

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

THE ASEAN SECRETARIAT

AND

HANNS SEIDEL FOUNDATION

The ASEAN Secretariat as one "Party" and Hanns Seidel Foundation of Germany as the other "Party", hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties";

CONSIDERING the goodwill and cooperation that have existed between the Parties;

DESIRING to further promote closer relationship and cooperation;

RECOGNIZING the importance of environmental education in enhancing the quality of life of peoples in ASEAN;

RECOGNIZING ALSO the need of new members of ASEAN to develop their human resources and build up government institutions in order to meet economic commitments in AFTA and liberalization of trade in services;

DESIRING to fully utilize the synergy of the Parties to promote environmental education and assist new members of ASEAN in meeting their economic commitments;

HAVE reached an understanding on the following :

Article 1

General Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding embodies the understanding of the ASEAN Secretariat and Hanns Seidel Foundation to work together in their mutual interest.

The Parties will use their best endeavour to achieve the objectives set out in Article 2 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Memorandum of Understanding will not be legally binding under international law or under the domestic laws of the Parties.

Article 2

Objectives

The principal objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are :

1. to encourage the Parties to cooperate in specific joint projects in environmental education in ASEAN, *including* development of an ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan;
2. to encourage the Parties to cooperate in specific joint projects designed to assist new members of ASEAN in fulfilling their commitments in AFTA; and
3. to encourage the Parties to cooperate in specific joint projects designed to assist new members of ASEAN in fulfilling their commitments in liberalization of trade in services.

Article 3

Identification of Joint Cooperation Projects

The Parties shall identify and develop joint cooperation projects through consultations and consensus in order to meet the objectives effectively and efficiently.

Article 4

Implementing Bodies

Unless otherwise agreed upon on a case by case basis, the ASEAN Secretariat shall be the executing agent of all joint projects conducted under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Hanns Seidel Foundation shall liaise with the ASEAN Secretariat through the Jakarta office of Hanns Seidel Foundation Project in Indonesia.

The Singapore office of Hanns Seidel Foundation Project in Singapore shall coordinate joint activities with other Hanns Seidel Foundation projects in the ASEAN region.

Article 5

Implementation

The Parties shall work out the actual funding contribution on project by project basis and taking into consideration contribution in kind from the ASEAN Secretariat and financial contribution from Hanns Seidel Foundation.

The Parties may, subject to their consensus, seek supplementary funding support from other regional or international institutions.

All activities in joint projects under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country in which they are being carried out.

Article 6

Review and Amendment

The Parties may hold consultations from time to time to review progress of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding and, if and when necessary, adopt any appropriate amendment to it.

Article 7

Commencement and Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding shall take effect for three years from the date of its signing by the Parties.

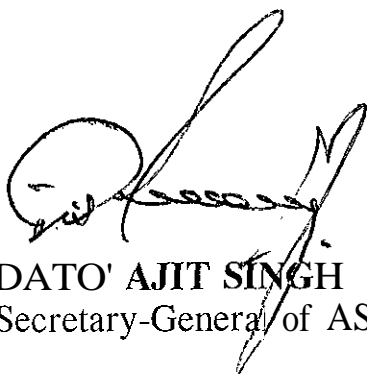
This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended after the end of its three-year duration.

Either of the Parties may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months written notice to the other Party.

The Parties have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on 11 December 1997.

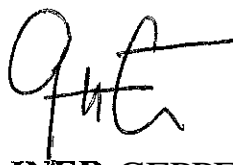
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For the ASEAN Secretariat



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