

**AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION ON AUSTRONESIAN PEOPLES CULTURAL
AFFAIRS
BETWEEN
THE COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

The Council of Indigenous Peoples of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties")

DESIRING to enhance cultural and people-to-people relations between the Austronesian Peoples of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the peoples of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

RECOGNIZING, the advantages to be gained by their respective peoples from the implementation of such cooperation and;

DESIRING to enhance the dignity and rights of Austronesian Peoples within the respective territories through mutual cooperation on a reciprocal basis;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Purpose of the Agreement**

The Parties believe that bilateral cooperation is an effective way to elevate and enhance the dignity and rights of Austronesian Peoples. The Parties seek to increase the well-being of Austronesian Peoples through joint efforts and cooperation.

**Article 2
Coordination and Implementation**

The Parties shall:

- i. Hold at least one meeting each year for the planning of measures designed to enhance the cultural and people-to-people contacts between the Austronesian Peoples of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the peoples of the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

- ii. Promote and facilitate the exchange of experience relating to issues of language, culture and traditional knowledge between the Austronesian Peoples of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the peoples of the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- iii. Promote the development of contact with or between academic institutions, organizations, local government bodies and tribal authorities;
- iv. In cooperation with relevant educational and government authorities, to encourage students for study at each other's schools of equivalent level;
- v. To share experience in the production and marketing of Austronesian Peoples' handicrafts and to encourage the exhibition and sale of cultural objects;
- vi. To encourage the exchange of visits of groups, tribes or individuals to attend Austronesian Peoples' folklore celebrations/festivals or other activities;
- vii. To share policies and measure relating to economic development of Austronesian Peoples, and to establish mechanisms for the exchange of technical expertise;
- viii. To promote athletic exchanges, and exchanges of experiences among Austronesian athletes;
- ix. To exchange experiences of environmental stewardship, especially regarding climate change and Austronesian Peoples' traditional practices of environmental protection;

Article 3 Funding

Funding of any exchanges contemplated under this Agreement shall be arranged by the Parties on a case-by-case basis.

Article 4 Final Provisions

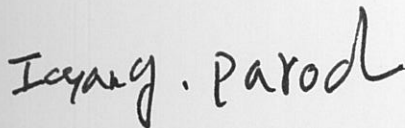
1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature made by both Parties.
2. This Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of ten (10) years.
3. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months prior written notice to the other Party.

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

Done in duplicate at Taipei on the 3rd of January, 2019, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Council of Indigenous Peoples

The Republic of China (Taiwan)



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