

**THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SPORTS AND TOURISM OF THE  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
2022 – 2025**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties");

With the common aim of strengthening the friendship and mutual understanding between the two peoples;

Have agreed to sign the Cultural Exchange Program for the period of 2022-2025 with the following provisions:

**Article 1**

The Parties shall encourage and develop cultural relations on the basis of respecting each other's sovereignty and domestic laws.

**Article 2**

The Parties shall promote cultural exchange and cooperation through arts exhibitions, exchanges between cultural and arts troupes, folk arts exchanges, and art performance activities in each country.

The Parties shall participate in the festivals held in the other's country upon the invitations and according to the conditions and agenda by the festival organizers.

The Parties shall welcome the other's experts to participate in international conferences on culture and arts.

The Parties shall invite each other to participate in international films festivals organized in each country.

The Parties shall encourage non-commercial exchange of feature films and documentaries between the two countries, film collaboration and exchanges of delegations of film experts, actors and actresses.

The Parties shall share information on legal frameworks and experience in cultural heritage protection and promotion. The Parties shall provide translated updated laws and regulations on cultural heritage import and export of their respective country and share practical experience on protecting cultural heritages and preventing them from illegal trafficking.

### **Article 3**

On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Viet Nam and India (1972 - 2022), the Parties shall coordinate to organize the following activities:

- "Viet Nam Culture Week in India" and "India Culture Week in Viet Nam" at the date mutually agreed by both Parties.
- Yoga performances in provinces and cities of Viet Nam.

### **Article 4**

All the specific conditions for organizing exchanges and activities under this Exchange Program, including: purpose, date and time, content, venue, participating partners, budget, etc., shall be discussed and agreed by the Parties on each specific case.

### **Article 5**

The timing of the visits of delegations shall be decided on the basis of mutual consultation two months prior to each visit. The sending Party shall inform the receiving Party of the detailed list of delegation and other relevant information two months prior to the departure of the delegation.

The Parties shall exchange, if necessary, delegations not covered in the Program, on the basis of mutual agreement. Details shall be determined through mutual consultation between the two Parties and a concrete program shall be formulated.

### **Article 6**

All the activities and exchanges under this Cultural Exchange Program shall be implemented on the principle of reciprocity.

### **Article 7**

Any dispute or disagreement arising from the interpretation or the implementation of this Program shall be resolved mutually through negotiation between the two Parties.

The modifications and amendments, if any, shall be included in the Program after the written consent of both the Parties. The modifications and amendments will form an integral part of this Cultural Exchange Program upon date of its signing by the Parties.

### Article 8

This Cultural Exchange Program shall come into effect from the date of its signing and remain in effect until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

Each Party can terminate this Cultural Exchange Program by informing to the other Party in writing six months in advance. Termination of the validity of the Cultural Exchange Program shall not affect the validity and duration of the ongoing activities, Programs, projects implemented under this Cultural Exchange Program till the completion of those activities, Programs, projects, unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.

Signed at New Delhi on 15 December 2022 in two originals in English.

On behalf of  
the Ministry of Culture of the  
Republic of India

On behalf of  
the Ministry Culture Sports and  
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Vietnam



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