

AGREED MINUTES 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

In connection with 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 signed today (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”), the undersigned hereby record the following understanding which they have reached during the negotiations for the Agreement:

1. Articles I, VI, XI, XIII, XXI and XXIII

The Parties shall confirm the meaning of the expression “official duties” separately.

2. Articles V and X

Except as specifically provided otherwise in these Articles, the relevant laws and regulations of the Receiving State relating to road use, air traffic and vessel navigation will be applicable.

3. Article XVII(4)

For the avoidance of doubt, civilian workers employed in the Receiving State by the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component will not be regarded for any purpose as being a member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component.

4. Article XXI(5)(c)

Notification of the arrest of any member of the Visiting Force or the Civilian Component by the authorities of the Receiving State will be made without delay and, as far as practicable, within no more than twenty-four hours of the arrest.

At Manila, this 8th day of July, 2024

For Japan:

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For the Republic of the Philippines:

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