

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS, AND TOURISM
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AND
THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING, AND WATERWAYS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
ON
COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL MARITIME
HERITAGE COMPLEX (NMHC) AT LOTHAL, GUJARAT

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "the Parties"),

The Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism of Vietnam manages the protection and promotion of cultural heritage across Vietnamese territory, encourages and fosters international exchanges and cooperation to promote and develop Vietnamese culture, sports, tourism, and family.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) of the Republic of India is the nodal Ministry responsible for formulating national policies and programs for the development and management of the Ports and Maritime sector in the country.

Recognizing the benefits of promoting cooperation on marine cultural heritage both countries;

The Parties have agreed as follows :

Article 1
Purpose

1) To showcase the rich and diverse maritime heritage of Viet Nam and India through cooperation and development, a world-class National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is being developed at Lothal, Gujarat. NMHC will consolidate all diverse and rich artefacts from ancient to modern times and provide access to public and make them aware, learn and get inspired from maritime heritage. An edutainment approach using latest technology will be adopted for development of NMHC. The proposed NMHC has a National Maritime Museum, Maritime Heritage based Theme Park, Maritime Research Institute, Nature Conservation Park, Resorts and Hotels, etc.

2) This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") establishes a cooperation framework between the Parties for the development of bilateral relations

on heritage and the NMHC at Lothal, Gujarat, India, in compliance with the legal regulations of both countries. The Memorandum of Understanding is consistent with the functions, tasks, and powers of the Parties and international treaties to which Viet Nam or India is a party.

3) This MOU specifically deals with close cooperation for development of NMHC at Lothal, Gujarat. It serves as a general understanding under which specific work items for NMHC may be proposed, formulated and agreed upon by both the Parties with regard to the forms of cooperation specified below.

Article 2

Collaborative content

The Parties under the terms of this MOU will develop cooperation in the following forms:

- a) Introducing closeness and longevity about Viet Nam's common maritime heritage and its connection with India's maritime heritage .
- b) Collaborating on the exchange/loan artifacts, articles, replicas, etc. of boat/ ships, pictures, paintings, archival data, arms and armors and other antiquities related to Vietnam/Indian maritime history.
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- d) Sharing design know-how, implementation know-how, maintenance and service.
- e) Developing the NMHC with an educational and recreational approach using the latest technology.
- f) Promoting international tourism focusing on maritime heritage in Viet Nam/India.
- g) Collaborating on sharing expertise on design, lighting arrangements, use of digital technology and the development of a Marine Heritage and Conservation Laboratory.
- h) Cooperation in human resource development to introduce common maritime heritage.
- i) Sharing data/images/archives, etc., showcasing early encounters, communication/transactions between the two countries, etc.
- k) Research on cultural heritage through Viet Nam - India maritime trade .

Article 3

Form of cooperation

The Parties will cooperate in the following forms:

- a) Jointly organizing exhibitions on short-term topics/maritime tourism content in Viet Nam/India related to NMHC.

- b) Conducting in-depth research to highlight shared maritime heritage aimed at publishing globally collaborative publications.
- c) Facilitating NMHC representatives to visit museums/institutions to learn the relevance of India-Viet Nam relationship.
- d) Cooperate in organizing seminars/conferences.
- e) Collaborating to replicate cultural architectural works/temples , folk models /festivals, etc. for display at the NMHC.
- f) Coordinate with universities/libraries to support research.
- g) Collaboration with the Viet Nam National Museum of History in Ha Noi and the Museum of Oceanography in Nha Trang.
- h) Provide information gathered by Vietnamese historians and tourists.
- i) Organizing programs (projects/surveys) to study maritime heritage showcasing Viet Nam-India cultural exchanges through maritime trade (to provide material for exhibitions, publications, etc.)

Article 4 Implementation of Joint Activities

- a) The Parties will regularly hold dialogues and exchange information to coordinate assistance and technical support for the cooperation process and projects in the field of maritime heritage.
- b) Meetings and workshops at expert level will operationalize the initiatives in the outlined fields of cooperation and assist implementation.
- c) The Parties will conduct mutual consultations, advisory work and technical assistance to support system building in maritime heritage efforts as mutually identified.
- d) Formation of a joint working group to conduct and propose various maritime research, curation training activities, digital workshops, public outreach programmes, exhibitions, develop academic material, etc. The group may include the experts in the field of cultural heritage and maritime heritage of Viet Nam along with the Advisor NMHC and other subject matter experts associated with the NMHC project.

Article 5 Provisions on Specific Projects/Requirements

For each cooperation model based on specific requirements, the Parties will propose approaches and methodologies as required.

Article 6 Resources

- 1) All activities conducted under this MOU must be in accordance with the law and the organizational structure of the Parties, as well as internal regulations of each country, and be funded through the legal sources of each Party.

2) Costs for implementing exchange and cooperation programs will be specifically discussed and agreed upon by the Parties for each specific program.

**Article 7
Amendments**

This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

**Article 8
Entry into effect**

1) This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature for a period of three years and thereafter will be automatically renewable for successive periods of three years each at a time, unless either Party gives written notice to the other Party of its intention to terminate it.

2) Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time upon six months' prior written notice to the other Signatory.

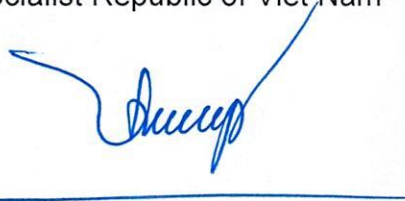
3) The termination of this MOU should not affect the implementation of ongoing activities and/or programs decided upon prior to the date of the termination of this MOU, unless the Party decide otherwise.

4) This MOU is not an international treaty under international law and does not create binding rights and obligations on the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Republic of India.

This MOU is made in two (02) originals in the English language, all texts are being equally authentic.

SIGNED on the 01 day of August 2024 at New Delhi

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