

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

for

Co-operative Activities

between

World Justice Project

and

The Office of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand

1. Purpose of the MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the World Justice Project ("WJP") and the Office of the National Human Rights Commission of Thailand ("NHRCT") (individually a "Party" and together the "Parties") sets out the conditions for co-operation towards the promotion of the human rights and the rule of law.

Any activities conducted under this MOU are subject to their inclusion in the Parties' respective programs of work and budgets and the availability of funds. They shall be carried out by their respective rules and practices. While the MOU outlines the Parties' intention to develop cooperation in the specified areas of cooperation, nothing in this MOU shall be construed to require the Parties to cooperate in such programs or initiatives.

2. Areas of Co-operation

The collaboration of the Parties will focus on several substantive areas, which will include, but not be limited to:

(a) The development of the Southeast Asia Human Rights Dashboard framework

Both parties will work together with other participating National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) to jointly develop the Southeast Asia Human Rights Dashboard framework.

This framework consists of the WJP Rule of Law Index's subfactors relevant to human rights. The subfactors and indicators agreed by all partners will be used continuously throughout the initiative.

(b) The organization and facilitation of a stakeholder workshop

Both parties agree to engage with stakeholders through the organization of a workshop to discuss and exchange views on the use of the WJP Rule of Law Index to benchmark the progress in certain key areas of human rights promotion and protection.

The NHRCT will lead and be responsible for the organization of the stakeholder workshop, while WJP will co-facilitate and cover its staff's travel costs.

(c) Standing cooperation and collaboration

Both parties agree to promote this initiative as an exemplar of measuring and benchmarking human rights work using independent research, especially within the Southeast Asia Human Rights Institution Forum (SEANF), the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF), and the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) and among their members.

Both parties agree to cooperate throughout the MOU period through:

- a. Facilitating contacts and connections through each other's networks
- b. Participating in each other's capacity-building and technical assistance programmes
- c. Participating in meetings and bodies of other Parties, in accordance with the rules and procedures established by each Party
- d. Consultation and exchange of information in the interest of identifying additional areas in which, and the concrete activities for which, effective and practical cooperation may be possible within the framework of this MOU.

3. Disclosure

The Parties may disclose to the public this MOU and information concerning activities carried out under this MOU in accordance with the Parties' relevant policies.

Any sharing of confidential information between the Parties will be subject to their respective policies and procedures relating to the disclosure of confidential information. Each Party will take any action to protect confidential and/or classified information of the other Party.

4. Duration

This MOU will enter into effect upon signature by both Parties for a period of 2 years. It may be renewed for further periods, subject to a review of the results of the collaborative activities and mutual agreement on any modification of terms.

5. Termination

The MOU may be terminated by either Party by providing three months prior written notice to the other Party.

In such a case, the Parties will agree, as appropriate, on the steps to ensure that the activities initiated under the MOU are brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion.


6. Key Points of Contact

Each Party designates below its representatives with overall responsibility for implementing this MOU, including responsibility for formulating work plans for activities to be undertaken under it:

For World Justice Project: Alejandro Gonzalez, Chief Engagement Officer and Dr. Srirak Plipat, Regional Director for Asia Pacific

For NHRCT: Mr. Panupun Som-skul, Director of Human Rights Situation Monitoring and Evaluation Bureau and Miss Sasipim Arampibulkit, Director of International Human Rights Affair Bureau

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