

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE ISLAMIC CULTURE AND RELATIONS  
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Indian Council for Cultural Relations of the Republic of India and the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Desiring to strengthen cultural relations between Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of India and consolidate the friendship bonds between two nations,

Have reached the following Understanding:

**Article 1**

**Organizing Iran's cultural week in India and India's cultural week in Iran**

- a) The cultural weeks, inter alia may include: holding art and handicrafts exhibitions, folk music performances, film festivals, scholarly seminars and conferences, food festivals, book fairs and exhibitions.
- b) The sending party will cover travel costs of international transportation to destination airport and back.
- c) The receiving Party will cover local transportation, meals and accommodation charges for maximum 40 persons.
- d) Date of the exhibitions will be determined by guest country's proposal and host country's agreement.
- e) The receiving Party will cover the costs of the local transportation of the exhibits, customs duty and airport charges.

- f) The sending party will pay the artists and art groups' wages.
- g) The receiving party will cover the costs of suitable place for the exhibition and art performances, and necessary technical equipment.
- h) The receiving party will cover the costs of advertising and invitation letters.

## **Article 2**

### **Organizing joint annual cultural and scholarly seminars in Iran and India**

- a) Seminars topics will be determined by both parties.
- b) The seminars will be held once annually and alternately in Iran and India, and all costs of this program will be borne by host country.
- c) The sending party will cover the costs of international round trip transportation for maximum of 10 seminar participants and the receiving party will cover the costs of accommodation and meals charges.
- d) Seminar proceedings will be published in two languages in Persian and English by host country, containing the logo and names of both sides.

## **Article 3**

### **Organizing Interfaith Dialogue Conference in Iran and India**

- a) Two Interfaith Dialogue conferences will be held in Iran and India: "Between Islam and Hinduism" and "Between Buddhism and Persians (Zoroastrians)" in Iran and India
- b) The sending party will cover the costs of international round trip transportation for maximum of 10 conference participants and the receiving party will cover the costs of accommodation and meals charges.
- c) The host party will cover conference charges.
- d) Proposed date of the conferences will be determined by mutual agreement.
- e) Conference proceedings will be published in two languages in Persian and English by host country, containing the logos and names of both sides.



#### **Article 4**

##### **Cooperation between National Libraries and other large libraries of the two countries**

- a) Two seminars will be held between chairmen of large libraries of Iran and India.
- b) The maximum number of participants from each side is 10 persons.
- c) The sending party will cover the costs of international round trip transportation for seminar participants and the receiving party will cover the costs of accommodation and meals charges.
- d) The host country will invite chairmen of its libraries.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Granting mutually 10 scholarships annually**

- a) Iranian side will grant 10 scholarships to Indian students in Persian language annually.
- b) Indian side will grant 10 scholarships to Iranian students annually for Indian studies.

#### **Article 6**

##### **Mutual Cooperation in translation, compilation and publication of books in joint cultural issues**

The topics will be determined through mutual agreements.

#### **Article 7**

##### **Mutual cooperation in preservation of written heritage and manuscripts**

The two sides will mutually identify written works for digitizing, reprinting and translation purpose. These works could be either independently funded on reciprocal basis or co-funded.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be in force for 5 years since date of its signature and may be extended automatically for another 5 year period.

Done in Tehran on 1395/03/03 A.H. (May, 23, 2016), in two (2) original copies in Hindi, Persian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergences in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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