

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
Hanoi, 18 December 1976**

The Government of the Republic of INDIA

AND

The Government of the Socialist Republic of VIETNAM,

INSPIRED BY a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations, and

DESIROUS OF promoting and developing in every possible manner the relations and understanding between India and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the realms of art, culture, education, including academic activity in the field of science and technology, sports, public health and mass media of information and education,

HAVE AGREED to conclude the following Agreement :

Article 1

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage co-operation in the fields of art and culture, education including academic activity in the field of science and technology, public health, mass media of information and education, sports and games and journalism in order to contribute towards a better knowledge of their respective cultures and activities in these fields.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage :

- (a) reciprocal visits of professors and experts for delivering lectures, study tours and conducting special courses;
- (b) reciprocal visits of representatives of educational, literary, scientific, technical, artistic, sports and journalists associations

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and organisations and participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars; and

- (c) exchange of materials in the fields of culture, science, education, and sports translation and exchange of books, periodicals and other educational, scientific, technical, cultural and sports publications documents and films, and as far as possible, exchange of archaeological specimens.

Article 3

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to provide facilities and scholarships to students and scientific personnel of the other country seeking to study in its institutions of higher education and research laboratories.

Article 4

Each Contracting Party undertakes to examine the condition under which the equivalence of diplomas, certificates and university degrees awarded in the two countries can be mutually recognised.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to present different facets of the life and culture of the other Party through the medium of radio, television and press. With this end in view, the two parties shall exchange suitable materials and programmes.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and promote :

- (a) exchange of artistes, dance and music ensembles;
- (b) exchange of art and other exhibitions;
- (c) exchange of films, documentaries, radio and television programme recordings and recordings on discs and tapes; and
- (d) exchange of experts in the fields of cinematography and participation in each other's International Film Festivals.

Article 7

The Contracting Parties shall encourage visits of sports teams between the two countries and shall facilitate, subject to the national laws and regulations in force, their stay and movements in their respective territories.

Article 8

Each Contracting Party will consider measures necessary to ensure correct and proper presentation of the other party in text-books prescribed in its educational institutions, particularly in the books on subjects such as History, Geography and languages.

Article 9

Each Contracting Party shall welcome the establishment in its territory of cultural institutes or friendship associations devoted to educational and cultural pursuits by the other Party or the Parties jointly, in accordance with its laws, regulations and general policy in this regard.

Article 10

The regular implementation of the Cultural Agreement will be carried out through diplomatic channels.

Article 11

The present Agreement shall come into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of its Ratification. It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter each time for a subsequent period of five years unless either Contracting Party gives to the other a six months prior notice in writing to terminate it.

DONE at Hanoi on the 18th December, 1976 in six originals, two each in Hindi, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic except in case of doubt when English text shall prevail.

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For the Government of the
Republic of India

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For the Government of the
Socialist Republic of Vietnam
