

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON
ISLANDS
ON POLICE COOPERATION**

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Solomon Islands hereinafter referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”;

RECOGNISING the importance of principles of equality, mutual respect and reciprocity;

DESIRING to promote cooperation between law enforcement authorities of the Parties;

CONSCIOUS of the importance of policing development and prevention of transnational crimes;

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations of the Parties; the Parties

Hereby have mutual understanding as follows:

Article 1

Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the framework for cooperation between the Parties in developing police cooperation and combating transnational crimes.

Article 2

Competent Authorities

The competent authorities that will implement this MoU shall be the National Police Agency of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force of the Ministry of Police, National Security & Correctional Services representing the Government of Solomon Islands.

Article 3

Scope of Cooperation

3.1 The Parties shall engage in agreed exchange policing programs and activities in accordance as set out in this MoU.

3.2 Pursuant to 3.1 above, the areas of cooperation shall be as follows, but not limited to:-

- (a) An exchange program for reciprocal visiting personnel for study purposes;
- (b) Training programs on police professional and forensic techniques;
- (c) The exchange of work experience and technical assistance;
- (d) The sharing and exchange of information in the area of law enforcement;
- (e) To combat transnational crimes through the exchange of information, cooperation of investigation, and conduct of shared coordinated policing operations;
- (f) Cooperation in combating transnational crimes;
- (g) To avail reciprocal opportunities of exchange programs at police and law enforcement graduate or academy institutions of the Parties; and
- (h) To implement other areas of cooperation as agreeable by the Parties from time to time.

Article 4

Confidentiality

The Parties shall treat in confidence all relevant information that is provided by the other in relation to policing matters that is to be treated so without unauthorized disclosure to non-parties to this MoU.

Article 5

Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoU shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Article 6

Relations of this MoU with other International Instruments

This MoU shall not prejudice the rights and obligations stemming from other international instruments to which both Parties are party to.

Article 7

Expenses

The expenses incurred in the implementation of this MoU shall be borne by the respective Parties, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 8

Language

The competent authorities of the Parties in the course of their cooperation in accordance with this MoU will use English as the medium of communication.

Article 9

Entry into Force, Termination and Amendment

9.1 This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signature of the Parties thereof.

9.2 This MoU shall remain in force until terminated by either Party giving six months written notification in advance to the other Party of its intention to terminate it.

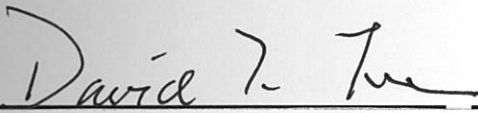
9.3 This MoU may be amended or reviewed by mutual consultation between the Parties and notice of this intention shall be communicated through diplomatic channels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this MoU.

Done in duplicate on November 2, 2017 at Honiara in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
Republic of China (Taiwan)

For the Government of Solomon
Islands



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