Agreement of Cooperation on Mental Health

between

Department of Mental Health,

Ministry of Public Health, the Kingdom of Thailand

and

Shaanxi Provincial Health and Family Planning Commission, the People's Republic of China

The Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand and Shaanxi Provincial Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to individually as "the Participants" 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 pro-active 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 a better mental health and well-being of people at all ages.

AREAS OF COOPERATION:

The Participants will continue pro-active cooperation to encourage, facilitate and promote cooperation and collaboration in all fields at 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 at 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 to hospital level; 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 resources development and capacity building through the use of different mechanisms, e.g. short-course and long-term training programs, participation in conference, lecture, academic presentation and study visit;
- (c) joint researches and studies in the areas of mutual interests relating to the subject area of cooperation; and
- (d) other types of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- (a) Organize the exchange of visits of mental health personnel. Each visit should consist of six persons.
- (b) Organize the exchange of two mental health staff members for one-month training in the field of mental health.

FINANCIAL ARRANGMENT:

- (a) The visiting parties 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 Shaanxi Provincial Health and Family Planning Commission, People's Republic of China,

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