



**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
CTCEL-PCR-762-2025

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
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**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR, HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA, TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (SISTERHOOD AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANDALUYONG. (PCR-762-2025 dated February 17, 2025).**

The above-mentioned subject matter underwent its first reading on February 17, 2025, during the 128<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The said subject matter was referred by the Acting Presiding Officer and City Councilor, Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo to the Committee on Tourism, Culture, and External Linkages.

**FINDINGS:**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, local government units are allowed to group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them. The Sisterhood Agreement between the City Government of Bacoor and the City Government of Mandaluyong could promote the exchange of ideas and experiences in the fields of science and technology, culture and arts, tourism, urban planning and development, and social services, among others. It will also institute a working avenue of communication in facilitating the exchange of information and technology, healthcare facilitation, and public education leading to its growth and advancement and eventually self-sustainability.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Since the Sisterhood Agreement between the City Government of Bacoor and the City Government of Mandaluyong will foster friendship and goodwill,





nurture closer relationships among their people, and promote closer social and cultural exchange and economic ties, leading to growth and advancement and eventually improving local autonomy. By motion of City Councilor Hon. Ramon N. Bautista recommended to **APPROVE** the above subject matter unanimously, seconded by all the Honorable Members of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod.

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

Signed this 17th day of February 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**Committee on Tourism, Culture, and External Linkages**

  
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**COUN. RAMON N. BAUTISTA**  
Chairman

  
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**COUN. ROGELIO NOLASCO**  
Vice Chairman

  
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**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN**  
Member

  
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**COUN. CATHERINE S. EVARISTO**  
Member  
(Acting Presiding Officer)









**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION**  
CTCEL-PCR-762-2025

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The 128<sup>th</sup> Regular Session was held last February 17, 2025, at the Sangguniang Panglungsod (SP) Session Hall, Bacoor New Legislative and Risk Disaster and Resilience Bldg., Bacoor City. City Councilor Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo presided over the Regular Session, which was called to order at exactly 10:00 a.m.

Atty. Khalid A. Atega, Jr., Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, proceeded with the roll call, the approval of the Journal and minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, and the reading of the referrals to committees of proposed ordinances, resolutions, messages, communications, petitions, and memorials.

Upon reading and referral of agenda item No. **F.6—"A resolution authorizing the City Mayor, Hon. Strike B. Revilla, to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (Sisterhood Agreement) between the City Government of Bacoor and the City Government of Mandaluyong."** City Councilor Hon. Ramon N. Bautista recommended for the **APPROVAL** of the above-mentioned subject matter and was unanimously seconded by all the Honorable Members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod.

City Councilor Hon. Palm Angel S. Buncio moved for the adjournment of the 128<sup>th</sup> Regular Session, which was seconded by Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez. The regular session was adjourned at exactly 11:14 a.m.





Prepared by:

  
**Nicole F. Obaniil**  
Clerk

Attested by:

  
**COUNCILOR RAMON N. BAUTISTA**  
Chairman  
Committee on Tourism, Culture, and External Linkages







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



13 February 2025

**HON. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO**  
Acting Vice Mayor, City of Bacoor  
6th Floor, New Bacoor Legislative Building  
Bacoor City, Province of Cavite

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

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR A CITY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN THE  
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (SISTERHOOD  
AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF  
BACOOR, CAVITE AND THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG

Dear Hon. Sarino-Evaristo,

*Greetings in the name of public service!*


We are respectfully endorsing to your good office a copy of the proposed **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (SISTERHOOD AGREEMENT)** draft between the City Government of Bacoor, Cavite and the City of Mandaluyong aiming to establish a bonding tie of sisterhood between the aforementioned Local Government Units in order to foster mutual friendship and goodwill, nurture closer relationships among their people, and closer social and cultural exchange and economic ties.

These efforts are essential as the sisterhood pact will not only strengthen friendship ties but more importantly institute a working avenue of communication in facilitating the exchange of Information and Technology, Urban Planning Policies and Development of Socio-Cultural Activities Income Generation Strategy and Fiscal Management, Health Care Facilitation and Public Education Intensification and other important aspects of local government units; thus leading to its growth and advancement and eventually self-sustainability.

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 the aforementioned Memorandum of Agreement (Sisterhood Agreement).

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

  
**STRIKE B. REVILLA**  
City Mayor



## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** *(Sisterhood Agreement)*

### **KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This Memorandum of Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 (the "Effective Date"), at the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, by and between:

The **CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR, CAVITE**, a local government unit existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at Bacoor Government Center, Bacoor Boulevard, Barangay Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, herein represented by its Local Chief Executive, **Hon. STRIKE B. REVILLA**, pursuant to its authority conferred and embodied in Sangguniang Panlungsod City Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, Series of 2025, approved on \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 by the City Council of Bacoor,

and

The **CITY GOVERNMENT OF MANDALUYONG**, a local government unit existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office address at the Executive Building City Government Complex, Maysilo Circle, Plainview, Mandaluyong City, herein represented by its Local Chief Executive, **Hon. BENJAMIN S. ABALOS**, pursuant to its authority conferred and embodied in Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, Series of 2025, approved on \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 by the City Council of Mandaluyong

### **WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, Section 33, Article III of the Local Government Code of 1991 partly provides that "Local government units may, through appropriate ordinances, group themselves, consolidate, or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them;"

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite aims to establish a sisterhood relationship with the City of Mandaluyong through which both local government units could promote the exchange of ideas and experiences in the field of Science and Technology, Culture and Arts, Tourism, Urban Planning and Development, Commerce, Trade and Industry, Agriculture, Education and Health, Sports Development and Social Services, among others;

**WHEREAS**, a bonding tie of sisterhood between the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, and City of Mandaluyong will foster mutual friendship and goodwill, nurture closer relationships among their people, and closer social and cultural exchange and economic ties between the two local governments;



**WHEREAS**, the sisterhood pact will not only strengthen friendship ties but more importantly institute a working avenue of communication in facilitating the exchange of Information and Technology, Urban Planning Policies and Development of Socio-Cultural Activities Income Generation Strategy and Fiscal Management, Health Care Facilitation and Public Education Intensification and other important aspects of local government units; thus leading to its growth and advancement and eventually self-sustainability;

**WHEREAS**, for their mutual benefit, both local government units agreed to undertake the following programs:

**I. OFFICIAL VISITS**

Both Mayors agree to authorize official visits to each locality in alternate years. Composition of the delegations – government and private sectors – to be decided based upon interest and results of negotiations.

**II. PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, COMMERCE, AND INVESTMENT**

Both local government units (LGUs) shall work to increase their economic ties in order to promote increased commerce, trade, and investment, and both LGUs agree to provide access to their respective ports and foreign trade zones at competitive rates and terms. In addition, a Bacoor-Mandaluyong Investment Committee will be established to review, recommend, and facilitate projects and joint ventures that will promote economic development.

The committee in both LGUs will include government and private sector executives appointed by each Mayor.

Also, each LGU offers the other the invitation to establish representative offices or to authorize existing offices of local businesses to represent their interests.

Both LGUs may donate any equipment, machinery, and/or supplies to each other for the benefit of and to be used by the other.

**III. EDUCATION, ARTS, AND CULTURE**

The City of Bacoor and the City of Mandaluyong shall adopt a faculty and students exchange program, details to be worked out in a separate agreement between the two LGUs.

**IV. EXPERT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

A scheme for an expert exchange program shall be developed to facilitate technical capability building in terms of LGU computer technology, resource generation and mobilization, community organizing, and other areas of local government expertise through on-the-job training, seminars, workshops, and others.

**V. CROSS VISITS**

Study tours or "Lakbay-Aral" and other exchange visits shall be encouraged to facilitate the sharing of learnings and techniques on outstanding or exceptional local programs on social, economic and environmental reforms.

**VI. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

Both LGUs shall adopt a local officials exchange program where selected key officials in each LGU will be sent to the other to share experiences and observations on local administration, operations, and other official activities. Such exchanges will be conducted under guidelines established by both mayors.

**VII. TOURISM**

Each LGU shall take positive steps to help promote and enhance the tourism industry of the other; in addition, both LGUs agree to develop opportunities for visitors from each local government to the other. These efforts will be designed to provide for homestay and other activities that provide intensive exposure to cultural and community life.

Both LGUs also agree to mount promotion weeks to feature the unique qualities of each locality. These promotion weeks would be developed with the assistance of the visitor and retail businesses, including major department stores.

**VIII. SECTORAL EXCHANGE**

Both LGUs agree to share programs initiated by the government and private sector towards sectoral social development, such as housing, health, and other social and economic programs geared towards the upliftment of the concerned division.

**IX. SOCIAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Both LGUs agree to formulate measures and provide technical assistance and support in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities relative to the social welfare and development services of both LGUs.

Furthermore, as first responders in the occurrence of natural and man-made calamities based on the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, both LGUs agree to give assistance in undertaking rescue operations, providing relief assistance, and, if necessary, setting up evacuation centers available after a disaster occurrence. These include programs for evacuees and the conduct of disaster relief operations.



**X. HEALTH AND HOSPITALIZATION**

Both LGUs shall assist and aid in providing health facilities and services and cooperate to achieve a responsive local health system by sharing policy directions and programs for the effective delivery of health services.

As regards the pandemic response, both LGUs shall adopt a reporting and coordination mechanism for referral into health facilities, access to a health care provider network and telemedicine, and provision of medical and psychosocial services.

**XI. SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION**

Both LGUs agree to assist each other in providing quality education for their constituents. In pursuance thereof, both LGUs agree that their residents may avail of such educational benefits in a state college or university located within the other locality.

**XII. PLANTS**

Both LGUs shall exchange rare plants for propagation in appropriate places within their territory, especially trees that can contribute best to the restoration and conservation of the environment.

**XIII. STREETS**

The City of Bacoor shall name a street after the City of Mandaluyong, and the City of Mandaluyong will name a street after the City of Bacoor.

**XIV. ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL**

Both LGUs agree to entertain additional project proposals as long as they are able to be funded and meet the criteria of offering mutual benefit and promoting people-to-people relations. As plans develop, they will be reviewed, and final approval will be outlined in the letter agreements as amendments to the memorandum.

Both LGUs agree that this Agreement shall be in English and shall be the official text.

**XV. FUNDING/EXPENDITURES**

Both LGUs agree to initiate programs and projects that would promote local development. Each LGU agrees to shoulder all the

expenses or funding necessary to execute the projects it has introduced or proposed to the other LGU.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City of Bacoor and the City of Mandaluyong, as represented by their respective City Mayors, have hereunto signed this Agreement this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025 in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, Philippines.

**STRIKE B. REVILLA**  
Mayor  
City of Bacoor  
City Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Series of 2025

**BENJAMIN S. ABALOS**  
Mayor  
City of Mandaluyong  
City Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Series of 2025

*Attested:*

*Attested:*

**ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA**  
Vice Mayor  
City of Bacoor

**CARMELITA AGUILAR ABALOS**  
Vice Mayor  
City of Mandaluyong



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Republic of the Philippines)  
City of Bacoor, Cavite) ss.

**BEFORE ME**, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 personally appeared:

Name	Proof of identity	Issued on	At
STRIKE B. REVILLA			
BENJAMIN S. ABALOS			

Known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same is their free act and deed. This instrument refers to a Sisterhood Agreement consisting of \_\_\_\_ ( ) pages, including this page where this Acknowledgement is written, signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on each and every page, and sealed with my notarial seal.

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL:**

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