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No. 4097. CULTURAL CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY.
SIGNED AT ANKARA, ON 12 FEBRUARY 1957

The Government of the Republic of China and the Government of the Republic of Turkey,

Cognizant of the fact that continued contacts and communication of thoughts, since ancient times between their respective peoples have greatly contributed to the richness of their cultures,

Desirous to strengthen their cultural relations so as to further promote their mutual understanding and close friendship,

Have resolved to conclude, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,² a Cultural Convention, and have for this purpose, appointed as their Plenipotentiaries :

His Excellency the President of the Republic of China :

His Excellency Dr. George K. C. Yeh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China ; and

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Turkey :

His Excellency Mr. Etem Menderes, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey ;

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following :

Article I

The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to establish their cultural relations on a solid basis and, to that end, shall collaborate closely for an active exchange in science, technology, art, literature and other cultural fields.

Article II

The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to introduce special courses in their universities or organize lectures in each other's language, history, philosophy, and other cultural subjects.

¹ Came into force 26 October 1957, the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Taipei, in accordance with article IX.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 4, p. 275 ; Vol. 18, p. 383 ; Vol. 21, p. 336 ; Vol. 34, p. 382 ; Vol. 43, p. 336 ; Vol. 45, p. 319 ; Vol. 53, p. 407 ; Vol. 68, p. 261 ; Vol. 98, p. 264 ; Vol. 126, p. 346 ; Vol. 161, p. 360 ; Vol. 166, p. 368 ; Vol. 172, p. 326 ; Vol. 190, p. 376 ; Vol. 191, p. 358 ; Vol. 213, p. 369 ; Vol. 243, p. 302 ; Vol. 250, p. 289 ; Vol. 253, p. 307 ; Vol. 256, p. 326, and Vol. 257, p. 359.

Article III

The High Contracting Parties shall endeavour to pay utmost attention while presenting their respective countries in their school books (particularly books of history and geography) to give accurate information consistent with scientific realities and shall also endeavour by such means as are in their power to secure the correction of inaccuracies in school books as regards each of the two countries, to which their attention may be drawn.

Article IV

The High Contracting Parties shall promote the regular exchange of university professors and members of scientific institutions ; they shall also promote the grant of fellowships and scholarships to each other's professors, assistant professors and students to pursue studies or research work.

Article V

The High Contracting Parties shall facilitate setting up in their public libraries of special sections devoted to publications relating to each other's country and they shall also endeavour to contribute thereto scientific, literary and artistic publications.

Article VI

The High Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate cultural and intellectual communications between the two countries by organizing concerts, theatrical performances, art exhibitions, athletic contests and they shall also facilitate, within the limits of their legislation, the exchange of books, periodicals, newspapers, films and other educational equipments.

Article VII

The High Contracting Parties shall encourage and facilitate each other's visiting groups composed of teachers, students, scientists, technicians and cultural workers for purpose of travel or research by granting them the most advantageous conditions with regard to transport and living expenses.

Article VIII

The High Contracting Parties shall respectively take all necessary measures to work out detailed schemes for the implementation of the present Convention.

Article IX

The present Convention shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures and the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Taipei as soon as possible. The Convention shall come into force on the date on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

Article X

The present Convention shall remain in force for ten years. Unless six months prior to the date of expiration, either Contracting Party shall have given notice of its intention to terminate the present Convention, it shall continue in force for another period of ten years, subject to the same procedure with respect to the termination of the Convention.

Article XI

The present Convention is drawn up in duplicate in Chinese, Turkish and English languages. In case of divergence between the Chinese and Turkish texts, the English text shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present Convention and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE in Ankara this twelfth day of the second month of the forty-sixth year of the Republic of China, corresponding to the twelfth day of February in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-seven.

For the Government
of the Republic of China :
George K. C. YEH

For the Government
of the Turkish Republic :
E. MENDERES