

**Executive Programme for Cooperation in the field of
Handicrafts**

between

**The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, Republic of
India**

and

**The Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage in
the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) in the Republic of India and The Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (SCTH) (hereinafter referred to as "parties").

Based on the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation, signed between the Government of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Government of Republic of India on 14.4.1981 in New Delhi, and in order to enhance close ties between the two countries, and the role of Handicraft Sector in bringing people together, and in view of the desire to strengthen the existing relations of friendship and cooperation between them in the field of handicrafts have agreed to cooperate in this field within the framework of regulations applicable in both countries, in accordance with the following :

First Article

The parties shall take all necessary measures to lay the foundations for enabling the Handicraft Sector to play a key role in strengthening cooperation between the two countries on economic social, heritage and cultural level.

Second Article

The parties shall encourage the exchange of information and studies in all the fields of handicrafts, and will develop the technical, economic, scientific and technological cooperation in the field of handicraft.

Third Article

The parties shall encourage the private training institutions and organization in the field of handicrafts, to exchange the experiences, and organize seminars and training workshops in various areas of handicraft.

Fourth Article

The parties stress the need to take advantage of experts in both countries in the field of handicrafts to implement the development programme directly with artisans to hone their skills and to promote their products.

Fifth Article

The parties shall identify the investment opportunities available in the fields of handicrafts in both countries, and will provide possible facilities for it.

Sixth Article

The parties shall encourage the exchange of visits between the officials incharge of handicrafts, and holding of joint Weeks between the two countries during which conferences, exhibitions and events for handicrafts will be held.

Seventh Article

The parties shall work to find out suitable mechanisms for twinning between institutions and professional bodies and groups of handicrafts in both countries.

Eight Article

The parties agreed to form a technical team of specialists in handicrafts in both countries to take care of implementation of this executive programme as well as to activate the resolutions and recommendations related to the handicrafts sector issued from the Saudi India Joint Commission.

Ninth Article

This programme will enter into force from the date of its signing and will remain in force for a period of three years from the date of its signature. Thereafter, it will be automatically renewed for further successive periods at time, unless either party informs the other party – in writing through

diplomatic channels - about its desire to terminate the programme, six months in advance.

If this programme is terminated, its provisions will remain in effect for programme and projects that have been carried out according to it, or those that have not been completed, or rights that have arisen according to it and have not been resolved in accordance with its provisions.

Tenth Article

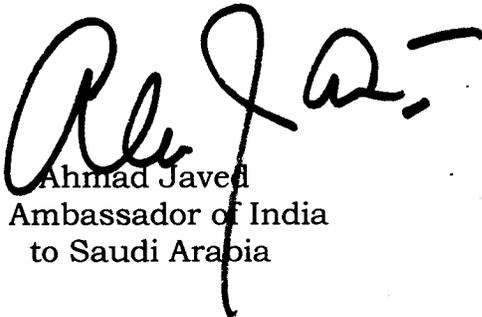
This programme may be amended at any time with the consent of both parties in writing after taking a legal procedures applicable in both countries.

Eleventh Article

Any dispute between the two parties over the implementation of this programme or its application will be resolved amicably through communications and negotiations between them.

Signed at Riyadh on the 3rd Day of April 2016 in two originals, each in the English, Hindi and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of doubt in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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