

Memorandum of Understanding
on
Intellectual Property Cooperation
between
The Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia
and
The Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Thailand

The Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia on the one hand and Ministry of Commerce of the Kingdom of Thailand on the other (hereinafter referred to as "Parties):

RECOGNISING the important role of intellectual property rights in the conduct of trade and the flow of investment among the Parties and the importance of cooperation in intellectual property in the region;

DESIRING to foster closer cooperation in the field of intellectual property and in order to provide a firm basis for economic progress, and prosperity among the Parties;

RECOGNISING the need to promote closer cooperation and understanding among the countries in the region in the field of intellectual property and related fields to contribute to regional dynamism, synergy and growth;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. To promote linkage between the Ministries and their national offices responsible for intellectual property of the Parties;
2. To promote the development of human resources including training and the exchange of specialists in intellectual property;
3. To promote the exchange and flow of information on intellectual property;



4. To promote the solution of common problems related to intellectual property administration and the protection of intellectual property property rights;
5. To promote public awareness of intellectual property rights;
6. To promote closer cooperation and consultations among the Parties for mutual long-term benefits and lasting prosperity;
7. To promote reciprocal protection of intellectual property rights of the peoples of the two countries; and
8. To conduct other cooperative activities as determined by the Parties.

AREA OF COOPERATION

1. Exchange of information and documentations including the electronic data;
2. Human resources development;
3. Exchange of study visit;
4. Comparatives study of procedures, practices and administration of intellectual property;
5. Use of automation to increase efficiency in serving the public of each country; and
6. Dissemination of information on intellectual property.



CONSULTATION

The officials of the national offices of the Parties responsible for intellectual property will meet at least once a year to evaluate the progress of the cooperation on intellectual property.

The Parties are satisfied with the friendly relation between the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Kingdom of Thailand and expected to promote mutual understanding among the countries in the region in the field of intellectual property by aiming to strengthen the regional cooperation.


OTHERS


The cooperation between the Parties will be evaluated and reviewed from time to time and amended or expanded subject to prior approval of the Parties through friendly discussion.

In carrying out the cooperation program, mutual respect and benefit are the guiding principles.

This Memorandum of Understanding on Intellectual Property cooperation shall be effective upon approval by the governments of both Parties.

Done at Bangkok on this Fifth day of March in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Seven, in two originals in Khmer, Thai and English languages. All three texts being equally authentic. In the case of any difference in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.


The Minister of Commerce
of the Kingdom of Cambodia


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