

**CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND**

New Delhi, 29 April 1977

The Government of INDIA

AND

The Government of THAILAND,

INSPIRED by a common desire to establish and develop closer cultural relations in the spirit of the high ideals of the constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and

DESIROUS of promoting and developing in every possible manner such relations and understanding between India and Thailand, especially in the realm of arts, culture, education, including academic activities in the fields of science and technology, sports, public health and mass media of information.

HAVE AGREED to conclude the following Agreement :

Article 1

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

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate :

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

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scientific, technical, artistic, sports and journalists, associations or organizations and participation in congresses, conferences, symposia and seminars;

- (c) exchange of materials in the fields of culture, science, education, sports, and wherever possible, exchange of art specimen;
- (d) translation and exchange of books, periodicals and/other educational, scientific, technical, cultural and sports publications; and
- (e) reciprocal assistance to archaeologists to gain experience of excavations as well as preservation and display of archaeological finds, and for purposes of training, as also in regard to exchange of specimens, replicas or casts.

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 shall examine and evaluate the diplomas, certificates and university degrees granted by the other Party with a view to arriving at their equivalence.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall endeavour to present different facets of the life and culture of the other Party through the media 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 artists, and 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 field 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.

Article 8

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 Contracting Party, or the Contracting Parties jointly, in accordance with its laws, regulations and general policy in this regard; it being understood that prior clearance of the Government concerned would be obtained before any institution is established under this Article.

Article 9

The exchanges of information and materials and exchanges of visits by individuals, groups or delegations stipulated in the present Agreement shall be subject to the laws and regulations of India or Thailand as the case may be.

Article 10

For the fulfilment of the objectives of the present Agreement, a Joint Committee shall be established by the Contracting Parties consisting of representatives of the two Governments, which shall meet as agreed upon between the Contracting Parties at the request of either of them, at least once every two years alternately in India and Thailand.

The Joint Committee will be responsible for :

- (a) keeping under periodic review the working of the Agreement in the two countries;
- (b) advising the Government concerned in the detailed manner of carrying out the Agreements;
- (c) formulating cultural, scientific and educational exchange programmes and reviewing their progress;
- (d) recommending to the Party concerned any items of interest to either Party in the fields within the scope of the Agreement; and
- (e) generally advising the Government concerned as to the manner in which the working of the Agreement may be improved upon.

Article 11

The present Agreement shall come into force on signature.

It shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for further periods of five years each time, unless either Contracting Party gives to the other Party a six months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorised representatives of the Contracting Parties have signed the present Agreement and have affixed their seals thereto.

DONE at New Delhi on this 9th day of Vaisakha 1899 (Saka), corresponding to the 29th day of Meshayon, B.E. 2520, and the 29th day of April, 1977 (A.D.), in six originals, two each in Hindi, Thai and English languages, all the texts being equally authentic except in case of divergent interpretations when the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of India

For the Government of
Thailand

Sd/-

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