

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between



ASEAN FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (AFA)



and

**SOUTH ASIAN FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS
(SAFA)**

This MEMORANDUM of Understanding ("MOU") is made at (place) on (date).

1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1 AFA was established in March, 1977 to serve as the umbrella organization for the national associations of accounting professionals of the member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).
- 1.2 SAFA was formed in the year 1984 as an alliance of accountancy bodies in South Asian Region and is committed to positioning, maintaining and developing the accountancy profession in South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) Region.
- 1.3 Considering the present global scenario, both parties recognize the need for bilateral cooperation in the sharing of technical expertise, information and ideas as well as for the harmonization of accountancy profession at a time where the forces of globalization have impacted in increasing integration of world between themselves and between their member bodies.
- 1.4 Both SAFA and AFA are desirous of arriving at a mutually beneficial cooperation and understanding between both parties and their respective member bodies on the various issues relating to the accountancy profession in both ASEAN and SAARC respectively as set out in this Memorandum.

2 OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THIS MEMORANDUM

- 2.1 This Memorandum has been developed in the equal partnership and represents an opportunity for the shared development of the accountancy profession and as a source of mutual improvement in ASEAN and SAARC.
- 2.2 The objectives of this Memorandum are to develop and promote interests relevant to the accountancy profession in harmony with the objectives of AFA and SAFA, and thereby facilitating closer co-operation in commerce and trade between the two regions and between the members of AFA and SAFA.
- 2.3 Without limiting the scope of this Memorandum, the following have been identified as possible areas of co-operation between the parties:
 - 2.3.1 Knowledge-sharing initiatives between both parties through the sharing of technical expertise and joint research and studies,
 - 2.3.2 Facilitating bilateral interaction and cooperation between their respective member bodies on areas of mutual interest,
 - 2.3.3 Establishing a medium for interaction, networking and cooperation amongst the accountants of both region, and
 - 2.3.4 Organizing joint seminars and conferences on common issues relevant to the accountancy profession in both regions and ensuring the participation of accountants from its respective member bodies

3 IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 The parties will establish a Joint Committee comprising equal number of representatives from both parties, to review and implement initiatives pursuant to this Memorandum and whenever necessary, to resolve in the spirit of co-operation and mutual trust, any difficulties, disputes or misunderstandings that may arise.
- 3.2 The Joint Committee will meet from time to time as often as required or as mutually determined by the parties.
- 3.3 The parties will undertake to make detailed arrangements for the development and implementation of specific plans and programmes. Each party will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of its side of such plans and programmes.

- 3.4 The parties may determine to co-operate in addressing an issue of mutual interest to them upon such terms as may be agreed. Either party may decide to act independently with respect to an issue, but in the spirit of co-operation will keep the other party informed of such a decision.

4 FUNDING

- 4.1 Funding of each agreed initiative or activity under this memorandum will be negotiated and agreed separately at the Joint Committee by both parties and the implementation of such initiative is subject to written confirmation or agreement by the parties.

5 REVIEW

- 5.1 The parties agree to review the terms of this Memorandum on a periodic basis and to modify or amend the same as may be necessary.

6 NOTICE

- 6.1 Any notice or communication required by the terms of this Memorandum may be forwarded by either party to the address of the other party as stated in this Memorandum or such other address as may from time to time be advised in writing to the parties.
- 6.2 For the purpose of this Memorandum, the Secretary General of AFA and the Permanent Secretary of SAFA will be the designated contact persons of their respective body for each of the initiatives under this Memorandum. The Parties may, from time to time assign another person as the contact person for a particular initiative, by giving the other party prior written notice.

7 EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

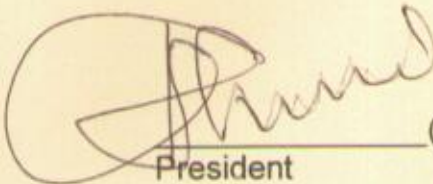
- 7.1 This Memorandum shall come into effect from the date of signing by both parties.
- 7.2 Both parties agree that their intent is that this Memorandum be continuous and that they will be in regular contact with each other at the appropriate level to discuss and resolve any issues that may arise during the review process.

7.3 Either party may terminate this Memorandum by giving 12 months notice to the other party. However, both parties agree that such termination notice would include conditions that would ensure that any ongoing joint activity by both bodies pursuant to this Memorandum is not disadvantaged.

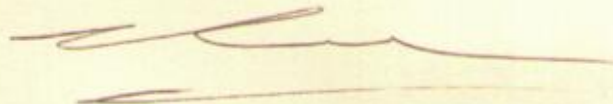
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AND IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THEM BY THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBER BODIES, THE FOLLOWING HANDS AND SEALS ARE APPENDED HERETO ON THE DAY AND DATE: _____

For and on behalf of
South Asian Federation of
Accountants

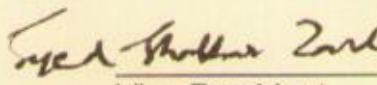
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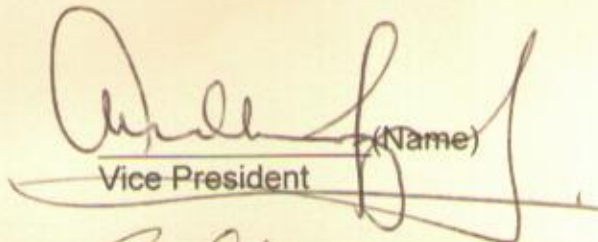
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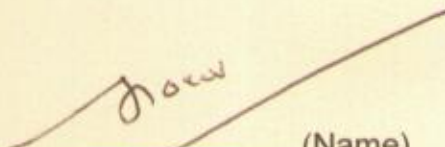
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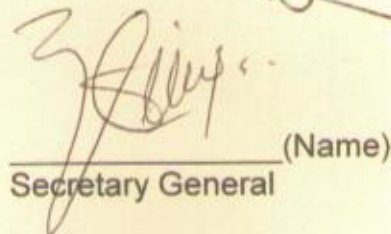
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