

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON HEALTH COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN**

The Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Health of the Kingdom of Bahrain hereinafter referred to as "the Participants";

Desiring to cooperate in the fields of Health and Medical Services, Training, Research, and Development, Health and Hospital Policies and Procedures, Health Insurance, Traditional and Alternative Medicine, and Food and Drug Administration;

Desiring to strengthen the close and friendly relations existing between the two countries;

Have reached the following understandings:

**PARAGRAPH 1
Objectives**

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

- 1) To create a basic operational framework for active and mutual cooperation on grounds agreed by the two Participants; and
- 2) To develop cooperation in the above-mentioned fields and to identify proper and mutually beneficial grounds for cooperation.

**PARAGRAPH 2
Implementation**

The Participants will develop a mutually beneficial program of cooperation in the following fields:

- 1) Health and Medical Service, Training, Research and Development

The Participants will:

- a. Have joint cooperation to exchange their experience in the field of health and medical services, training, both of short and long term educational courses, and research and development;
- b. Exchange necessary information on health and medical services;
- c. Exchange official visits on health care service sectors;
- d. Cooperate and exchange experience in designing and implementing health information systems;

2) Health Insurance

The Participants will:

- e. Have joint cooperation to exchange their experience in the field of health insurance systems;
- f. Exchange necessary information about the health insurance systems in both countries;
- g. Exchange ideas among health care leaders on how to respond to both Participants' requirements;

3) Health and Hospital Policies and Procedures

The Participants will:

- h. Have joint cooperation to exchange their experience in improving policies and procedures pertaining to health in general and hospitals in particular;
- i. Exchange necessary information about health and hospital policies and procedures in both countries;
- j. Provide necessary information related to accredited bodies with respect to health and hospital policies and procedures;

4) Food and Drug Administration

The Participants will:

- k. Exchange their expertise and knowledge in the area of Food and Drug Administration as well as nutrition in both countries as needed;
- l. Exchange necessary information about Food and Drug Administration as well as nutrition concepts;

5) Traditional and Alternative Medicine

The Participants will:

- m. Exchange necessary information regarding alternative medicine; and
- n. Exchange ideas among health care leaders on how to respond to both countries' needs in these areas.

PARAGRAPH 3

Operation

In order to create a suitable follow-up mechanism for implementing the above activities, each Participant will appoint an implementing agency to coordinate and implement this Memorandum of Understanding.

PARAGRAPH 4
Financial Arrangements

Each Participant will make available the funding reasonably necessary for the implementation of its activities as specified above.

PARAGRAPH 5
Settlement of Differences

Any difference arising from interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding will be amicably settled through negotiations between the Participants.

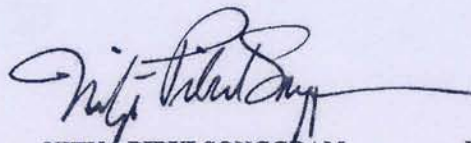
PARAGRAPH 6
Entry into effect and Termination

- 1) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Participants and will remain valid for a period of two years. Thereafter, it can be automatically renewed for a successive period of two years each.
- 2) This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or amended by written agreement of the Participants.
- 3) This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Participant giving the other a three-month written notice of its intention to do so;
- 4) The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the ongoing projects or programs made hereunder prior to its termination.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Bangkok on 24 January 2008 in duplicate in English.

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