

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS ON HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) takes great assurance in the appreciation expressed by both the people and the Government of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis on the successful implementation of the Human Resources Development Program (hereinafter referred to as "the Program") over the last twenty years;

WHEREAS the Program has contributed tremendously to the development of human resources and has benefitted both teachers and students in the Federation at all levels;

WHEREAS the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) is desirous of assisting the Federation in laying the foundation for its national development by nurturing professionals at the grass roots level;

AND DESIRING to deepen their cordial relations established since 1983 and strengthen the mutually beneficial cooperation in the area of human resources development;

NOW THEREFORE the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE

The Parties agree to extend the Program from 2019 to 2023.

ARTICLE 2 ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall provide an annual budget of up to one hundred and twenty thousand dollars United States Currency (US\$120,000.00) depending on the needs of the development programs of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, for such initiatives as student scholarships, teacher training, high school agricultural vocational training and other areas of training identified by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3 DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATIVE

- 3.1 For the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding and any activities in connection thereto the Government of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis will be represented by the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports and Culture (hereafter referred to as "the Ministry").
- 3.2 The Ministry shall be responsible for preparing and presenting proposals for development programs to be funded by the Program in each year.

ARTICLE 4 IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The Program shall be implemented according to the budget available in each year and the development program proposals identified for funding from the Program by the Parties after consultation with each other.
- 4.2 The specific details of any development program which shall be funded by the Program may be set forth in agreements supplemental to this Memorandum of Understanding, and the terms of which will be subject to the mutual approval of the Parties.
- 4.3 The Parties acknowledge and agree that, for the purpose of fulfilling their respective obligations pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding, they may share personal information of parties taking part in the development programs contemplated by this Memorandum of Understanding. The Parties mutually covenant and agree that they will treat any such personal information in strict compliance with their local law.

ARTICLE 5 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute that arises in connection with the application or interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding or any agreement contemplated by Article 4.2, shall be resolved by direct negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE 6 ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 6.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect on January 1, 2019, remain effective for five years, and expire on December 31, 2023.
- 6.2 This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.
- 6.3 This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by written notice of either Party, effective thirty (30) days after notice of termination has been given to the other Party.
- 6.4 The term of this Memorandum of Understanding may be extended by written agreement for such further period as the Parties may determine.

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

Done in duplicate in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic, in Basseterre on the 14 day of Ayur of the year of the Gregorian Calendar.

For the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

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St. Christopher and Nevis

For the Government of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis

Hon. Shawn K. Richards
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Minister of Education, Youth, Sport
and Culture of the Federation of
St. Christopher and Nevis