AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MANDALUYONG CITY SISTER–CITY COUNCIL AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong City, in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council Ordinance of 2014”.

SECTION 2. CREATION. There is hereby created the Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council which shall be headed by the Honorable City Mayor and has a blanket authority to formulate the composition of its membership.

SECTION 3. CREATION OF THE MANDALUYONG CITY SISTER–CITY COUNCIL SECRETARIAT. There is hereby created the Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council Secretariat which shall be headed by the Department Head of the Cultural and Tourism Department and, in turn, will decide and formulate its composition attuned to the needs.

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES. The Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council shall have the following objectives:

1. To develop and encourage greater friendly relations and better understanding between people of the sister–cities through the exchange of:
   a. ideas and pleasantries on cultural heritage;
   b. information technology and communication transfer;
   c. education and tourism;
   d. arts and science, environmental management;
   e. studies of government area and development agencies;
   f. studies of private organization, its form, functions, financing and operations;
   g. information on new technology on energy utilization;
   h. job employment and livelihood;
   i. studies in commercial, industrial and agricultural fields, sharing of legislative measures; and
   j. information covering areas of government administration, community development and others not mentioned above;

2. Establish relationship that would afford mutual benefits to both sisters;

3. Assist in advancing the cause of world understanding and linking efforts in common humanitarian projects;

4. Secure the interest and enthusiasm of the citizenry in Mandaluyong City to support the project as they shall also be the beneficiaries in common humanitarian projects with sister cities;
5. Coordinate and cooperate with other activities and service communities of international civic, trade, professional and cultural and scientific organization located at Mandaluyong City regarding international relations with the counterpart abroad.

SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL. The Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council shall exercise the following powers and functions:

1. The Council shall initially discuss among themselves the affiliations requirement and may define the characteristics of the local authority to affiliate with based on historical, socio–political–cultural and economic interest;

2. The Council shall formulate a brief profile in a brochure form, of the City;

3. The Council, upon completion of the initial administrative requirements of affiliations, shall recommend through the City Mayor, for legislative approval and support;

4. The Council, after the legislative approval, shall prepare the following documents, as part of the correspondence, to signify interest to establish partnership and twinning agreement.
   a. Local Government Profile;
   b. Sanggunian Resolution endorsing the affiliation initiative;
   c. Draft Memorandum of Understanding highlighting the proposed partnership.

5. The Council shall facilitate the holding of signing ceremonies of memorandum between partners;

6. The Council shall formulate and implement programs, projects and activities in furtherance of the intent of the memorandum of understanding;

7. Recommend to the local Sanggunian, through the local Chief Executive, approval of preferred twinning partners and activities and such other proposal;

8. The Council shall periodically inform the City Mayor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod and all concerned community groups of the accomplishments of the Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council;

9. The Council may source funding for the program;

10. The Council shall exercise such other functions necessary and proper to carry out its mandate.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS. The Council shall conduct regular meetings as scheduled by the Chairman or, in his absence, by the Co–Chairman of the Mandaluyong City Sister–City Council. Due notice of meetings must be served to all members at least forty eight (48) hours before the scheduled meetings, thus, those present in the meetings who answered the roll call shall constitute a quorum.
SECTION 7.  REPEALING CLAUSE.  The provision of any ordinance, Local Executive Order or any other issuances, which may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, superseded or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8.  This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED on this 15th day of May, 2014 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLINGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

JIMMY D. LACEBAL
Sanggunian Secretary

PRESIDED BY:

EDWARD G. BARTOLOME
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

BENJAMIN DC. ABALOS, JR.
City Mayor

Date: JUN 1 9 2014