

**Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines**

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-2004**

**ADOPTING GUIDELINES ON THE DONATION OF CLASSROOMS AS AN  
ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT IN LIEU OF THE TWO-YEAR HOME  
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT OF THE EVP**

**WHEREAS**, the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) Committee in the Philippines is mandated to promulgate policies, rules and regulations to implement Philippine participation in the program;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee promulgated and approved the "Guidelines and Procedures on the Waiver of the Two-Year Home-Country Residency Requirement for Exchange Visitors" on 16 November 2001, providing, among others, the procedures under the alternative arrangement by which a qualified applicant for No Objection Statement, whose reasons do not fall within the criteria for the granting of NOS, may develop a project proposal to transfer technology to the Philippines in lieu of the two-year home country physical presence requirement;

**WHEREAS**, the EVP Committee has received requests from EVP participants applying for No Objection Statement to consider contributions to the Donate-a-Classroom Project under the "*Classroom Galing sa Mamamayang Pilipino Abroad*" (CGMA) Project as part of the alternative arrangement in the light of the impending expiration of their J1 visas;

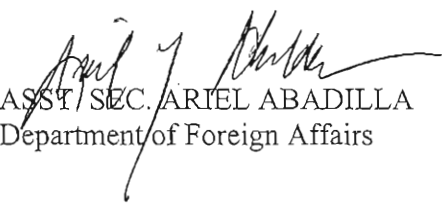
**WHEREAS**, in its meeting of 02 April 2004, the Committee agreed to consider the proposal for the donation of classrooms as an alternative arrangement in lieu of the two-year home residency requirement of the EVP under the following conditions:


1. The said alternative shall be open to those applicants whose visas are expiring on or before 30 June 2004 and whose project proposals have not yet been approved by the evaluating agency. Applications of EVP participants whose visas expire after 30 June 2004 seeking to avail of the donation project will be decided by the Committee on a case to case basis;
2. The donation for the construction of a classroom will only be one of two components of the alternative arrangement, the second being a training component to be implemented by the applicant within one year from the issuance of the relevant NOS;
3. The Committee deems that a donation made by two applicants for one classroom shall be sufficient for consideration and the training linked to the classroom donation will only need to be implemented on a school level;
4. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall be executed between the NOS applicant and the EVP Committee specifying the details of the donation and training;
5. All correspondence of EVP participants involving the donation of classrooms shall be coursed through the EVP Committee;


6. The EVP Committee shall immediately issue the No Objection Statement upon receipt of the following:
- a. Memorandum of Agreement duly acknowledge by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate that has jurisdiction in the place of residence of the NOS applicant;
  - b. Project Outline of the educational exchange / technology transfer activity component; and
  - c. Confirmation by the CGMA Project Management Office that the contribution of the NOS applicant has been credited to the CGMA trust account.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the EVP Committee hereby adopts the abovementioned guidelines on the donation of classrooms as alternative arrangement in lieu of the two-year home residency requirement of the EVP, effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2004 during the regular Committee meeting in Manila, Philippines.

  
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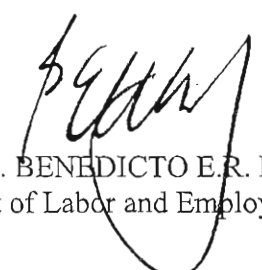
  
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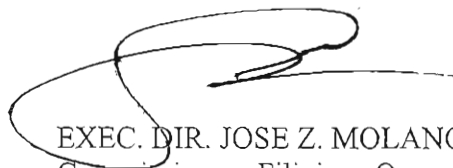
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