

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE OMBUDSMAN OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND
AND
THE AUTHORIZED PERSON OF
THE OLIY MAJLIS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OMBUDSMAN)

The Authorized Person of the Oliy the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan
for Human Rights (Ombudsman) and The Ombudsman of the Kingdom of Thailand
(hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”);

recognizing the importance of inter-institutional dialogue in ensuring an effective
protection of human rights and freedoms and Good Governance,
aiming at giving a new quality to the bilateral relations,
accepting the rule of law principle,
have reached common understanding on the following:

Paragraph 1: Objective

The objective of the present Memorandum is to form the organizational cooperation between
the Parties in the field of human rights and freedoms and enhancing Good Governance.

Paragraph 2: Areas of Cooperation

The Parties shall cooperate in the following areas:

- protection of rights, freedoms and legal interests of citizens of the Republic of
Uzbekistan and the Kingdom of Thailand and promotion of Good Governance;
- improvement of the role and the importance of the Ombudsman institute in enhancing
the legal culture of the citizens;
- development of relationship with international institutions;
- other areas of mutual interest. The Parties will communicate and cooperate to share
experiences and information, learn the strong points of each other’s system and promote
respective work by holding joint workshops for capacity building and other methods.

Paragraph 3: Forms of Cooperation

The cooperation between the Parties shall be carried out in the following forms:

- sharing their knowledge, best practices, and complaint handling system and techniques;
- exchanging complaint-related information on requests of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Chief Ombudsman of the Kingdom of Thailand and the citizens of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Authorized Person of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights (Ombudsman), as well as on the course and results of their consideration;
- exchanging informative and analytic materials on the adoption and implementation of the international agreements, legislative acts in the sphere of human rights and freedoms and Good Governance, as well as publications on the activities of the Parties;
- organizing scientific research activities concerning the study of international experience and the peculiarities of the activity of the Ombudsman institute in interaction with the governmental and administrating authorities as well as with civil society and mass media;
- holding mutual events on the platforms of the International Ombudsman institute, Asian Ombudsman association and other organizations;
- realizing joint projects and programs, arranging visits and internships of representatives of the Parties within arrangements on exchanging of experience and providing practical assistance to the human rights and freedom protection and Good Governance promotion activities.

Paragraph 4: Implementation Mechanism

The Parties will hold high-level ombudsman policy meetings at least once every two years and take turns hosting the meetings to share their practices and procedures, and to discuss other cooperation issues.

Paragraph 5: Expenses

1. The Parties will bear their own costs of cooperation under this MOU, unless otherwise jointly decided in advance by the Parties.
2. The Parties shall fund the joint academic activity in accordance with the present Memorandum on the terms of mutual consent and agreement.

Paragraph 6: Settlement of Disputes

Any disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the present Memorandum shall be settled through negotiations and consultations between the Parties.

Paragraph 7: Information Sharing

The Parties shall undertake appropriate measures for the mutual provision of documents and information in the framework of the present Memorandum on the basis of their national legislation.

Above mentioned information is not subject to be passed to the third party without the prior written consent of the other party.

Paragraph 8: Legal Nature of the Memorandum

The present Memorandum is not an international agreement and does not create any legal obligations for the Parties.


Paragraph 9: Entry into Effect, Duration, Termination and Amendment

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature.
2. This MOU will be effective for three (3) years and shall be automatically extended for the successive periods of three (3) years.
3. Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time by informing the other Party, in writing, of its intention to terminate the MOU. The MOU will be terminated six (6) months after the receipt of such notification.
4. This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties

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