

TERRITORY OF GUAM OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AGAÑA, GUAM 96910 U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2000-16

RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT AND FRIENDSHIP AFFILIATION BETWEEN QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND GUAM.

WHEREAS, major trends in the world today, such as decentralization, "globalization" of the economy, and the spread of telecommunication's technologies have given individual communities a more prominent role in international affairs and have put these communities at the forefront in helping to create new opportunities and a better quality of life for people in communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sister City Relationship Agreement and Friendship Affiliation between Quezon City and Guam is to foster and encourage mutual understanding, friendship and peace through cultural, economic, educational and professional exchanges between the people of Quezon City and the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Sister City Relationship Agreement is for the development of a partnership between Guam and Quezon City that will provide opportunities for the government of Guam and the city government of Quezon City, and their respective citizens, to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Relationship Agreement will build a lasting relationship within the community and foster the most rewarding activities of our community, such as student/educational exchange, business/trade development, involving more community members, and expanding the scope of the proposed projects; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City Relationship Agreement project is in collaboration with the Metro Manila Association of Guam, and other organizations which share similar goals, to initiate a sister city relationship involving individuals and organized groups at all levels of society in citizen diplomacy, with the hope that personal relationships, fostered through sister city ties, would create a more unified community, in particular between the people of Quezon City and Guam; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Manila Association of Guam will assist in coordinating the sister city partnership by coordination and guidance, creating innovative opportunities, covering a variety of themes and projects for the implementation of the Agreement, with the support of both the city government of Quezon City and the government of Guam;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'Lahen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

1.) A Sister City Relationship Agreement and Friendship Affiliation between the people and the city government of Quezon City, Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines, and the people and government of Guam shall be established. All citizens of Guam are encouraged to recognize this historical event and join the Filipino communities on Guam and the people of Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines, in celebrating this sister city partnership agreement on the eve of the Independence Day Celebration of the United States of America.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 21st day of June, 2000.

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'Lahen Guåhan Governor of Guam

