

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE
ON ANTI-CORRUPTION COOPERATION

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties");

Wishing to advance both nations' ability to effectively prevent and combat corruption;

Showing concern for the need to develop clean governance and to prevent corruption and crime at a transnational level; and

Acting on the principles of equality and reciprocity;

Hereby agree to the following:

Article 1

Competent Authorities

- 1.1. The competent authorities implementing this Agreement are:
- (a) The Agency Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice, Republic of China (Taiwan); and
 - (b) The Attorney General's Ministry, Office of the Solicitor General, Belize.

1.2. The Parties shall actively engage in exchange activities and co-operation in accordance with their respective domestic laws, as set out in the provisions of this Agreement and as required by their official responsibilities and functions.

Article 2

Purpose

The Parties shall develop co-operation on clean governance and combat transnational crime in accordance with the framework set out under this Agreement.

Article 3

Scope of Co-operation

The Parties agree to explore possibilities for co-operation in the following areas:

- (a) Mutual visits and exchanges of personnel;
- (b) The exchange of personnel for the purposes of study and research;
- (c) Training in the specialized skills required by anticorruption personnel;
- (d) Work experience exchanges and technical assistance;
- (e) The sharing and exchange of data and intelligence regarding clean governance and law enforcement;
- (f) Co-operation in combating transnational corruption and crime;
- (g) The implementation of co-operation in other matters agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 4

Forms of Co-operation

To implement this Agreement effectively, the Parties shall co-operate by the following methods:

- (a) Mutual official visits;
- (b) Inviting personnel to participate in training programs;
- (c) Providing consultations on law enforcement skills;
- (d) Protecting any information provided by the other Party pursuant to this Agreement from unauthorized disclosure;
- (e) Combating transnational corruption and crime by engaging in timely exchanges of information, co-operating on investigations, and conducting coordinated operations, among other things.

Article 5

Settlement of Disputes

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

Article 6

Relation of this Agreement to other International Instruments

This Agreement shall not prejudice the rights and obligations arising from other international instruments to which either country is party to.

Article 7

Expenses

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

Article 8

Language

The competent authorities, in the course of their co-operation in accordance with this Agreement, will use English as the medium of communication.

Article 9

Entry into Force, Termination, and Amendment

9.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature.

9.2 This Agreement shall continue to remain effective unless either Party chooses to terminate it, giving six months written notice to the other Party in advance.

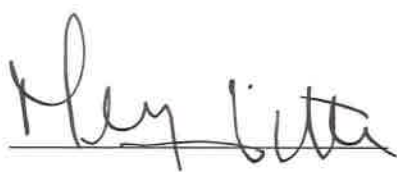
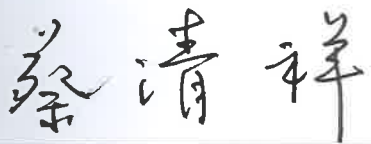
9.3 This Agreement may be amended by mutual consultation between the Parties.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Taipei, on the second day of July, two thousand and nineteen, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
Republic of China (Taiwan)

For the Government of Belize



Tsai, Ching-hsiang

Honourable Michael Peyrefitte

Minister of Justice

**Attorney General of Belize and
Minister of Legal Affairs**