

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(For the Establishment of a Sister City Partnership)

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is made and entered by and between:

THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, represented by its Mayor,
DEAN J. TRANTALIS, with office address at 1 East Broward
Blvd., Suite 444, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA 33301;

and

THE CITY OF ILOILO, represented by its Mayor, **JERRY P. TREÑAS**, with office address at Iloilo City Hall, Plaza Libertad,
Iloilo City, Philippines.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale and the City of Iloilo believe in the strength and potential of good camaraderie, exploring more opportunities for harmonious partnership as a means to promote goodwill and understanding and pursue social, cultural and economic developments to advance the welfare of the people of the City of Fort Lauderdale and the people of the City of Iloilo; and

WHEREAS, both cities acknowledge that establishing sisterhood relations is the highest form of inter-city partnership which enables both parties to implement mutually-beneficial activities and to adopt best practices for the benefit of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, with the same goal of fulfilling their duties and bettering the services for their constituents in mind, a platform is developed to listen, discuss and adopt fresh ideas spurred from friendly exchanges and negotiations for meaningful collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale has expressed its interest and willingness to enter into a Sister City partnership with the City of Iloilo; and

WHEREAS, the City of Iloilo has expressed its interest and willingness to enter into a Sister City partnership with the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Iloilo accepts the offer of the City of Fort Lauderdale by adopting *Sangguniang Panlungsod* (City Council) Resolution No. 2025-518 for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and goodwill and establishing socio-cultural and economic bilateral relations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale and Iloilo City look forward to the establishment of a Sister City Partnership that will strengthen friendship ties, institute a working avenue of communication in facilitating exchange of information, revenue generating strategies, socio-cultural activities, fiscal management, emergency medical care strategies, public education intensification, and other important aspects of governance that are of mutual interest to both parties; and

WHEREAS, both PARTIES recognize that forging this Memorandum of Understanding, which constitutes their agreement, shall provide a framework for their continued relationship and cooperation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, both PARTIES hereto agree on the following:

1. To establish a platform of communication as far as practicable and easier for both parties to commence formal discussion;
2. To each form a group, team or a technical working group, or to designate a focal person authorized to represent the PARTY in the discussions and meetings for future collaboration;
3. To commence formal discussions on different aspects of governance such as but not limited to exchanging information, revenue generating strategies, socio-cultural activities, fiscal management, emergency medical care strategies, and public education intensification, which would be beneficial to both PARTIES;
4. To plan and recommend programs to promote a wide array of exchange of knowledge and information on various fields, including, investment, disaster management, culture, health, education and local governance that will enhance cooperation between the two PARTIES;
5. To promote common prosperity and development, both PARTIES will organize, on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and goodwill, cultural exchanges, and other information sharing that may include art, business and commerce, culture, governmental administration, health and sports interests, history, science, and other information sharing, except those which are confidential pursuant to the laws governing each respective PARTY;
6. To engage in activities that would advance the economic, social, cultural, and political interests of both PARTIES;
7. To prioritize key areas in government management such as disaster risk reduction management, tourism, economic development and investment, and environmental initiatives; and
8. To promote activities such as:
 - a. Publicizing the relations between both PARTIES;
 - b. Exchanging tokens, mementos, and articles of cultural and informative value;
 - c. Arranging cultural and business visits;
 - d. Exploring the possibility of declaring a Friendship Day; and
 - e. Other activities of common interest to both PARTIES;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Memorandum of Understanding is mutually affirmed, accepted and agreed upon in the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States of America, and in the City of Iloilo, Philippines, respectively.

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

CITY OF ILOILO

By: _____
DEAN J. TRANTALIS, Mayor

By: _____
JERRY P. TREÑAS, Mayor

Date: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Signed in the Presence of:

David R. Soloman
City Clerk

FIRST ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF ILOILO)S.S.
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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in the City of Iloilo, this ____ day of _____, 2025, personally appeared the following:

| NAME | PRESENTED IDENTIFICATION CARD | PLACE AND DATE OF ISSUANCE |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JERRY P. TREÑAS | | |

known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed, and in the capacities in which they appeared.

This document refers to a Memorandum of Understanding, consisting of four (4) pages, including this page on which the Acknowledgment is written, is duly signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses and is sealed with my notarial seal.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and at the place above written.

Doc. No. _____;
Page No. _____;
Book No. _____;
Series of 2025.

SECOND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA:
COUNTY OF BROWARD:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this ____ day of _____, 2025, by Dean J. Trantalis as Mayor for the City of Fort Lauderdale, a Florida municipality.

[SEAL]

Signature of Notary Public – State of Florida

Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of
Notary Public

☐ Personally Known OR ☐ Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced _____