

Record of Discussion on “official duties”

This Record of Discussion is intended to record matters discussed between the Parties to the Agreement between Japan and the Republic of the Philippines Concerning the Facilitation of Reciprocal Access and Cooperation between the Self-Defense Forces of Japan and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) in the course of negotiations on the definition of the expression “official duties”. This Record of Discussion is not legally binding and does not alter the scope of the Parties’ domestic laws and regulations or international legal obligations arising under, or existing independently of, the Agreement.

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Agreed Minutes to the Agreement, the Parties confirm that the expression “official duties”, in relation to act or omission done by a member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component, means any duty or service required or authorized to be done by statute, regulation, the order of a superior or defense services usage, in the application of the Agreement.

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