

法規名稱：AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE ON COOPERATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL SKILLS

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The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to as the “ Parties ”) ;

Desiring to further strengthen the friendly relations existing between the two countries and of promoting technical cooperation in public health and medical skills;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Objectives

The Parties recognize that improving public health and medical skills can enhance public health and medical care functions, and people ’ s health and competitiveness, in order to ensure national sustainable development. Under this common understanding, the Parties will cooperate in the field of public health and medical skills, with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) applying its medical skills and experience of prevention and cure in public health to assist the Government of Belize in improving the health status of the Belizean public and in strengthening the capacity of public health systems.

Article II

Application and Scope

Each Article covered by this Agreement will apply to projects initiated by the Parties once this Agreement has been signed.

Article III

Contents of Cooperation

1. Public health, disease prevention, clinical services, and skills transfer are the main priorities. The preventive activities of public health and medicine provided by public health institutions will include, but will not be limited to health education, disease screening, and clinical services, planned and implemented by taking into consideration the needs of the Government of Belize. Related policy consultation and assistance in formulating corresponding laws and regulations will also be provided.
2. Medical personnel capacity building:
Qualified personnel related to the field of medicine, nursing, medical screening, nutrition, public health, and health administration specialized in critical diseases, principal medical specialties, health administration and/or areas encountering difficulties in recruitment, will be recommended by the Government of Belize for participation in relevant training programs, building capacity in disease prevention, cure and screening skills, community healthcare, and health administration.
3. Construction of disease data analysis and tracking mechanisms:
A mechanism for tracking and managing particular diseases will be established based on the public health structure of Belize.

Article IV

Cooperative Models

1. The Parties will discuss possible cooperative projects by means of non-scheduled dialogues at different levels.
2. Based upon this Agreement, any subsequent document required for any cooperative project will be done by an exchange of letters detailing the conditions of each such project and the obligations of the Parties.
3. For disbursements, transfers or other financial processes relevant to implementing cooperative projects, the Parties

agree to open accounts in Belize Dollars, such accounts being denoted by project title and operated in accordance with the prevailing laws of Belize.

4. All funds deposited in such accounts shall be used only for their respective cooperative projects in accordance with the exclusion principle. The handling of any and all such accounts shall be in compliance with the management rules and regulations drawn up by the Parties.
5. The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Ministry of Health, Belize, designated by the Parties as competent authorities, are jointly responsible for the management, supervision and coordination of the implementation of technical cooperation under this Agreement, in order to fulfill their commitments.

Article V

Obligations of the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

1. Dispatch project managers, long- and short-term experts, and technicians with a public health and medical professional background to Belize to carry out the described objectives.
2. Pay the salaries and medical insurance of the abovementioned personnel during their service in Belize.
3. Defray the travel expenses of the abovementioned personnel between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Belize;
4. Defray the cost of machines, equipment and supplies provided by the Republic of China (Taiwan) needed for the relevant technical cooperation.

Article VI

Obligations of the Government of Belize

1. Provide necessary human and material resources to support project implementation and pay the salaries and allowances of the project personnel from Belize.
2. Complying with the prevailing laws of Belize, exempt from all import, customs and other duties and taxes as well as import

licensing inspection procedures on the machines, equipment and vehicles relevant to the cooperative projects, and pay for the customs clearance, storage and transportation of such items.

3. Provide office space appropriate for each project.
4. Provide residential space with furniture, water and power for the project manager.
5. Adopt appropriate measures to ensure the personal safety of, and make emergency medical care and first aid readily available to, the project personnel dispatched by the Republic of China (Taiwan) .
6. Per the needs of the implementation of cooperative projects, grant the project personnel dispatched by the Republic of China (Taiwan) and their dependents the following treatments during their service in Belize:
 - (1) The facilitation of visa applications, entry into, departure from and residence in Belize, and the issuance of appropriate identification documents;
 - (2) Exemption from all residential and local taxes, and income tax on salaries;
 - (3) Exemption from all importation and customs taxes and other duties on personal and household goods imported from overseas;
 - (4) Granting of privileges, conveniences and exemptions the same as that Belize accords the personnel of specialized agencies of the United Nations, as well as exemptions on sales tax and taxes incurred on any transfers of property.

Article VII

Utilization of Information and Confidentiality

1. Information relating to the projects under this Agreement shall not be disclosed without the prior written approval of the other party.
2. The dissemination and utilization of information, and the management and exercise of intellectual property rights,

related to the projects under this Agreement, shall be governed by separate agreements.

3. Neither the termination nor expiration of this Agreement will invalidate any confidentiality obligations regulated herein.

Article VIII

Dispute Resolution

All disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement will be settled through negotiation by the Parties in good faith.

Article IX

Entry into Force, Amendment and Termination

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and remain effective for five years, and will automatically be extended for successive periods of the same duration of validity upon its expiration.
2. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be done by the mutual written consent of the Parties.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party with a notice in writing, with such termination becoming effective after six months of such notice.

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

DONE in duplicate at Belize, on the tenth day of February, two thousand and fifteen, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of
the Republic of China
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For the Government of
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