

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE ASEAN COMMITTEE ON CULTURE
AND INFORMATION AND AUSHERITAGE CONCERNING
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PROTECTION,
PRESERVATION, PROMOTION AND MANAGEMENT OF
CULTURAL HERITAGE**

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations - Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI) and AusHeritage Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties")

REFERING to the ASEAN Declaration on Cultural Heritage of 2000, and the history of formal cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and AusHeritage Limited since 1997

DESIRING to further strengthen the existing relationship between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and AusHeritage Limited

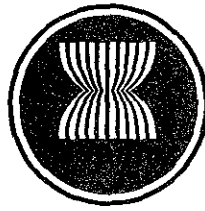
RECOGNISING the need for further cooperation in the fields of protection, preservation, management and promotion of cultural heritage

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations in the respective countries of the Parties

HAVE AGREED as follows:

**Article I
OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to enhance cooperation in the field of protection, preservation, management and promotion of cultural heritage of members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.



Article II

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Both Parties shall undertake projects and activities to help protect, preserve, promote, and manage the cultural heritage of members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations especially in capacity building, awareness raising and advocacy.

Areas of activity shall be as follows:

1. Conferences Seminars and Workshops

Both Parties shall encourage joint activities, including conferences, seminars, symposia and workshops on the protection, preservation, promotion and management of cultural heritage.

2. Skills Development

Both Parties shall encourage the exchange of expertise and joint activities in the research, preservation, conservation, promotion, and management of cultural heritage. Exchange programs in the field shall be encouraged.

3. Development of Standards and Guidelines

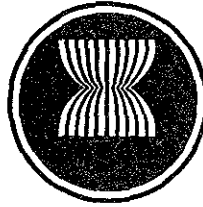
Both Parties shall collaborate on developing, testing and promoting a range of appropriate standards and guidelines.

4. Development of Infrastructure

Both Parties shall co-operate on the development and implementation of key tools such as websites, including the development and upgrade of the ASEAN Cultural Heritage Information Network portal site.

5. Attendance at Meetings

Both Parties shall encourage reciprocal attendance at meetings dealing with the matters covered by this Memorandum of Understanding and representatives are therefore invited to attend such meetings.



6. Potential Areas of Cooperation

Both Parties shall encourage the exploration of other areas of potential collaboration and advice.

Article III COORDINATION

The Parties are committed to maintaining a close relationship regarding cooperation on the protection, preservation, promotion and management of cultural heritage through their relevant bodies, which shall be the coordinating agencies of this Memorandum of Understanding. In this connection, the coordinator for the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information is the ASEAN country coordinator for ASEAN-Australia relations, while AusHeritage Limited acts as its own coordinating agency.

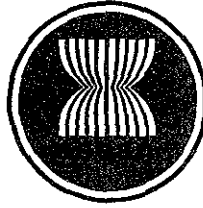
Article IV IMPLEMENTATION

1. The agencies mentioned in Article III shall hold consultations as deemed necessary in implementing the Memorandum of Understanding.

2. To facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the ASEAN member countries or the country coordinator for ASEAN-Australia Dialogue shall hold consultations with AusHeritage to formulate subprograms and projects under this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. To ensure the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding the financial obligations and arrangements for the projects shall be negotiated and agreed to by both Parties.

4. The terms and conditions of the co-operative activities and projects undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be agreed in writing between the Parties.



Article V SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

Any dispute between the Parties on the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Article VI REVISION, AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION

1. The Parties may revise, amend or modify all or any part of this Memorandum of Understanding by way of mutual agreement in writing. Such revision, amendment or modification, if mutually agreed upon, shall come into force on such date as determined by the Parties.

2. Any revision, amendment or modification shall be done without prejudice to the rights and obligations arising from or based on this Memorandum of Understanding prior or up to the date of such revision, amendments or modification.

Article VII ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION, SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

1. This MOU shall come into effect from the first day of the month following the signing.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of four years and be automatically extended for a further term of four years consecutively unless it is terminated in writing by either Party prior to the expiration of the initial four year period.

3. Each Party reserves the right for reasons of security, public order or public health to suspend temporarily either in whole or part of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding which shall take effect thirty (30) days after notification has been given to the other Party through diplomatic channels.



4. In the event of the termination, the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force until the rights and obligations arising hereunder including any specific cooperation have been fully executed unless the Parties agree otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective organizations, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE in duplicate in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on the twenty-second day of March in the year two thousand and three in the English language.

For the ASEAN-Committee
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