

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Understanding made and entered into this 8th day of October, in the City of Pasig by and among:

The **DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES**, a government institution, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 205, mandated to assist in the country's development efforts as a catalyst and a national capacity builder and to generate and facilitate the development and dissemination of pioneering and innovative ideas, plans, programs and/or interventions to address development issues of local, national and international significance, with principal office address at the DAP Building San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, represented herein by its President and Chief Executive Officer, **ATTY. ENGELBERT C. CARONAN JR., MNSA**, herein referred to as the "**DAP**".

And

CIVIKA KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS INC., a duly registered stock corporation established in the Philippines which aims to grow one million leaders and change makers who will advance human and community development by working with local partners and co-designing social development programs, whose registered office is located at Unit 18A24 Victoria Station 2 Building, EDSA corner GMA Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines and duly represented by its Managing Director, **DR. ELMER SORIANO, MPA** hereinafter referred to as "**CIVIKA**";

And

GALING POOK ACADEMY, a leading institution continuously promoting innovation and excellence in local governance, whose office is located at 25 Mahusay corner Malinis Streets, UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines and represented by its Dean, **ABUNDIO EDICIO DE LA TORRE**, hereinafter referred to as "**Galing Pook**";

And

The **UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES – MANILA Addiction Sciences Technical Working Group**, a state university whose office is located at Padre Faura St, Ermita, Manila, 1000 Philippines and duly represented by the Chairman of the Technical Working Group on Drug Addiction, **DR. ARMANDO CRISOSTOMO**, hereinafter referred to as "**UPASTWG**";

And

ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY (DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY and the ATENEO SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT), a private university that seeks to contribute to the development goals of the nation through the education of the whole person and the formation of needed professionals and through various corporate activities, whose registered office is located at Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines and duly represented by its Professor, **MA. REGINA HECHANOVA-ALAMPAY**, hereinafter referred to as "**ATENEO**";

And

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, an organization committed to the promotion of excellence in the teaching, research, and

practice of Psychology, and its recognition as a scientifically-oriented discipline for human and social development, whose registered office is located at Room 208, 2/F Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC), Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1101, Philippines and duly represented by the Head of the PAP Special Interest Group on Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, **MA. REGINA HECHANOVA-ALAMPAY, PhD**, hereinafter referred to as “**PAP**”.

WITNESSETH, that

WHEREAS, substance use disorder, including drug use disorder, is a priority concern in the Philippines and in Asia, and the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policies at the national, regional and international level are important to study and discuss objectively.

WHEREAS, the **Asian Center for Drug Policy (ACDP): A Consortium** is envisioned to be a regional coalition of academic institutions, civil society organizations, government agencies and private organizations, that promote objective and open dialogue on the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policies at the national and regional level. It shall co-create, deploy and disseminate evidence-based, comprehensive and integrated solutions to the problem of drug abuse in particular and substance abuse in general.

WHEREAS, the conveners of the **Asian Center for Drug Policy (ACDP): A Consortium** shall be responsible for bringing stakeholders in the drug policy domain together to collaboratively address issues, problems and opportunities through co-creation, dissemination and deployment of solutions to the complex drug problem in the Philippines and in the Asian region. The conveners shall be the main organizer and administrator of the collaboration, carrying out its task in the context of collaborative leadership.

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

Section 1. Purpose.

The Purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is for the Parties to agree to come together as a consortium named **Asian Center for Drug Policy (ACDP): A Consortium** and that the authorized representative of the parties shall comprise the Conveners’ Group of said consortium;

Section 2. Responsibilities of the Parties.

1. The parties shall be responsible for bringing like-minded stakeholders in the drug policy domain together to collaboratively address issues, problems and opportunities within the complex drug scenario in the Philippines and in the Asian region through co-creation, dissemination and deployment of solutions as well as promoting objective and open dialogue on the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policies at the national and Asian regional level.
2. The parties shall jointly develop the Consortium’s Interim By-Laws in writing.
3. The parties agree that the Secretariat Office of the **Asian Center for Drug Policy (ACDP): A Consortium** shall be at the 7th Floor DAP Building, San Miguel Avenue, Barangay San Antonio, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines.

Section 3. Voluntary Commitment

This Memorandum of Understanding is an entirely voluntary commitment between the parties and will not in any way obligate or restrict the activity of any party.

No party shall have any right, power, or authority to create any obligation, express or implied, on behalf of any other party.

Section 4. Costs

Each party shall be responsible for its own costs in all matters relating to their responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 5. Amendment

Amendment or modification of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be made by mutual written agreement.

Section 6. Term and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective for a period of three (3) years from the date of signing thereof and may be renewed by mutual consent of all of the parties. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated in writing upon mutual agreement by the parties.

Section 7. Settlement of Dispute

Any dispute arising with regard to any aspect of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be discussed through mutual consultations and settled amicably by parties

Section 8. OGCC Review

This Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (OGCC), the statutory counsel of DAP. Any comments and recommendations made by the OGCC shall automatically form part of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, through their duly authorized officials, have affixed their signatures on this 8th day of October in the City of Pasig, Philippines.

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

By:

ATTY. ENGELBERT C. CARONAN, JR., MNSA
President and Chief Executive Officer

CIVIKA KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS, INC.

By:

ELMER S. SORIANO, MD, MPA
Managing Director

GALING POOK ACADEMY

By:

ABUNDIO EDICIO DE LA TORRE, MA
Dean

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MANILA
ADDICTION SCIENCES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

ARMANDO CRISOSTOMO, MD
Chair, UPASTWG

**ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY and
ATENEO SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**
By:

MA. REGINA HECHANOVA-ALAMPAY, PhD
Professor, Department of Psychology

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES
By:

MA. REGINA HECHANOVA-ALAMPAY, PhD
Head, PAP Special Interest Group on
Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

Signed in the presence of:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
: S.S.
CITY OF PASIG)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, this 8th day of October, 2018, personally appeared the following public officials, namely:

ATTY. ENGELBERT C. CARONAN, JR., with valid identification number _____, in representation of the Development Academy of the Philippines;

DR. ELMER S. SORIANO, with valid identification number _____, in representation of Civika Knowledge Management Solution, Inc.;

DR. ARMANDO CRISOSTOMO, with valid identification number _____, in representation of University of the Philippines Manila Technical Working Group on Drug Addiction;

ABUNDIO EDICIO G. DE LA TORRE, with valid identification number _____, in representation of Galing Pook Academy;

MA. REGINA HECHANOVA-ALAMPAY, PhD with valid identification number _____, in representation of the Ateneo de Manila University and the Psychological Association of the Philippines;

Known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed this instrument and acknowledge to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed.

This instrument, consisting of five (5) pages, including this page on which this acknowledgment is written and signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses, has been signed on the left margin of each and every page thereof by the concerned parties and their witnesses, and sealed with my notarial seal.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND NOTARIAL SEAL on the date and place first above written.

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