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## **AGREEMENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASEAN TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand.

**BEING** members of the Association of South East Asian Nations, hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN".

**MINDFUL** of the rapidly growing activities of the Sub-Committee on Tourism of the Committee

**RECOGNIZING** that the growth has increased the need in ASEAN SCOT for a central administration.

**DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

### **ARTICLE I ESTABLISHMENT**

1. There shall be established an ASEAN Tourism Information Centre in the Region, hereinafter referred to as "The Centre".
2. The Centre shall have its seat in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, hereinafter referred to as the "Host Country".
3. The Centre shall operate for a period of three years from the date of its establishment. At the end of this period, ASEAN SCOT will conduct a review of the operations of the Centre.

### **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Centre is to serve as an information centre on ASEAN tourism and to undertake promotional activities to vitalise greater travel from and among ASEAN Member Countries as well as to promote greater tourist traffic from countries outside the ASEAN region through close cooperation among the ASEAN Member Countries.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

The Governments of Member Countries of ASEAN as Parties to this Agreement shall be members of the Centre. They shall designate such body or bodies responsible for tourism in their respective countries to represent them in the Centre.

### **ARTICLE IV ORGANIZATION**

1. (i) The Centre shall consist of Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and other personnel who shall be nationals of ASEAN Member Countries.

(ii) The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Centre shall be appointed by ASEAN SCOT. Other personnel of the Centre shall be appointed by the Executive Director. All such appointments shall be reported to ASEAN SCOT.

(iii) The Executive Director shall represent the Centre as its Chief Executive and shall be responsible to ASEAN SCOT and report directly to the Chairman of ASEAN SCOT.

(iv) The term of office of the Executive Director shall be three years and he may be reappointed. He shall, however, cease to hold office when ASEAN SCOT so decides.

(v) The Executive Director shall in addition to exercising the powers assigned to him expressly by this Agreement, execute and monitor the annual work programme. He shall also implement the decisions of ASEAN SCOT.

(vi) The terms and conditions of employment of all personnel shall be set out in Staff Regulations approved by ASEAN SCOT.

(vii) The Executive Director shall present drafts of staff regulations for the Centre to ASEAN SCOT for its approval and shall apply and carry out the same from such date as it may specify.

2. The Centre shall be responsible to ASEAN SCOT, in particular on matters pertaining to:

(i) the plan of operation and work programme concerning the operation of the Centre;

(ii) approval of annual work programme and the annual budget of revenues and expenditures of the Centre within the framework of the plan of operation and work programme;

(iii) approval of the annual report on the operation of the Centre;

(iv) the terms and conditions for the appointment of the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director and all other personnel;

(v) the disposal of the property and assets of the Centre in case of the dissolution of the Centre and any other matters connected with the dissolution; and

(vi) all other matters that may be referred to the Centre by ASEAN SCOT.

## **ARTICLE V ACTIVITIES**

The Centre shall undertake the following activities:

1. to introduce and publicise in ASEAN Member Countries, and other parts of the world, the tourism resources and tourism investment opportunities of the ASEAN