



**Agreement of Cooperation on Mental Health
between
Department of Mental Health,
Ministry of Public Health, the Kingdom of Thailand
and
National Psychiatric Hospital No. 1,
Socialist Republic of Vietnam**

The Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand and National Psychiatric Hospital No. 1, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter referred to individually as “the Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”)

RECOGNIZING the commitment to continue to promote and strengthen the friendly relations including the existing mental health cooperation between the two Participants;

DESIRING to promote proactive cooperation and collaboration in current matters relating to mental health.

Have reached the following understandings:

OBJECTIVES:

The Participants will, subject to their laws, rules, regulations and national policies, strengthen, facilitate, and promote cooperation and collaboration on mental health matters on the basis of equality and mutual benefits for better mental health and well-being of people at all ages.

AREAS OF COOPERATION:

The Participants will continue proactive cooperation to encourage, facilitate and promote cooperation and collaboration in all fields at the current state of mental health such as mental retardation, autism, community mental health, forensic psychiatric, traditional and alternative medicine, as well as, to promote the exchange of mental health information.

In this regard, the Participants decide to cooperate in the following areas:

- (a) promotion of information exchange on its own level on mental health system and policy;
- (b) exchange of information, and the sharing of knowledge and experience on mental health best practices;
- (c) promotion of technical cooperation on mental health services and control of mental health disease risk factors for people of all ages;
- (d) traditional and alternative medicine for mental health disorder;
- (e) human resource for mental health development and capacity building;
- (f) facilitation of mental health collaboration and
- (g) other areas of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

TYPES OF COOPERATION:

The cooperation under this Agreement will include:

- (a) exchange of information and staff, subject to domestic laws and regulations, in the areas of cooperation;
- (b) human resource development and capacity building through the use of different mechanisms, e.g. short-course and long-term training programs, participation in conferences, lectures, academic presentations and study visits;
- (c) joint research and studies in areas of mutual interests relating to the areas of cooperation; and
- (d) other types of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- (a) Organize reciprocal visits of mental health personnel. The annual visit should consist a maximum of eight persons.
- (b) Organize the exchange of two mental health staff members for a one-month training in the field of mental health.
- (c) Before implementation, participants should inform each other about concerned details: name list, schedule program.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

- (a) The visiting participant will bear the cost of international travel.
- (b) The hosts will bear the in-country costs such as local transportation, meals, and accommodation.

EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, AND TERMINATION:

This Agreement will be effective upon the date of signature by both Participants and will be effective for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be automatically extended for another subsequent period of five (5) years unless either of the Participants notifies the other Participant of its intention on termination.

Signed in duplicate at Chiang Mai Province, the Kingdom of Thailand, on July 24th, 2019 in the English language.

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