

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CULTURAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE
MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SCIENCE
OF NETHERLANDS.**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, hereinafter; the Signatories;

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly relations and closer cooperation between their countries;

Referring to the Agreement between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Netherlands concerning Cultural cooperation signed on 24th May 1985;

Considering the need and scope to further develop and foster the cultural relations and cooperation between their countries;

Have come to the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Signatories will develop the existing cultural cooperation to their mutual benefit, aiming at continuity in and expanding their relationship.

Paragraph 2

The Signatories will encourage direct collaboration between cultural organizations and institutions, both governmental and non-governmental.

Paragraph 3

The Signatories will encourage the exchange of individuals with a view to enhancing the understanding of each others' heritage and culture.

Paragraph 4.1

The Signatories will decide on long term implementation programmes on the priority areas mentioned under paragraph 4.2. The implementation will be further strengthened on the basis of specific agreements on cooperation in the priority areas mentioned.

Paragraph 4.2

The subjects could include the following priority areas:

1. Cultural cooperation in various fields and disciplines such as modern visual arts, films, architecture, design, performing arts;
2. Exhibitions of common interest;
3. Common cultural heritage such as archives, manuscripts, underwater archaeology, built heritage;
4. Sharing of expertise and the exchange of experts in the agreed areas.

Paragraph 5

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid until 31 December 2010 or until it is reviewed, whichever is earlier.

Paragraph 6

The financial arrangements under this MoU will be defined on a case by case basis for the concrete activities in the specific field of cultural exchanges as identified under this MoU.

Paragraph 7

In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English text prevails.

Done at _____ on 24.10.2007 in two originals each in the Hindi, Dutch and English languages.


(For the Ministry of Culture
of the Republic of India)


(For the Ministries of Foreign
Affairs and Education, Culture
And Science of the Kingdom
of Netherlands)

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