **3. PUBLICATIONS EXCHANGE & STANDARDS INFORMATION**

- 3.1. By mutual agreement, certain publications may be exchanged between the parties. Each party agrees to display sample copies of publications received from the other parties in their respective libraries/foyers for examination and review by members.
- 3.2. Both institutions will undertake to exchange on a regular basis information relating to each other's activities relating to arbitration, mediation, adjudication and other alternative dispute resolution methods. Both institutions will also undertake to disseminate key information on each other's activities. Links will be made to each other's Web Sites and a system for regular exchange of publications and other information services will be established.

## **4. EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE**

- 4.1. Both institutions will undertake the exchange of expertise available in each other's domain in the area of arbitration, mediation, adjudication and other alternative dispute resolution methods.

## **5. COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND TRAINING**

- 5.1. The institutions will undertake co-arbitration and co-mediation where appropriate and feasible.

## **6. REVIEW, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

- 6.1. The term of this agreement will be for a fixed duration until 30 June 2012.

6.2. Either party may terminate its obligations under this agreement by three months notice in writing to the other party in which case the agreement will become null and void at the end of such three months period of notice.

**7. NOTIFICATION**

7.1. The following addresses apply for the purpose of formal notification under this Agreement:

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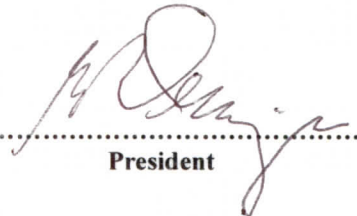
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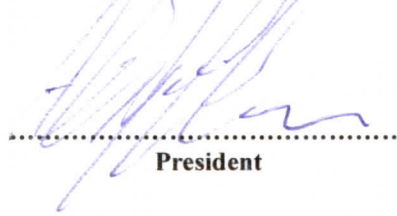
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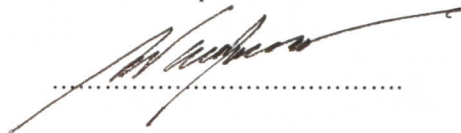
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The Philippines Dispute Resolution  
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**President**

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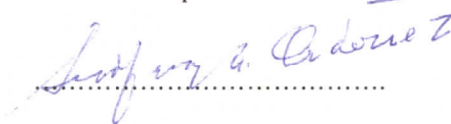
  
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