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**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
and
BURMA**

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BIRMANIE**

Accord relatif à l'envoi d'une mission médicale, dans le cadre du budget ordinaire de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé. Signé à Rangoon, le 8 février 1952, et à New-Delhi, le 18 février 1952

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No. 1698. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF BURMA AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE OPERATION OF A VISITING TEAM OF MEDICAL SCIENTISTS PROJECT UNDER THE WHO REGULAR BUDGET. SIGNED AT RANGOON, ON 8 FEBRUARY 1952, AND AT NEW DELHI, ON 18 FEBRUARY 1952

The World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as “ the Organization ”), and

The Government of the Union of Burma (hereinafter referred to as “ the Government ”)

Being desirous of obtaining mutual agreement concerning a project particularly with reference to the purpose and scope of the project and the responsibilities which shall be assumed and the services and materials which shall be provided;

Declaring that these responsibilities shall be fulfilled in a spirit of friendly co-operation :

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

PLAN OF OPERATIONS

Preamble

The Government of the Union of Burma have requested the services of a Visiting Team of Medical Scientists (formerly called “ Medical Teaching Mission ”) to visit the University of Rangoon (Medical College) for the duration of approximately 3-4 weeks for the purpose of exchanging scientific information in a number of selected specialities, and conducting at the same time a post-graduate lecture course in the above named Medical School.

The Organization in compliance with said request has decided to send to Burma a group of internationally known scientists in the requested specialities consisting of professors of various European and American universities of recognized standing.

¹ Came into force on 18 February 1952, as from the date of signature by both contracting parties, in accordance with the last paragraph of Part IV.

The Organization has succeeded in securing the services of the following scientists :

Dr. E. W. H. Cruickshank	Professor of Physiology, University of Aberdeen
Dr. H. O. Schild	Reader in Pharmacology, University of London (University College)
Dr. Marcel Florkin	Professor of Biochemistry, University of Liège
Dr. F. S. P. van Buchem	Professor of Medicine, University of Groningen
Dr. Bo Vahlquist	Professor of Paediatrics, University of Uppsala
Dr. M. R. MacCharles	Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Manitoba
Dr. Erik Husfeldt	Professor of Thoracic Surgery, University of Copenhagen
Dr. Erik Wain Andersen	Director of Anaesthesia, Copenhagen County Hospital
Dr. Rohan Williams	Director of Diagnostic Radiology, St. Mary's Hospital, London
Dr. John E. Gordon	Professor of Preventive Medicine and Epidemio- logy, Harvard University
Dr. Edward Grzegorzowski	Professor of Public Health, Director of WHO Division of Education and Training Services

This team will be headed by Professor Erik Husfeldt as its chairman. Attached to this team will also be :

- 1 Administrative Officer
- 2 Secretaries

Timing of the Project

The Team is expected to arrive in Rangoon on or about 13 February 1952 and to remain there to approximately 5 March 1952.

Organizational preparation of the Project

In order to draft the curriculum of activities and to arrive at a precise schedule of activities, Dr. Erwin Kohn, Chief, Exchange of Scientific Information Section at WHO headquarters in Geneva, will visit Burma prior to the arrival of the Team there. Dr. Erwin Kohn will act as the Personal Representative of the Regional Director throughout his work in connection with this project. He will arrive in Rangoon on or about 16 January 1952 and will remain there approximately until 18 February 1952.

Methodology of work of the team

Formal teaching—such as lectures—will be kept to a necessary minimum. Most of the activities of the Team will consist of an informal exchange of ideas to be effected in the course of ward-rounds, small informal discussions, symposia, seminars, round-table discussions, etc.

PART I

Purpose and objectives of the Project

1. To establish personal contact between the University of Rangoon (Medical College) and the teaching and research staffs of the Medical College and the Universities from which staff members have been recruited as members of the team;
2. to establish an informal exchange of views and experience in the course of the visit to the benefit of both local and visiting scientists. It is expected that the stimulative effect of this visit will be to the advantage of all scientists and medical schools involved in this project;
3. to arrange a post-graduate lecture course during which all visiting scientists will report on recent original research conducted by them;
4. to give symposium type lectures summarizing recent advances in their specialities in their areas;
5. to conduct teaching on the under-graduate level if Government so request;
6. to demonstrate the close integration of laboratory, curative and preventive specialities that is needed for any well co-ordinated over-all health programme.

It is expected that the contacts established among all participating scientists will continue in years to come and will eventually facilitate exchange of assistants, selections for fellowships, exchange of scientific publications, etc., all considered essential to the further improvement of training in medicine and in public health.

The Team will also be available to the Government for special consultations in their respective specialities if the Government so desire. This holds particularly true for the public health scientist on the Team.

Planning, extent and administration of Project

In the execution of this Agreement the Government and the Organization agree to be guided by the policies established by the World Health Assembly.

The project shall be conducted under the responsibility of the Government. The expected duration of the project is about three weeks.

PART II

Commitments of the Organization

The Organization shall provide :

1. *Personnel*
 - 1.1. the services of a Visiting Team of medical scientists for about three weeks, during 1952;
 - 1.2. the necessary minimum of secretarial and administrative staff to precede the Team for the necessary preparations and to accompany them in the field;
2. The Organization further undertakes with regard to the commitments under paragraph 1 above to pay and provide for the following :
 - 2.1. the salary, allowances, insurance, maintenance, and travel of the international personnel from the country of origin to the project site and return;
 - 2.2. the imported teaching equipment as deemed necessary, and the carriage of same to the country, to a maximum of US \$5,000;
 - 2.3. Local Transport, if not provided by the Government;
 - 2.4. any other expenses outside the country and necessary in connection with the project.

PART III

Commitments of the Government

The Government shall

1. designate a Liaison Officer and provide the necessary secretarial assistance for him;
2. constitute a Preparatory Committee consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Social Services, the Ministry of Education and other interested ministries, the Medical Faculty and of professional organizations, interested agencies and institutions;

3. provide adequate office space and essential office equipment including telephone, typewriters etc. for the Office of the Team during its stay;
4. provide local transportation, if feasible;
5. give officials of the WHO and the Visiting Team all the co-operation that is necessary for a successful operation of the project;
6. authorize the publication, both national and international of the results of the project and of the experience derived therefrom.

The Government further undertakes to pay and provide for the following :

1. the cost of official telephone, telegrams, postal and other means of communications;
2. the cost of incidental expenses necessary for the successful carrying out of the project;
3. the cost of medical care and hospitalization for the international personnel in the country, in case of sickness;
4. payment of taxes or other duties or levies collected by the Government not covered by the privileges and immunities under Part IV.

PART IV

Final Provisions

Notwithstanding that the Government may or may not have already ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies,¹ the Government shall accord to the Organization, its personnel, property and assets in connection with the performance of this Agreement, all the privileges and immunities normally accorded to the Organization, its property, assets officials and experts under the provision of that Convention.

The provisions of the aforementioned Convention shall not apply to the personnel furnished by the Government and which are not staff, consultants, or employees of the Organization.

The Government shall take suitable measures to protect the Organization against any claims for loss, damage or injury to persons or property, resulting from or arising out of the execution of this programme undertaken under this Agreement.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 33, p. 261; Vol. 43, p. 342; Vol. 46, p. 355; Vol. 51, p. 330; Vol. 71, p. 316; Vol. 76, p. 274; Vol. 79, p. 326; Vol. 81, p. 332; Vol. 84, p. 412; Vol. 88, p. 446; Vol. 90, p. 323; Vol. 91, p. 376; Vol. 92, p. 400; Vol. 96, p. 322; Vol. 101, p. 288; Vol. 102, p. 322; Vol. 109, p. 319; Vol. 110, p. 314; Vol. 117, and Vol. 122, p. 335.

Any equipment furnished by the Organization under Part II of this Agreement shall be disposed of as mutually agreed between the Government and the Organization.

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the Government and the Organization whenever circumstances require it.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both the contracting parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in four copies in English at Rangoon on the 8th Feb. 1952

For the Government
of the Union of Burma :
(Signed) G. S. DILLON
Secretary,
Ministry of social services

and at New Delhi on 18th February, 1952

For the World Health Organization :
(Signed) G. MANI