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CULTURAL AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

The Government of Thailand and the Government of Australia,

Recognising that the peoples of Thailand and Australia should have a deeper understanding of the history, culture and character of each other,

Conscious of the co-operation now existing between the two countries in a wide variety of fields,

Desiring to further strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two peoples, and to promote mutual understanding and knowledge on the widest possible scale through the development of their cultural and social relations,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Each Government undertakes to promote better understanding in its country of the history, culture and institutions of the other country.

To this end, each Government shall encourage and assist co-operation in the fields of:

- (a) literature, music, crafts, visual and performing arts, and other activities of a cultural nature;
- (b) education and research;
- (c) anthropological studies;
- (d) science and technology;
- (e) mass media;
- (f) social and youth activities; and
- (g) tourism.

Article 2. The two Governments shall encourage visits and facilitate exchange between the two countries of:

- (a) experts in cultural, social, artistic, literary and educational fields;
- (b) scholars, students, researchers and trainees;
- (c) representatives of professional, social welfare, women's and youth organisations;
- (d) sportsmen, sporting teams and coaches; and
- (e) representatives from related fields which the two Governments consider would fall within the framework of this Agreement.

Article 3. The two Governments shall encourage the development of relations between academic bodies, universities, scientific, technological and research institutions, professional associations and other institutions of culture and learning of their respective countries.

Article 4. The two Governments shall co-operate in the exchange of information on standards and developments of their respective educational systems to assist in the

¹ Came into force on 16 December 1974 by signature, in accordance with article 11.

interpretation and evaluation of degrees, diplomas and certificates, for academic purposes and where appropriate, for professional purposes.

Article 5. Each Government shall encourage in educational institutions and elsewhere in its own country the teaching of the language, literature, history, geography, economics, culture and other aspects of the life of the other country and the teaching of its own language and culture in the other country. Each Government shall encourage in its own country the translation of works of special distinction of the other country.

Article 6. Each Government may maintain cultural institutions in the territory of the other country with the concurrence and in accordance with the laws and regulations of that country.

Article 7. The two Governments shall promote and facilitate:

- (a) the exchange of scientific knowledge between the two countries;
- (b) direct contact between scientists and scientific organisations of their countries; and
- (c) the attendance by experts of each country at conferences, seminars, and other meetings held in the country of the other.

Article 8. The two Governments shall facilitate within their countries the supply and distribution of books, publications, educational materials, films, recordings, video tapes, professional brochures, and literary and artistic works which may foster the purposes of this Agreement.

The two Governments shall encourage co-operation between the press, radio, film and television services of the two countries for the purposes of this Agreement, and shall facilitate and promote exchanges of mass media representatives.

Article 9. The two Governments shall facilitate and promote visits by tourists and experts on tourism between the two countries.

For the purposes of tourist promotion between the two countries, the Thai Government may establish a national tourist office in Australia.

Subject to the laws and regulations in force in each country the two Governments shall facilitate the introduction of exhibition materials and the supply and distribution of tourist promotional materials.

Article 10. The two Governments shall co-operate to give effect to the purposes of this Agreement and shall consult each other when necessary on matters of detail and additional arrangements. In addition, representatives of the two Governments shall meet at least once every two years, alternately in Thailand and Australia, to discuss and assess the implementation of this Agreement.

Article 11. This Agreement shall come into force on signature and shall remain in force until the 180th day after the day on which one Government shall have given to the other, notice in writing, through the diplomatic channel of its desire to terminate the Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Bangkok this sixteenth day of December in the two thousand five hundred and seventeenth year of the Buddhist Era, corresponding to the one thousand

nine hundred and seventy fourth year of the Christian Era in the Thai and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of Thailand:

[*Signed*]

CHARUN P. ISARANGKUN NA AYUTHAYA
Minister of Foreign Affairs

For the Government of Australia:

[*Signed*]

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