

**Memorandum of Understanding  
on the Establishment of Friendship  
between  
Province of Chiang Mai  
and  
Prefecture of Hokkaido**

The Province of Chiang Mai, Kingdom of Thailand, and the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

Guided by mutual aspiration toward the strengthening of understanding and goodwill between Chiang Mai and Hokkaido; and

Taking into consideration the already long existing contacts between them;

Have reached the common understanding as follows:

1. The Parties will, within their authority and the extent permitted by the laws and regulation in force in their respective countries, cooperate with each other to promote mutual prosperity and development on the basis of equality and mutual benefits;
2. The Parties will cooperate with each other in various fields compatible with their respective governments’ policies and international obligations;
3. The Parties will encourage their agencies concerned to maintain direct contacts with each other for the cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding. The Parties will also encourage

exchange of visits between their officials;

4. The Parties will consult each other regarding the modalities and program of cooperation in implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding by convening the annual meeting, or when necessary, to monitor and evaluate the achievement of joint projects as well as to ensure concrete results aid mutual benefits;
5. The Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect until either party give to the other six months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in Hokkaido on 26 February 2013 in two originals in the English language.

For Chiang Mai Province,  
Kingdom of Thailand

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