

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
FOR  
THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE  
SITE OF MY SON, QUANG NAM PROVINCE,  
VIET NAM**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

Desiring to deepen the traditional friendship relation and strategic partnership between the two countries;

Recognising the common interest of both countries to cooperate in the field of conservation and restoration of the Group of Temple in the World heritage site of My Son, Quang Nam Province, Viet Nam;

Agreeing with the proposal of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam requesting India's expertise and assistance for restoration of Temples in My Son;

Considering the 'Initial conservation Report and Project Plan' of May, 2011 prepared by the Archaeological Survey of India;

Have reached the following Understanding:

**Article 1**

The Parties will implement measures for conservation and restoration of the Group of Temple in the World heritage site of My Son, Quang Nam Province. The project proposal details will be finalized through mutual consultations. However, it is agreed that conservation of the Group of Temples shall be undertaken.

**Article 2**

For the Vietnamese side, the authority is the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and for the Indian side, the authority is the Archaeological Survey of India (hereinafter referred to as ASI).

The project will be implemented by the ASI on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India in direct coordination with the Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Quang Nam Province, Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Viet Nam, the Provincial People's

Committee of Quang Nam have the responsibility to supervise Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Quang Nam in coordinating and implementing the project.

### **Article 3**

(a) The Indian side will cover the expenses of the conservation and embellishment for conservation and restoration of the Group of Temples in the World heritage site of My Son, Quang Nam Province. The total project cost is estimated to be around 160 million Indian Rupees.

(b) The Indian side will provide technical experts and bear the cost of international air travel and salaries and allowances for experts from India.

(c) Moreover, the Indian side will cover the cost of purchasing and transporting necessary equipments and materials required for the project implementation, as well as all expenses for various studies for conducting investigations, analysis and preparation of design reports related to structural and hydrological issues of the temple site in My Son. The salaries and allowances, etc., for one (01) Vietnamese person as the Project Director/Project Coordinator, one (01) English speaking archaeologist, one (01) English speaking architect, one (01) interpreter and one (01) chauffeur and fifteen (15) number unskilled labourers for on-site work shall also be paid by the Indian side.

(d) The expenses comprising of the purchase of a multi-functional vehicle for the ASI working group, cost for running vehicle and daily-expenses such as electricity, water, telephone, internet, project maintenance expenses for the period of 5 years shall be arranged by the Indian side till the completion of the project.

### **Article 4**

The Vietnamese side will ensure the following:

(a) Exempt import taxes of any kind applicable in Viet Nam shall be levied on the import of any material or equipment from India necessary for the implementation of the project. At the end of the project implementation period, the imported equipments and materials would be allowed to be brought out of Viet Nam. If the goods are sold in Viet Nam, taxes which were exempted in accordance with the provisions of current laws of Viet Nam would have to be paid.

(b) Provide skilled workers as well as unskilled labourers shall be selected and appointed by the Vietnamese side in consultation with the Project Leader of ASI team or his representative (except 15 people regularly covered by the Indian side) to operate the site of the project. Viet Nam side will be responsible for all expenses of 100 workers in maximum.

(c) Entry passes for Indian personnel, visiting delegations, inspecting teams, experts and the Indian Embassy staff be administratively by the Vietnamese side to facilitate their visits, etc., to the project site as and when required in accordance with laws and regulations of Viet Nam.

(d) Suitable accommodation for the Indian team with proper facilities and the storage of materials near the Project site in My Son, shall be arranged by the Vietnamese side without any cost from the Indian side.

#### **Article 5**

The Parties will consult each other as and when required to explore the possibilities of securing further expertise, co-operation and assistance from other sources.

#### **Article 6**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties. The amendment shall form and integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Any difference arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

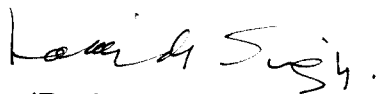
The Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of its signing and shall remain valid till the completion of the project.

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

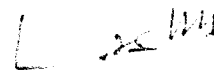
Signed at New Delhi on 28 October 2014 in two originals, in English language.

For the Government of  
the Republic of India

For the Government of  
the Socialist Republic of  
Vietnam



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