



Committee on Labor, Trade Commerce and Industry
Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Jeneil Brino
Date: 9/23/2024

JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT
NO. LCTI-019-S-2024

Subject: *A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA, TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) REGION 4A AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR FOR THE FINANCIAL GRANT FOR THE BAKOOD FESTIVAL 2024 UNDER THE "LUNSOD LUNSAD" PROGRAM. (PCR No. 680-2024 dated September 23, 2024).*

During the 109th Regular Session of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod chaired over by Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista - Mendiola held on September 23, 2024 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) Session Hall, 6th Flr. City of Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center, the above subject was referred to the Committee on Non-Government Organization and Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances.

FINDINGS:

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is the primary coordinative, promotive, facilitative, and regulatory arm of the government for the country's trade, industry and investment activities and acts as a catalyst for intensified private sector activity in order to accelerate and sustain economic growth through (a) comprehensive industrial growth strategy; (b) a progressive and socially responsible liberalization and deregulation program; and (c) policies designed for the expansion and diversification of trade, both domestic and foreign.

The DTI created the "Lunsod Lunsad" program under the Malikhaling Pinoy Program to address the various obstacles to the development and potential of the Philippine creative industries throughout the country.

The City of Bacoor submitted a proposal to DTI for the implementation of Bakood Festival 2024, a local project aimed at boosting local tourism and raising awareness of the City of Bacoor's title as Marching Band Capital of the Philippines.

The purpose of the Agreement is to provide funding support or transfer of funds to implement the Bakood Festival 2024, with the DTI serving as the fund's source organization and the City Government of Bacoor acting as its implementing agency.





RECOMMENDATION:

After careful consideration, the Joint Committee recommends that "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA, TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) REGION 4A AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR FOR THE FINANCIAL GRANT FOR THE BAKOOD FESTIVAL 2024 UNDER THE "LUNSOD LUNSAD" PROGRAM." be APPROVED.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 7th day of October 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Committee on Labor, Trade Commerce and Industry



COUN. REYNALDO M. FABIAN
Chairman



COUN. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ
Vice Chairman



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Member



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JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING MINUTES
NO. LCTI-019-S-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Janet Pring
Date: 14 Oct 2024
Time: 1:27 pm

Subject: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA, TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) REGION 4A AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR FOR THE FINANCIAL GRANT FOR THE BAKOOD FESTIVAL 2024 UNDER THE "LUNSOD LUNSAD" PROGRAM. (PCR No. 680-2024 dated September 23, 2024).

The 109th Regular Session of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod was chaired over by Presiding Officer, Vice Mayor Rowena Baulista - Mendiola held on September 23, 2024 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) Session Hall, 6th Flr. City of Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center. The session was formally opened at 10:00 am by the Presiding Officer and declared a quorum.

The above-mentioned subject was referred to the Committee on Labor, Trade Commerce and Industry as the lead committee and Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances as the sub committee.

Initiated in 2008, the project will be known as Bakood Festival 2024. Celebrated annually, it honors the rich musical and cultural tradition of Bacoor and commemorates the city's founding anniversary. The celebration is held for a month, culminating on the final Sunday of September.

The total project cost of Two Million Pesos (Php 2,000,000.00), inclusive of all taxes and fees, shall be sourced from the DTI budget allocated for the purpose under the 2023 General Appropriations Act (Continuing Appropriations as provided under National Budget Circular No. 592, dated 2 January 2024).

The Joint Committee took into account the project's following objectives:

1. To increase awareness of the City of Bacoor's identity as the Marching Band Capital of the Philippines;
2. To showcase the local creative industries;
3. To help sharpen the creativity and critical skills of the youth;
4. To attract more tourists and business investors to the city and
5. To stage productive activities and programs promoting the artistry of Bacooreños.





On the 110th Regular Session, held on September 30, 2024, the aforementioned proposed resolution were acknowledged by the Joint Committee through the approval of its Chairman, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian and unanimously seconded by the council members.

The session adjourned at 11:45 am upon the motion of Hon. Michael Solis.

Prepared by:

ARMILEEN LEGASPI-RED

Local Legislative Staff Assistant I

Attested by:

COUN. REYNALDO M. FABIAN

Chairman





Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cavite
CITY OF BACOOR
Office of the Mayor



17 September 2024

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HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
Vice Mayor
City Government of Bacoor

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DATE: 9/19/24 TIME: 11:48 AM
BACOOR CITY, CAVITE

THRU: **ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.**
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR CITY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MAYOR, HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA, TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL
GRANT FOR THE BAKOOD FESTIVAL 2024 UNDER LUNSOD
LUNSAD PROGRAM**

Dear Hon. Bautista-Mendiola,

Greetings in the name of public service!

Under Section 22 of Republic Act No. 7160, a local government unit, through its chief executive, possesses the power to engage in contracts, subject to prior authorization from the concerned Sanggunian.

Exercising the above-mentioned fundamental power granted to local government units, the City Government of Bacoor, known as the Marching Capital Band of the Philippines, is committed to preserving the rich history and marching arts culture of the City of Bacoor, and the celebration of the Bakood Festival serves as one of the key opportunities to promote this cultural endeavor. Over the years, the Bakood Festival has provided a rewarding engagement as it cultivates the musicality and artistry of the youth as well offering for scholarship and employment opportunities for creative artists. The celebration of also provide economic opportunities to locals through trade fairs. These continuing objectives will be best achieved with the monetary grant from the DTI-ROIVA, as it will significantly aid the LGU's efforts to make the Bakood Festival a meaningful event not only for the Bacoorenos but also for other participating marching arts groups and talents from across the Philippines. A copy of the proposed agreement is attached for reference.

In consideration of the foregoing, I respectfully request the esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact a resolution authorizing the undersigned to enter into and sign an agreement with the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Office No. IV-A.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,


STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

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Strike B. Revilla



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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY - REGION IV-A, a national government agency organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with office address at 3/F Marcelita Building, Barangay Real, Calamba City, Laguna, herein represented by its Regional Director, **MARISSA C. ARGENTE**, and hereinafter referred to as "DTI";

and

The **CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR**, a local government unit existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with office address at Baco Government Center, Baco Boulevard, Bayanan, City of Baco, Cavite, herein represented by its City Mayor, **HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA**, pursuant to his authority conferred and embodied in City Resolution No. _____, and hereinafter referred to as "LGU".

(Each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties")

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the national government recognized the potential and opportunities in the Philippine creative industries as President Ferdinand E. Marcos Jr. expressed full support for the promotion and development and the need to institutionalize the creative industries in the first and second State of the Nation Address (SONA);

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 included fostering and improving the competitiveness of the creative industries among the key national strategies, such as spearheading active promotions and building capabilities of creative industries, developing centers of creative excellence, showcasing the assets of the country in creative tourism, and protecting creative workers;

WHEREAS, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is the primary coordinative, promotive, facilitative, and regulatory arm of the government for the country's trade, industry, and investment activities and acts as a catalyst for intensified private sector activity in order to accelerate and sustain economic growth through (a) a comprehensive industrial growth strategy; (b) a progressive and socially responsible liberalization and deregulation program; and (c) policies designed for the expansion and diversification of trade, both domestic and foreign;

WHEREAS, by virtue of the authority granted to the Secretary of Trade and Industry under Section 2 of Executive Order (E.O.) No. 124, Series of 1994, to make operational/structural adjustments within the DTI in order to achieve effectiveness and efficiency in accomplishing the DTI's mandate, the Secretary issued Department Order 19-18, Series of 2019, creating the office of the Competitiveness and Innovation Group (CIG), which is mandated to help build the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in the country and provide support to industries;

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the DTI-CIG developed and is now implementing the Malikhaing Pinoy Program (Creative Philippines Program), which aims to harness Filipino creativity as a key driver of economic growth and recovery through the

development of a robust and all-inclusive creative ecosystem in the Philippines and to address the binding constraints that hinder the growth and development of the creative industries, such as the lack of official statistics, limited access to capital, skills mismatch, limited access to new technologies, and limited access to global value chains, thereby increasing the income and employment contribution of the Philippine creative industries;

WHEREAS, considering that the DTI *Malikhaing Pinoy* Program was generally developed and execute to provide robust opportunities and avenues for the growth and competency development of the Philippine creative industries, the Congress, under the Summary of Appropriations by Agency Program, Activity, and Project for Issuance of Special Allotment Release Order (SARO), National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 590, dated 03 January 2023, and its validity further extended as FY 2023 GAA Continuing Appropriations under NBC No. 592, dated 2 January 2024, allotted a budget in favor of DTI for such purpose, i.e. for the *Malikhaing Pinoy* Program;

WHEREAS, to address the several constraints to the growth and potential of the Philippine creative industries across the archipelago, the DTI has designed the "*Lunsod Lunsad*" program under the *Malikhaing Pinoy* Program, whereby the LGU was invited to propose to the DTI programs, projects, and activities that would bolster the potential of the LGU's local creative industries;

WHEREAS, considering that the "*Lunsod Lunsad*" program generally involves active participation, strategic communication, cooperation, and collaboration with and among the local government units (LGUs), the DTI acknowledges the vital role of its Regional Offices in the successful implementation of the aforementioned project, as the latter are the ones mandated pursuant to Book IV, Chapter V, Section 26 of the E.O. No. 292 (Administrative Code of 1987), to implement laws, policies, plans, programs, rules, and regulations of the department or agency in the regional area, and empowered to coordinate with LGUs in the area;

WHEREAS, in consonance with the declaration of State policy provided under the Philippine Creative Industries Development Act (PCIDA), to promote and support the development of Philippine creative industries by protecting and strengthening the rights and capacities of creative firms, artists, artisans, creators, workers, indigenous cultural communities, content providers, and stakeholders in the creative industries, the DTI acknowledges the importance of collaboration, partnership, and strategic linkages towards the creation of a creative cities network to promote an avenue of mutual support and exchange of ideas among LGUs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned policy and the State's mandate to promote and support the Philippine creative industries, the LGU submitted a proposal to DTI for the implementation of **Bakood Festival 2024**, a local project aimed at boosting local tourism and raising awareness of the City of Bacoor's title as **Marching Band Capital of the Philippines**, thereby promoting the city's local creative industries;

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, the Parties, in order to further strengthen the shared common goals and objectives towards achieving a globally competitive Philippine creative industries through strategic cooperation, mutual support, and alignment of the shared mandate, have agreed to enter into an Agreement of an Inter-agency transfer of fund in favor of the City Government of Bacoor, in order to successfully implement the **Bakood Festival 2024**;

WHEREAS, as part of the guidelines for the *Lunsod Lunsad* project, the LGU must co-finance its project in the amount equivalent to at least 25% of the total amount transferred by the DTI to the participating city, ensuring shared responsibility and commitment in achieving the intended outcomes;

WHEREAS, the total project cost of **Two Million Pesos (PHP 2,000,000.00)**, inclusive of all taxes and fees, shall be sourced from the DTI budget allocated for the purpose under the 2023 General Appropriations Act (Continuing Appropriations as provided under National Budget Circular No. 592, dated 2 January 2024);

WHEREAS, the funding from **DTI Malikaing Pinoy** is transferred to DTI-Region IV-A, where the participating cities establish this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA);

WHEREAS, the funds downloaded to the DTI-RO are considered disbursed and utilized by the DTI-CIG once the DTI-Finance Service (FS) has approved and successfully processed all fund transfer documents;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, the Parties have agreed, as they hereby agree, to the following:

- I. **TITLE OF THE PROJECT.** The Project shall be named **Bakood Festival 2024**, herein referred to as the "Project."
- II. **PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT.** The purpose of this Agreement is to provide funding support or transfer of funds to implement the **Bakood Festival 2024**, upon which the City Government of Bacoor shall be the implementing agency while the DTI shall be the source agency of the funds.
- III. **OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT.** The Project, in pursuit of leveling up the robust implementation of the PCIDA, is intended to provide funding support in favor of the LGU in order to successfully execute the Project, which is further described as follows:

Bakood Festival 2024, first launched in 2008, is an annual celebration to mark Bacoor's founding anniversary and honor its rich musical and cultural legacy. It features service-oriented and fun-filled events aimed at boosting local tourism, promoting industry and commerce, showcasing local skills and talents, strengthening camaraderie among barangays, and instilling a sense of pride among Bacooreños. It also seeks to attract an increasing number of visitors and investors each year. The celebration is customarily held for a month, culminating on the final Sunday of September.

The Project aims to address the following objectives:

1. To increase awareness of the City of Bacoor's identity as the Marching Band Capital of the Philippines;
2. To showcase the local creative industries;
3. To help sharpen the creativity and critical skills of the youth;
4. To attract more tourists and business investors to the city and
5. To stage productive activities and programs promoting the artistry of Bacooreños.

IV. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

SECTION 1. Responsibilities of the DTI. Subject to its mandates, the purpose/intent of this Agreement, availability of funds, resources, and

limitations set forth under the applicable laws, rules, and regulations, the DTI shall:

1. Authorize the release and transfer of funds to the LGU with the total amount of Two Million Pesos (PHP 2,000,000.00), inclusive of taxes and fees, to support the implementation of the strategic projects mentioned above and ensure that the transfer is properly taken up in the books of DTI;
2. Issue checks or any acceptable remittance documents reflecting the total amount mentioned above in the name of the LGU;
3. Issue official receipt evidencing refund/unexpended/unutilized balance of fund transfer remitted by the LGU, if any;
4. Require the LGU to submit duly audited financial reports and other documents as required under Commission on Audit (COA) Circular No. 94-013 and applicable laws or rules on fund transfer;
5. Monitor the proper utilization of the Project fund support that was released to the LGU as the implementing agency and
6. Assist and actively monitor the promotion, implementation, and development of the Project.

SECTION 2. Responsibilities of the LGU. Subject to its mandates, the purpose/intent of this Agreement, resources, and limitations set forth under the applicable laws, rules, and regulations, the LGU shall:

1. Issue official or acknowledgment receipts, whichever is applicable, immediately upon receipt of funds from DTI with the total amount of Two Million Pesos (PHP 2,000,000.00), inclusive of taxes and fees, and ensure that the transfers are properly taken up in the books of the LGU;
2. Administer, manage, and disburse the funds from DTI for the intended purpose and in accordance with the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations;
3. Co-finance the Project through financial and/or non-financial contributions in the amount equivalent to at least 25% of the total amount transferred by the DTI;
4. Undertake, as deemed necessary, procurement of goods and/or services, hiring or onboarding of third parties, and other miscellaneous expenses to achieve the objective of the Project, subject to applicable laws and government procurement, budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations;
5. Return to DTI any unutilized balance of the fund transfer within thirty (30) working days after the completion of the Project;
6. Prepare a duly approved report of funds transfers and reports of disbursements of funds, and submit all supporting and pertinent documents required to DTI within thirty (30) working days after the conclusion of the Project as well as such other requirements in accordance with COA Circular No. 94-013 and other applicable government accounting and auditing rules and regulations;

7. Submit to DTI documents related to the Project, which shall include, but not be limited to, a comprehensive Project Plan, Work and Financial Plan, Project Proposal, or any other document that can provide information about the implementation and funding requirements of the Project;
8. Coordinate with DTI the progress and development of the Project;
9. Implement the activities under the Project;
10. Provide updates periodically to DTI and concerned agencies on the progress and development of the Project;
11. Ensure the complete and successful execution of the approved Project Plan; and
12. Submit a Project Terminal Report including all the required attachments (i.e. Certificate of Completion duly signed by the City Mayor, Attendance/Participants & Beneficiaries (with actual number), and Photos/Videos) within seven (7) days upon the end of the implementation of the activities of the Project following the recommended template by the DTI, which shall include post-implementation assessment/evaluation, and recommendations for improvement of the Project and such other reports as may be required;
13. Use "Lunsod Lunsad" as part of the official event name;
14. Acknowledge the DTI's **Malikhaing Pinoy Program** and the **"Bagong Pilipinas"** campaign of the current administration, pursuant to Memorandum Circular No 24, series of 2023, in all project-related materials, publications, and public communications.
15. Perform other tasks that are related and incidental to the implementation of the Project and utilization of the fund, including compliance with Lunsod Lunsad program guidelines, all of which shall be considered part of this agreement.

SECTION 3. The DTI and the LGU shall comply with the guidelines set forth under COA Circular No. 94-013, COA Circular 2012-001, COA Circular 2016-002, and other applicable government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

- V. EFFECTIVITY OF THE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement shall take effect on the date of signing by both Parties hereto and shall continue to take effect until 31 December 2024, with the option for renewal and extension on written mutual consent of both Parties.

VI. COST AND SCHEDULE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Cost.** The total cost of the Project is Two Million Pesos (PHP 2,000,000.00), inclusive of all taxes and fees, and subject to applicable laws and government procurement, budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations, which shall cover the expenses for the hiring and onboarding of third party and other

miscellaneous expenses if necessary to achieve the objectives of the Project. Procurement must strictly adhere to applicable government procurement law and its implementing rules and regulations.

The funds for the Project shall be transferred in full to the Land Bank of the Philippines Account Number 1422-1056-85 within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Agreement.

- B. Schedule of Responsibilities.** The cost of the Project shall be transferred in full with the corresponding responsibilities:

RESPONSIBILITIES	SCHEDULE	COST
Submission and Approval of the Project Plan including but not limited to the Work and Financial Plan	Within one (1) month prior the transfer of funds	PHP 2,000,000.00
Complete Execution of the Project Plan	Until 30 November 2024	
Submission of the Project Terminal Report	Within one (1) month after the completion of the Project	

- C. Disbursement of Funds.** Disbursement and accounting of funds shall be in accordance with pertinent and existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. For any excess in the fund, the LGU shall return the same to the DTI.

- VII. RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.** The transferred funds shall be used exclusively for the purpose specified in this Agreement. In no case shall the fund to be transferred be utilized for the payment of additional compensation to employees in the form of allowances, incentives, incentive pay, bonuses, honorarium, or other forms of additional compensation, nor shall it be used to create new positions to augment salaries of regular personnel or purchase of motor vehicles.
- VIII. AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement may be revised, amended, or modified only through a written instrument duly executed and signed by all Parties hereto and executed with the same formality as this Agreement.
- IX. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement, including attachments hereto, constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof, supersedes all prior communications or agreements, written or oral, and is intended to be a complete and exclusive statement of the terms and conditions between the Parties.
- X. CONFIDENTIALITY CLAUSE.** The Parties shall not, during the term of this Agreement, disclose any proprietary and confidential information relating to programs and activities and this Agreement, including all data that may be received or gathered in the performance of its obligation, without prior written consent.

The Parties acknowledge that in connection with this Agreement, it may receive certain confidential or proprietary technical and business information and materials of the other Party, including, without limitation to, Preliminary Works ("Confidential Information"). Each Party, its agents, and employees shall hold and maintain in strict confidence all confidential information, shall not disclose confidential information to any third party, and shall not use any confidential information except as may be necessary to perform its obligations under the proposal except as may be required by a court or governmental authority. Notwithstanding the foregoing, confidential information shall not include any information that is in the public domain or becomes publicly known through no fault of the receiving Party or is otherwise properly received from a third party without an obligation of confidentiality.

XI. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Both Parties represent and warrant that:

1. Both have the legal right, power, and authority to execute this Agreement and incur the obligations provided in this Agreement or any other document related thereto;
2. All appropriate and necessary corporate and legal actions have been taken to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement and any other document in relation thereto, including the authority of the person or persons executing this Agreement;
3. This Agreement shall constitute a legal, valid, and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms and
4. All information herein or hereinafter given in connection with this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. The Parties undertake to act in good faith with respect to each other's rights and obligations under this Agreement and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the satisfactory realization of the objectives of this Agreement promptly within the specified timelines and to ensure proper utilization of the Project fund.

In case of force majeure or a similar condition, which may result in the delay or prevent the timely completion or fulfillment of this Agreement, the Party with knowledge thereof shall notify the other in writing, specifying the cause and its implications and consequences on this Agreement, and adopt a remedy favorable to both Parties. The DTI shall evaluate the situation and may extend the LGU's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the Parties through amendment of this Agreement.

2. Any dispute, conflict, or concerns arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be resolved or settled amicably through mutual consultations and/or negotiations by and between the Parties in good faith. If the Parties fail to reach a settlement, the Parties shall resolve their conflict through the alternative modes of dispute resolution pursuant to RA 9285 or the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004".

3. DTI and the LGU acknowledge that both are independent Parties who agreed to participate in this Agreement and that nothing herein shall be construed to consider the Parties as having a relationship of employer or employee, franchisor or franchisee, principal or agent, or joint venture partners.
4. Each Party undertakes not to divulge at any time to any third person any confidential information relating to the other, except upon prior written consent of the other or where required under the law or regulation or by a valid order of a court or other government authority with competent jurisdiction.

In performance of their obligations under this Agreement, the Parties shall ensure the privacy and security of any and all confidential, privileged, personal, and/or sensitive information that the Parties, their officers, employees, or agents may have access to and shall store, use, process, and dispose the said information in accordance with Republic Act No. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and applicable National Privacy Commission (NPC) issuances. Any violation of this clause and any of the provisions of the said law and issuances by the aforementioned persons shall be subject to corresponding sanctions, penalties, and/or fines under the said law without prejudice to any other applicable civil and/or criminal liability. This clause shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

5. No agent or representative of either Party has the authority to make any statement, representation, promise, or agreement not set forth herein for which the Parties shall not be bound by or be liable.
6. No failure, omission, or delay by any of the Parties in exercising any of its rights, privileges, or remedies hereunder or under any statute shall operate as a waiver thereof. Any waiver, however, shall not be valid unless made in writing and signed by the Parties or their authorized representative, and such waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and the purpose for which it was given.
7. Tools, equipment, outputs, and related materials resulting from this Agreement shall belong to and remain the property of the DTI. Unless otherwise authorized by law, no use or exploitation, in any manner, whether for profit or otherwise, of any of the said outputs or materials created under this Agreement shall be made by the LGU or any third party without the prior written approval of the DTI.

In case there are third-party claims of infringement of intellectual property rights, the LGU shall hold the DTI free and harmless against such claims.

In any and all cases, all intellectual properties produced and/or used in the course of the implementation of this Agreement shall be subject to Republic Act No. 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, as amended, and its IRR and to the applicable provisions of the Civil Code.

8. Other applicable government rules and guidelines on procurement, budgeting, accounting, auditing, and contract implementation are deemed incorporated herein.

XIII. SEVERABILITY. This Agreement shall not be in conflict with existing laws, legal orders, procedures, or rules and regulations. Otherwise, the pertinent provisions violating or conflicting with the same shall be void. If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid or declared contrary to law, the validity of the other conditions or provisions shall not be affected.

XIV. PRE-TERMINATION. The Parties may, at any time and upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice, terminate this Agreement for any of the following reasons:

1. Violation of any of the material terms and conditions of this Agreement;
2. Failure or refusal to comply with the duties and responsibilities of each Party under this Agreement or
3. Circumstances that would make it impossible for the Project to continue or to be carried out; and
4. Any justifiable reason.

XV. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE OF ACTION. This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by Philippine laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto set their hands this day of _____ day of _____, in the year of 2024.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY**

CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACCOOR

MARISSA C. ARGENTE
Regional Director, DTI RO4A

STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor, City Government of Bacoor

Signed in the presence of:

LILIBETH R. CHAVEZ
OIC Provincial Director, DTI Cavite

EDWIN B. GUINTO
Tourism and Cultural Affairs Officer,
City Government of Bacoor

