

AGREEMENT
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS
BETWEEN
THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN ADMINISTRATION,
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF HO CHI MINH CITY,
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration, the Kingdom of Thailand and the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties");

With the desire to establish friendly relations between the two cities in furtherance of the strategic partnership between Thailand and Viet Nam;

Have agreed as follows:

1. Both Parties agreed to establish friendly relations and shall create mechanisms for its implementation within their respective jurisdiction, on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, in conformity with the laws and policies of Thailand and Viet Nam, the international agreements inked by the two countries or to which both countries are signatories.

2. Both Parties shall maintain their regular meetings at high-ranking level to review the implementation of this Agreement and discuss solutions to difficulties and problems that may arise in the process.

3. Both Parties shall provide favorable conditions and suitable ground to exchange information and experiences, attentively promote cooperation in the Parties' strong and advantageous areas, especially in trade, investment, education and training, science and technology, culture and tourism, urban planning and development, environment.

4. This Agreement does not create binding obligations between the Parties. Nothing in this Agreement precludes either of the Parties from exercising any measures and satisfying any obligations prescribed under the laws of their respective country.



5. Both Parties will ensure that financial resources to support exchanges and activities are available prior to undertaking them.

6. The International Affairs Division of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration and the Department of External Relations of Ho Chi Minh City shall be the focal contact points, coordinating cooperation and supervising the implementation of the provisions in this Agreement.

7. This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years and shall be renewed automatically for similar periods, unless either Party gives a written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least three months in advance. In such a case, the activities and projects already in progress or executed shall not be affected.

8. Amendments to the content of this Agreement shall be considered on the basis of mutual agreement by the Parties upon written request by either Party. Any disputes arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation between the Parties.

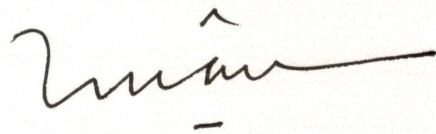
Done in Ho Chi Minh City on April 3, 2015 in duplicate in the Thai, Vietnamese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN
ADMINISTRATION,
THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND



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