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Date: 08/10/2023

Subject: Letter of concurrence to attend the exposure visit to the Philippines on tobacco control on 23-26 October, 2023 or a nearer date at a mutually convenient time.

In reference to the subject stated above, I am happy to inform that Md. Farhadur Reza, Program Officer, National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC), Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) has been nominated from the project titled "Strengthening of Tobacco Control in Bangladesh through institutionalization of NTCC, FCTC compliant TC framework & implementation of NTCP" to visit The Philippines on 23-26 October 2023 or a nearer date as suggested by the counterpart of The Philippine on tobacco control issues.

Being a team member of this foreign exposure visit, he will have the opportunity to interact and exchange knowledge with the senior officials of the Health Ministry, Finance Ministry, city administration, law enforcers, and local civil society of The Philippines – working on planning, advocacy, enforcement, surveillance and monitoring of various tobacco control policies.

All expenses in relation to this travel (including airfares, accommodation, travel & other allowances) will be borne from respective fund of the project.

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- 4. Mr. Md. Farhadur Reza, Program Officer, National Tobacco Control Cell, HSD, MoH&FW;
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