

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF QATAR
IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of India represented by the Ministry of Culture,

And

The Government of the State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage,

Hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Have decided to replace the Agreement of Cultural and Technical Co-operation signed between the Parties on fourth of June 1980, and

Further desiring to enhance their existing bilateral relations based on friendship, and to promote cooperation in the cultural field,

Convinced that cooperation in the field of culture will contribute to better understanding of both countries' culture and community,

Stressing the vital role of cultural cooperation in strengthening their bilateral relations,

And in accordance with the laws and regulations adopted in the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall promote deeper knowledge and better understanding of both peoples' cultures, arts and patterns through exchanging cultural activities and experts.

Article 2

The Parties shall encourage cultural cooperation and participation in symposiums, activities, events, exhibitions, conferences, seminars, meetings and any other activities held in the two countries.

The Parties shall also hold consultations and coordinate on cultural matters at the margin of international seminars, conferences and meetings.

Article 3

The Parties shall promote and develop cooperation between the repositories of historical manuscripts, libraries and other cultural institutions.

The Parties shall also facilitate access for researchers from the Parties to the materials in the above mentioned institutions.

Article 4

The Parties shall support training of cultural specialists and technicians in the cultural and artistic areas within the framework of this Agreement.

Article 5

Each Party shall encourage the study of other Party's language and culture and encourage establishing cultural centres in the other country.

Article 6

The Parties will form a joint committee to implement the provisions of this Agreement as well as to study any matters that may arise during its implementation.

The joint committee will meet in the two countries alternately on dates and in venues that will be fixed through the diplomatic channels.

Article 7

Any dispute related to the implementation or interpretation of this Agreement that may arise will be settled amicably through mutual consultations between the Parties.

Article 8

Each Party shall bear the travel costs of its delegation to the other country, while the host Party shall bear the costs of accommodation, domestic transportation and urgent medical care according to the adopted regulations in this matter.

The delegating Party shall bear the costs of international freight of its artistic works, books and other technical requirements for cultural activities, while the host Party will bear the inland transportation and the security arrangements for these works for the period of the exhibitions.

Article 9

This Agreement or any part of its provisions may be amended by a written consent of the Parties.

Article 10

This Agreement shall substitute the Agreement of Cultural and Technical Co-operation signed between the Parties on fourth of June 1980 and will come into force upon signature and will remain valid for a period of five years and subject to automatic renewal for similar period/periods unless terminated by either Party with a six month written notice prior to the termination date notified through the diplomatic channels.

The termination of this Agreement will not affect any existing on going programmes and activities unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this MOU.

Done and signed in New Delhi on April 9, 2012 in two originals in Hindi, Arabic and English languages, all being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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