MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, ARTS AND SPORTS

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, hereafter jointly referred to as "the Governments",

Desiring to promote the development and strengthening of their traditional friendly relations,

Declaring their intention to develop and strengthen friendship and cooperation between the Governments and peoples in the fields of culture, arts and sports,

Have reached the following understanding:

I - Objective

The Governments, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force, will encourage and develop cooperation in the fields of culture, arts and sports.

II - Areas of Cooperation

- 1. The Governments will promote cultural exchanges to stimulate cooperation and support the development of relations between the cultural and sports institutions of the two Governments.
- 2. Each Government will receive nationals recommended by the other Government for study, training, carrying out research work and specialization in its cultural and sports institutions. The details of the study and training programmes in this paragraph will be detailed in a separate agreement between the relevant institutions of the Governments.

III - Giving Effect to the Memorandum of Understanding

The two Governments will take all appropriate measures to provide all possible facilities for giving effect to the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

IV-Joint Consultative Committee

- For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Governments will set up a Joint Consultative Committee consisting of an equal number of representatives from each Government.
- 2. The composition of the Joint Consultative Committee will be left to each Government to decide.
- 3. The objectives of the Joint Consultative Committee will be:
 - a. to formulate a detailed programme of exchanges, and
 - b. to keep under periodic review the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- 4. The Joint Consultative Committee will meet as and when necessary alternately in Brunei Darussalam and India.

V- Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute between the Governments concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation.

VI- Effective Date, Termination and Amendments

- 1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signing and will be valid for a period of five years.
- 2. It will thereafter be automatically renewed for further periods of one year at a time unless either Government terminates it by giving notification to the other in writing at least six months prior to its expiration. Such termination will not affect ongoing projects or training unless decided otherwise by the Governments.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by mutual consent. Such amendments will be made in writing and will come onto effect on such date as mutually decided upon by the Governments.

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

Signed at New Delhi this 22nd day of May, 2008 in two Originals in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS MAJESTY THE SULTAN AND YANG DI-PERTUAN OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

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