

**法規名稱：**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ST. KITTS AND NEVIS ON COOPERATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL SKILLS

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The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis (hereinafter referred to as the “ Parties ” );

DESIRING to further strengthen the friendly relations existing between the two countries and promote technical cooperation in public health and medical skills;

RECOGNISING that improving public health, medical care and medical skills can enhance public health and competitiveness, thereby contributing to national sustainable development;

Have agreed as follows:

#### Article I

##### Objectives

The Parties will cooperate in the field of public health through the sharing of medical skills, with the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) applying its medical skills and experience to assist the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis in strengthening the capacity of the public health system thereby assisting to improve the health of the people of the Federation.

#### Article II

##### Application

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

#### Article III

## Scope 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 taking into consideration the needs of the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. Assistance will also be provided in the formulation of related policy.
2. Medical personnel capacity building: Qualified personnel related to the field of medicine, nursing, medical screening, nutrition, public health, and health administrators with specialisation in critical diseases, principal medical specialties, health administration and/or areas encountering difficulties in recruitment, will be recommended by the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis 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 the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

## Article IV

### Competent Authorities

The Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Ministry of Health of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis are designated by the Parties as competent authorities and are jointly responsible for the management, supervision and coordination of the implementation of technical cooperation under this Agreement.

## Article V

### Cooperative Models

1. The Parties will discuss possible cooperative projects by means of non-scheduled dialogues at different levels.
2. Any subsequent document required for any cooperative project as agreed by the Parties based on this Agreement shall be done by an exchange of letters detailing the conditions of each such project and the obligations of the Parties.
3. The Parties agree to open accounts in Eastern Caribbean Dollars for disbursements, transfer or other financial processes relevant to implementing cooperative projects and such accounts shall be denoted by project title and operated in accordance with the prevailing laws of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.
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.

## Article VI

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

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

## Article VII

### Obligations of the Government of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis

1. Provide necessary human and material resources to support project implementation and pay the salaries and allowances of the project personnel from the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.
2. In compliance with the prevailing laws of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, exempt from all import, customs and other duties and taxes as well as import and licensing inspection procedures, 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 personnel safety of, and make emergency medical care and first aid readily available to, the project personnel dispatched by the Republic of China (Taiwan).
6. In accordance with 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 the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis:
  - (1) The facilitation of visa applications, entry into, departure from and residence in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis;
  - (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 personnel and household goods imported from overseas;
  - (4) Granting of privileges, conveniences and exemptions the same as that the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis accords the

personnel of specialized agencies of the United Nations, as well as exemptions on sales taxes incurred on any transfer of property.

#### Article VIII

##### Utilization of Information and Confidentiality

1. Information relating to the projects under this Agreement shall not be disclosed by any Party 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 obligations in relation to non-disclosure outlined herein.

#### Article IX

##### Dispute Resolution

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

#### Article X

##### 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 by notice in writing, with such termination becoming effective six months after such notice.



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

DONE in duplicate at Basseterre, on January 11, 2017 in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

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