

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION FOR LEGAL AID SERVICES
BETWEEN
NATIONAL LAW DEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
MINISTRY OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND
RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES PROTECTION DEPARTMENT,
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND**

Rights and Liberties Protection Department, Ministry of Justice of the kingdom of Thailand and National Law Development Agency, Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia (hereinafter referred to singularly as the “the Party” and jointly as “the Parties”),

RECOGNIZING the importance of bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Republic of Indonesia,

DESIRING to enhance and deepen cooperation in the sphere of legal aid services in accordance with the generally recognized principles and rules of international law, and

CONSIDERING their mutual intention to develop cooperation in areas of common interest,

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree to cooperate as follows:

**Paragraph 1
Scope of Cooperation**

The Parties shall guarantee that the legal aid measures, available in accordance with the domestic laws and regulations of each country, are provided in every step of the civil and criminal procedure to a Thai or an Indonesian national during their stay in the other country. The Parties shall create opportunities for the people to have access to legal aid services, that are easily accessible, convenient, expedient, efficient, effective and sustainable, and produce maximum benefit to the people of both countries.

The target persons to be offered legal aid services shall be subject to the criteria identified in their national laws of each country.

The legal aid services will cover both civil and criminal cases.

The Parties will endeavor to cooperate within their purview and in compliance with their national laws of each country on the following areas:

- (a) Provide free legal consultation and legal representation;
- (b) Manage an active and effective referral system with the relevant institutions for further assistance;
- (c) Encourage and develop academic exchange in the areas of education and research;
- (d) Provide legal awareness to the identified target persons and the relevant institutions; and
- (e) Cooperate on any other areas of mutual interest that may be jointly decided upon by the Parties.

Paragraph 2 Forms of Cooperation

The cooperation in the areas referred to in Paragraph 1 may take the following forms:

- (a) exchange of delegations in the forms of conferences, seminars, and lectures on legal aid services activities of each Party;
- (b) exchange of information on the working-level legal aid services process; and
- (c) any other forms of cooperation that may be jointly decided upon by the Parties.

Paragraph 3 Contact Points

Rights and Liberties Protection Department, on behalf of the Ministry of Justice of the Kingdom of Thailand, and National Law Development Agency, on behalf of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia, will form a working group and designate direct contact points to facilitate effective cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Paragraph 4 Working Language

The Parties will use English as the working language in the context of cooperation under this MOU.

Paragraph 5
Expansion of Cooperation

This MOU will not prevent the Parties from specifying and developing other mutually acceptable areas and forms of cooperation outside this MOU.

Paragraph 6
Expenses

Each Party will bear its own expenses incurred in connection with the implementation of this MOU, within the scope of its domestic laws and regulations unless otherwise jointly decided upon by the Parties in each particular case.

Paragraph 7
Non-Binding

The Parties hereby recognize and understand that this MOU is not legally binding and that it will not affect any rights or obligations of the two countries under international law.

Paragraph 8
Dispute Resolution

Any differences or disputes arising from the construction, interpretation or application of this MOU will be amicably resolved through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Paragraph 9
Implementation

This MOU will be carried out within the framework of the respective laws, regulations and policy decisions of the two countries and subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel of the Parties.

Paragraph 10
Amendment

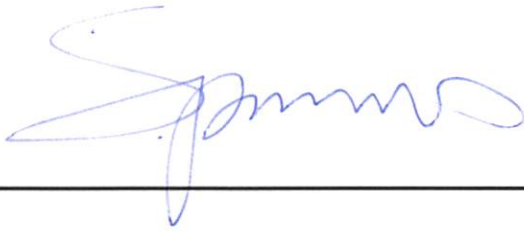
This MOU may be amended or supplemented by mutual consent in writing between the Parties in the form of a separate protocol which will constitute the integral part hereof.

Paragraph 11
Final Provisions

- 1) This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature.
- 2) This MOU will be terminated after three (3) months from the receipt of a written notice of termination by either Party to the other.

Signed in duplicate in *Bangkok, Thailand* on the *Wednesday 14 August 2019*, in English language.

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