# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MINISTRY OF AYUSH OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

The Ministry of AYUSH of the Republic of India and the National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine (NATCM) of the People's Republic of China (henceforth "the Parties") desiring cooperation in the field of traditional medicine.

Being aware of the importance and levels of development reached by India and China in the field of Traditional Medicine, and focusing on people's health and well beings, have reached the following understanding:

# **Article 1**

The Parties shall co-operate mutually for promoting traditional

medicine in the field of medical services, education, scientific research and culture according to regulations and policies in their own countries on the basis of mutual benefit and equality.

The Parties shall promote the development of Traditional Medicine in two countries' healthcare systems. The cooperation projects and the undertaking institutions will be further identified by Parties.

# **Article 2**

The Parties shall develop communication and cooperation on policies, regulations and administration of Traditional Medicine in both countries and promote cooperation in traditional medicine standardization and development of internationally acceptable quality and safety evaluation parameters for traditional medicinal products.

### **Article 3**

The Parties will back up the initiatives of India and China for conducting collaborative research studies on Traditional Medicine in identified universities and scientific institutions, including the research on usage, safety and efficacy of Traditional Medicine; for harmonization of pharmacopoeia standards in India and China.

# **Article 4**

The Parties shall provide short-term communication and training opportunities for staff in medical administration and research and medical practitioners.

# **Article 5**

The Parties shall exchange relevant documents derived from this joint initiative and to organize bipartite annual conference or meetings alternatively in India and China with invitation for such events from the host country to review the progress of implementation of this MoU and for evaluation of results of collaborative programs.

# **Article 6**

Each Party will bear expenditure on international travel, accommodation and daily allowances of members of their delegation. The host country will make arrangements for meetings and transportation within their jurisdiction.

### **Article 7**

In case of any dispute arising out of the implementation of this MoU, the same will be resolved by mutual consultation and

negotiations by the Parties.

# **Article 8**

This MoU shall come into force on the date of its signing and remain in force for five (5) years. It may be extended, if the Parties so agree, for a similar period of five (5) years. Either party may terminate the MoU by giving a written notice of its intention to terminate it at least six (6) months before the date of expiry.

In witness where of the following representatives of India and China have signed this MoU in Beijing on August 12, 2019 in three originals each in Hindi, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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