

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
COOPERATION IN SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

Recognizing the benefits of further developing relations in the field of youth affairs and sports, the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and the Ministry of Youth & Sports, Government of Maldives, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", inspired by the desire to promote and strengthen the existing friendly relations and cooperation between the two Countries, and in particular in the fields so mentioned, have now reached the following understanding:

Article 1: General Objective

This Memorandum of Understanding shall provide the framework within which detailed proposals for programmes of cooperation between the Parties in the fields of sports and youth development and excellence are to be jointly considered on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

The parties shall endeavor to encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the advancement of linkages and cooperation between and through the agencies that pertain to the fields of sports and youth affairs of the respective Governments and shall endeavor to conclude such arrangements, for the conducting of cooperative activities and programmes in these fields.

Article 2: Fields of Cooperation

In order to achieve the objectives of cooperation, in fields of sports and youth affairs, without limitation, the Parties shall encourage and promote exchange of programme, experiences, skills, techniques, information and knowledge, in the following matters;

- (a) Training and competition of athletes and athletic teams,
- (b) Training and technical assistance for coaches,
- (c) Exchange programmes and visits of sports leaders, sports administrators, professionals, technicians and sports support personnel,

- (d) Training, exchange and attachment programmes for sports sciences personnel and other development assistance in sports sciences,
- (e) Training, exchange and attachment programmes in the areas of coach education, curriculum development, sports education, sports management and sports infrastructure development and management,
- (f) Training, exchange of technology for infrastructure and programmes in the development of information and research in the field of sports;
- (g) Training, exchange and attachment programmes including exchange of technology and research in the field of physical education & fitness;
- (h) Development of sports in schools and competition in school games,
- (i) Youth exchange programmes for getting acquainted with the youth policies, youth development programmes and youth organizations,
- (j) Participation in youth festivals and camps, and
- (k) Any other fields or subjects as deemed fit and necessary for the mutual benefit of the Parties, within the framework provided under this Memorandum of Understanding

Article 3: Forms of Cooperation

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (a) Exchange of experts, government officials, coaches and athletes in the areas of sports,
- (b) Exchange of teaching and curriculum materials on sports, collaboration on curriculum development, joint development and publication of materials of the same,
- (c) Exchange of information on sports development and training systems, including information on sports education qualifications and employment requirements,
- (d) Collaboration in the area of sports research & development in training;
- (e) Collaboration in the areas of sports science, research & development and anti-doping programmes;
- (f) Collaboration in the area of physical education and fitness development programmes between the universities or physical education institutes of the two Countries;
- (g) Exchange of youth delegations for a period of 10 days to get acquainted with youth organizations and youth development programmes;
- (h) Participation in youth festivals and camps;
- (i) Exchange of experts and researchers in the field of youth development; and
- (j) Interaction through meetings, conferences and symposia.

Article 4: Funding

All cooperative activities and programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Parties. Unless otherwise agreed, the visiting party shall bear its own travel expenses and the host party shall provide local transportation, lodging and boarding, in connection with all forms of corporation, as mentioned under Article 3 above. If such is, however, in the interest of only one Party, and has been implemented at its own initiation, such Party alone shall bear the entire expenses. Services and materials provided in addition to those in relation to mutually determined cooperative activities will be done so on a cost-recovery basis.

In the event of a major illness, befalling on any of the players or members of a Party, during the period of a visit, the expenditure on medical treatment, shall be borne by the respective Party that sent such player (s) or member (s).

Article 5: Implementation

The parties will make arrangements for the implementation and development of specific programmes under this Memorandum of Understanding through meetings, exchanges of letters or other instruments. Each party will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of its side of plans/programmes. Such specific arrangements will cover the subject of cooperation, procedures, treatment of intellectual property, funding and other appropriate matters.

Article 6: Relationship with Foreign Ministries

Each agency that subscribes to this Memorandum of Understanding shall inform such to the Foreign Ministry and the Embassy of the respective Country.

Article 7: Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent in writing between the parties.

Article 8: Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute between the two parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably by mutual consultation and negotiation.

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Article 9: Effect and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signing. It will remain in effect for a period of three years. Upon its expiry, the Memorandum of Understanding may be renewed for successive periods of three (3) years by mutual consent. The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party by giving six months written notice to the other party. If this Memorandum of Understanding is terminated, any arrangements concluded under it will, subject to the mutual determination of both the Parties, remain effective until any activities pursuant to such arrangements have been carried out to their completion.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments have signed the agreement.

Signed at Malé on the Eleventh day of October 2015 in two originals each in English, both texts being equally authentic and valid.

For the Government of the
Republic of India

For the Government of the
Republic of Maldives



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