

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**  
**AND**  
**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SULTANATE OF OMAN**  
**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TOURISM**

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, hereinafter referred to as "*the Parties*".

Desirous to expand bilateral cooperation and taking into consideration the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the appropriate Authorities of the two countries, In order to strengthen the ties of friendship existing between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Sultanate of Oman, Recognizing tourism as an effective element in promoting economic development, based on the full equality of rights and mutual benefits,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

The Parties shall, encourage their citizens to travel to each other's country and shall facilitate, in cooperation with their competent Authorities, formalities in the field of tourists' traffic between their countries in accordance with their respective laws and regulations and without prejudice of their international obligations.

The Parties shall also encourage the cooperation and direct contacts between their travel agencies, other relevant enterprises and organizations operating in the field of tourism with a view to increasing tourist exchanges between the two countries.

## ARTICLE 2

The Parties, in accordance with the legislation in force in their countries, shall strive to promote their cooperation in various fields related to tourism, such as tourists investments, the construction of hotels and other forms of tourist accommodation and hotel management.

## ARTICLE 3

The Parties, in accordance with their internal legislation and their respective international obligations, shall exchange information, statistics, publicity and promotional materials. The Parties also, shall place special emphasis to the exchange of know how and practical experience in various fields of tourists activity, such as technical cooperation, research and providing facilities for production of the promotional materials.

## ARTICLE 4

Each Party shall encourage the participation of the other Party in international exhibitions and fairs organized in their territory and within the framework of their cooperation in international tourism organizations of which both are members. The Parties shall provide the necessary facilities for the delegation of the other Party to participate in international seminars and conferences in the field of tourism which are held in their countries.

## ARTICLE 5

The Parties shall develop their cooperation within the framework of the World Tourism Organization, as well as other international organizations in the field of tourism, of which both are members and shall examine the possibilities of introducing such programmes between the two countries.

#### ARTICLE 6

The Parties shall exchange information and documentation in the field of professional training of personnel employed in the tourist sector, create the necessary conditions and consider all possible forms of cooperation in the field including on the job training and exchange of students, instructors and experts of their respective educational and training institutes of tourists professions and the organization of seminars for tourist officials and professionals.

#### ARTICLE 7

The Parties may establish national tourist information offices in each other's territory, which will not conduct commercial activities and the operation of which will be regulated by a specific Agreement concluded to that effect by the appropriate Authorities of the two countries.

#### ARTICLE 8

The Parties shall encourage the cooperation between their agencies and other relevant specialized bodies with a view to attracting tourists from third countries.

#### ARTICLE 9

For the purpose of implementing this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall establish a Joint Committee and/ or a Working Group comprising representatives of both Parties, in which the members of private tourism sector may also be included. The Joint Committee and/ or Working Group shall meet alternately in either country on the date and location to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 10

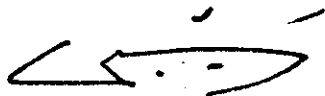
The Sending Party (First Party) shall bear traveling costs inclusive, whereas, accommodation, internal travel and other related costs shall be borne by the host country (Second Party).

ARTICLE 11

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective when either Party being notified of the finalization of all arrangements pertaining to the enforceability of the Memorandum of Understanding. It shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and shall be renewed automatically thereafter for further period of five years each time, unless either Party gives the other Party a six (6) months prior written notice through the diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.

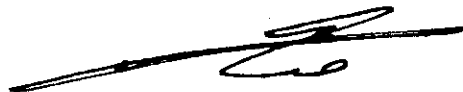
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