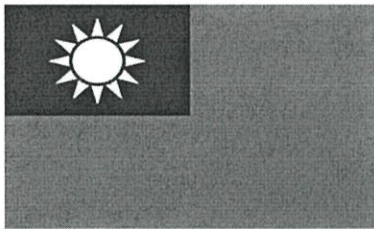


**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
ON THE COOPERATION IN URBAN RESILIENCE AND DISASTER
PREVENTION PROJECT**

(核定本)



**Agreement between the government of the Republic of China
(Taiwan) and the government of Belize
on the Cooperation in Urban Resilience and Disaster Prevention Project**

The government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the government of Belize (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

Desiring to further enhance the friendly and cooperative relations existing between the two countries, jointly respond to disasters induced by climate change, and implement the Urban Resilience and Disaster Prevention Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”);

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1: Project Objectives

1. Strengthen overall disaster preparedness and prevention capabilities, and update basic maps.
2. Introduce technically advanced monitoring techniques.
3. Manage and control disasters in areas prone to flooding.
4. Raise awareness and knowledge of disaster prevention.

Article 2: Implementation Basis

The Parties shall implement the Project according to the project work plan and budget.

Article 3: Project Budget

The total budget of the Project will be US\$1,220,000, of which the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will provide US\$1.2 million, and of which the government of Belize will provide US\$20,000 (in-kind counterpart contribution). The budget of the Project shall be adjusted according to its actual progress and the disbursement and use of funds. The government of Belize will be responsible for the Project’s operating and maintenance costs after it has been completed and handed over.

Article 4: Project Steering Committee

1. The Parties agree to establish a project steering committee, which will be composed of a Project Coordinator designated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration of Belize (hereinafter referred to as the “MAFFESDI Project Coordinator”) and a Project Manager of the Taiwan Technical Mission (hereinafter referred to as the “TTM”) dispatched from the Republic of China (Taiwan) (hereinafter referred to as the “TTM Project Manager”).
2. The MAFFESDI Project Coordinator will convene meetings of the project steering committee once a month for the purpose of monitoring and appraising the implementation of the Project.
3. The MAFFESDI Project Coordinator, a local work team, the TTM Project Manager, and technicians from the Republic of China (Taiwan) will jointly implement the Project based on the decisions of the project steering committee.

Article 5: Obligations of the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

1. In accordance with the project work plan agreed by the Parties, allocate a budget of US\$1.2 million for the project period of three years.
2. The abovementioned budget shall include the salaries, medical care, insurance, benefits, flight tickets and local travel expenses of the TTM Project Manager, specialists, and short-term experts from the Republic of China (Taiwan) (hereinafter referred to as the “TTM personnel”).
3. Appoint the TTM Project Manager as a liaison to collaborate with the MAFFESDI Project Coordinator and cooperate on and coordinate the implementation of the Project; dispatch technicians and short-term experts to provide consultancy services and technical assistance as required for the Project in accordance with the needs of its various stages.
4. The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize will be responsible for overseeing the Project’s progress for the duration of project implementation along with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration of Belize.

Article 6: Obligations of the government of Belize

1. In accordance with the project work plan agreed by the Parties, allocate the equivalent of US\$20,000 in in-kind counterpart contribution for the Project.
2. Appoint the MAFFESDI Project Coordinator as its main liaison to collaborate with the TTM Project Manager and other cooperating units and relevant stakeholders so as to ensure the promotion and implementation of the Project.
3. Establish an Administrative Working Group and Technical Working Group to serve as the Project's core task force.
4. Provide the TTM personnel with a furnished office and accommodation in Belize.
5. Provide the utilities for the above-mentioned office and accommodation, such as water, electricity and telephone connections, and assume responsibility for all associated administrative expenses (water, electricity, telephone connections, internet access and other charges related to communications and the maintenance of the facilities).

Article 7: Exemptions and Courtesies

The government of Belize agrees to exempt Project-related vehicles, materials, equipment, and supplies from customs duties and other taxes, and agrees to grant the TTM personnel the following benefits:

1. Exemption from all residential and local taxes, and income tax on salaries;
2. Exemption of personal and household effects from all import, customs and other duties and taxes upon initial entry into country;
3. The granting of conveniences to TTM personnel, together with their dependents, to enter, depart from, and reside in Belize during their period of service;
4. Other special privileges, conveniences and exemptions on taxes incurred on transfers of property, equal to those Belize accords the staff members of specialized agencies of the United Nations;
5. Exemption from customs duties, taxes, and other charges on vehicles for their personal use (one vehicle per person), the granting of CD license plates, and exemption from all applicable taxes in cases where the possession of vehicles is transferred between project personnel.

Article 8: Overseas Training and Scholarships

1. The Parties agree that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration of Belize may recommend the appointment of personnel to carry out Project operations.
2. As needed, such personnel may, following the approval of the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Belize or other authorized agency acting for the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), apply to participate in short- or long-term training, workshops related to natural disaster management, or higher education scholarship programs that are offered by the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), such that the personnel may continue to facilitate the operations of the Project for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration of Belize when the Project is transferred upon its completion.

Article 9: Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultations between the Parties.

Article 10: Entry into Force, Amendments and Termination

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and remain in force for three (3) years.
2. This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. This Agreement may be extended by the mutual written consent of the Parties.
4. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party providing a written notice of termination 60 days in advance to the other Party.

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

DONE in duplicate at Belmopan, on the second day of April, two thousand and nineteen, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the government of the Republic of
China (Taiwan)



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For the government of Belize



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