

**Exchange Visitor Program Committee in the Philippines**

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2004**

**PROVIDING ADDITIONAL 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 adopted the “Guidelines on the Donation of Classrooms as an Alternative Arrangement in lieu of the Two-Year Home Residency Requirement of the EVP” on 02 April 2004, in consideration of the requests of EVP participants applying for No Objection Statement (NOS) to contribute to the Donate-a-Classroom Project under the “*Classroom Galing sa Mamamayang Pilipino Abroad*” (CGMA) Program of the Department of Labor and Employment as a component of the alternative arrangement in view of the impending expiration of their J1 visas;

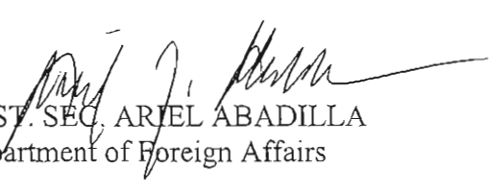
**WHEREAS**, during the meeting of the EVP Committee on 14 May 2004, it was agreed upon that the following additional guidelines be adopted in order to facilitate the prompt and efficient implementation of the Donate-a-Classroom Project as a component of the alternative arrangement:


1. Contributions of NOS applicants to the Donate-a-Classroom Project may be channeled through the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), directly to the CGMA Project Management Office, or through intermediary institutions offering tax deductibility for donations in the United States;
2. The No Objection Statement shall be issued immediately to applicants whose contributions were coursed through the CFO upon receipt of the following:
  - a. Memorandum of Agreement duly acknowledged by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate with 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 Land Bank of the Philippines (Intramuros Branch) that the contribution of the NOS applicant has been credited to the CFO trust account.
3. Applicants whose contributions were coursed through other intermediaries or directly to the CGMA shall be immediately issued the No Objection Statement upon receipt by the EVP Committee of the following:
    - a. Memorandum of Agreement duly acknowledged by the Philippine Embassy or Consulate with 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 additional guidelines on the donation of classrooms as alternative arrangement component in lieu of the two-year home residency requirement of the EVP, effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004 during the regular Committee meeting in Manila, Philippines.

  
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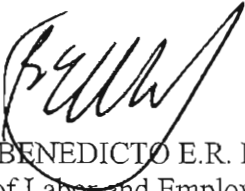
  
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