

## **Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications**

We, the undersigned mutually recognize and respect the national regulatory law and qualification standards of psychology practitioners in each country.

We further agree to supplement National Standards with the **ARUPS' Professional Qualification Standards** for the Psychology practitioners of ARUPS member countries within the South East Asian Region, to -

1. ensure solid scientific theoretical foundation, technical expertise, ethical conduct and cultural-sensitivity for competent and effective practice;
2. secure commitment to continuing professional education and advancement to maintain, strengthen, and broaden competence;
3. widen the access of a culturally diverse client-population to quality mental health care and psychological services across SEA countries;
4. provide a reference point for mutual understanding and respect, convergence and cooperation among the practitioners;
5. facilitate the mobility of professionals and learners across national borders within the SEA region.

The ARUPS' professional qualification standards include,

### **Professional Education:**

1. Master's degree in Psychology which includes a minimum of 5 year formal education in psychology
2. 1000 hours of supervised professional practice across different areas of psychological service-delivery
3. Diversity training to enable psychologist to work with various populations

### **Professional Practice:**

1. Mastery of knowledge and skills as described in the International Declaration of Core Competences for Professional Psychology
2. Evidence of current professional competence

### **Professional Ethics:**

1. Adherence to the Universal Declaration of Ethical Principles for Psychologists
2. Certification of good moral conduct or letter of reference from the National Psychological Association

### **Continuing Professional Development:**

1. Attendance to professional and scientific workshops, accredited short-term courses, conferences, trainings, and seminars
2. Research, Publication, and Editorial Work

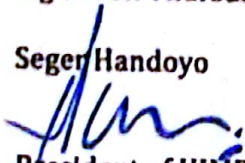
A psychology practitioner who meets all these professional qualification standards and applies for certification to the ARUPS' Professional Regulatory Board shall be issued a Certificate of Registration from ARUPS.

All those awarded the ARUPS' Certificate of Registration shall be listed officially in the ARUPS' Registry of Psychologists which shall be made available to all countries in the South East Asian region.

This Mutual Recognition Agreement shall take effect immediately.

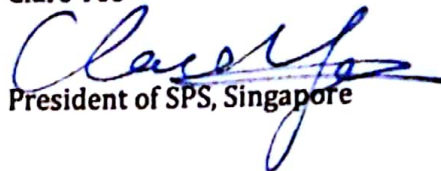
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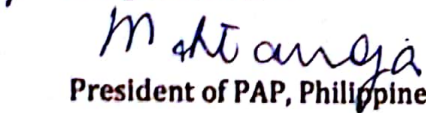
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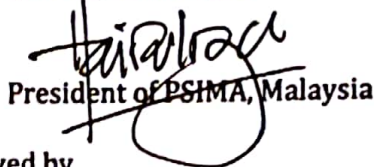
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