



Agreement of Cooperation on Mental Health
between
Department of Mental Health,
Ministry of Public Health, the Kingdom of Thailand
and
National Psychiatric Hospital No. 2,
Ministry of Health, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

The Department of Mental Health, Ministry of Public Health of the Kingdom of Thailand and National Psychiatric Hospital No. 2, Ministry of Health of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter referred to individually as “the Participant” and collectively as “the Participants”):

DESIRING to continue to facilitate, promote and strengthen the friendly relations including the pro-active mental health cooperation between the two Participants;

RECOGNIZING benefits in pro-active cooperation and collaboration in current matters relating to mental health on the basis of equality and mutual developments;

COMPLYING with the Participants' domestic rules, laws and regulations relating to all fields of mental health.

Have reached the following understandings:

Paragraph 1

Objectives

The Participants will strengthen, facilitate, and promote cooperation and collaboration on mental health matters, concentrating on consultations to empower authorities on the development of mental health laws, rules, regulations, policies, strategies, schemes, plans, programs and projects at national level for a better mental health and well-being of people at all ages.

Paragraph 2

Areas of cooperation

The Participants will continue pro-active cooperation to encourage, facilitate and promote exchange of information, the sharing of knowledge and experience, human resource through technical 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 other related issues that fall within the scope of assigned tasks and responsibilities of the Participants.

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

1. promotion of information exchange on its own level on mental health system and policy;
2. exchange of information, and the sharing of knowledge and experience on mental health best practices;
3. promotion of technical cooperation on mental health services and control of mental health disease risk factors for people at all ages;
4. traditional and alternative medicine for mental health disorder;
5. human resource for mental health development and capacity building;
6. facilitation of mental health collaboration; and
7. other areas of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

Paragraph 3

Types of cooperation

The cooperation under this Agreement will include:

1. exchange of information and staff, subject to domestic laws and regulations, in the areas of cooperation;
2. human resource development and capacity building through the use of different mechanisms, e.g. short courses, long-term training programs, participation in conferences, lectures, academic presentations and study visits;
3. the Participants inform each other about their annual plans on hosting international mental health conferences, workshops or important meetings and invite the other Participant to attend the abovementioned events depending on their specific circumstances;

4. joint research studies and use of those results in the areas of mental health and other mutual interests, subject to domestic laws and regulations; and
5. other types of cooperation as may be mutually determined.

Paragraph 4

Implementation

1. Organize reciprocal visits of mental health personnel. Each visit should not exceed eight persons and no longer than five days. For a workshop or conference, the numbers of delegates and period of time may be determined depending on the specific situation.
2. Organize the exchange of two mental health staff members for one-month training in the field of mental health.

Paragraph 5

Financial arrangement

1. The visiting Participant will bear the cost of international travel, passport, visa, and insurance, and related expenses.
2. The hosts will bear the in-country costs such as local transportation, meals, accommodation and local cultural study visits.

Paragraph 6

Implementation provisions

1. This Agreement will be effective upon the date of signature by both Participants and will be effective for a period of five (5) years (2019-2024). Thereafter, it will be automatically extended for another subsequent period of five (5) years unless either of the Participants notifies the other Participant by a written notice, through official channels, at least three (3) months prior to the date of the intended termination.
2. This Agreement may be amended and supplemented in writing. The amended and supplemented documents constitute an integral part of the Agreement.
3. Any disagreements between the Participants in the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement should be resolved through direct negotiations between the Participants.

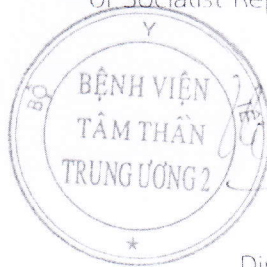
Signed in duplicate in the English language at Chiang Mai Province, the Kingdom of Thailand,
on July 24th, 2019.

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