

JOINT ACTION PROGRAM

for the period 2016-2018

**for the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding
on Cooperation in the Field of Tourism between
the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Kingdom of Thailand
and
the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs
of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

The Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Tourism Development and Christian Religious Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

Governed by the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Tourism between the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka ;

The Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Tourism between the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Ministry of Economic Development of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, signed in Colombo on May 31, 2013,

Aiming to strengthen friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries in the field of tourism,

Contributing to the economic and tourism development of both countries,

Accept this Joint Action Program for the period 2016-2018 (hereinafter referred to as the "Program").

1. In the field of tourism exchange:

1.1 The Parties will assist to expand tourist flow between the Kingdom of Thailand and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka;

2. In the field of national tourism promotion:

2.1 The Parties will assist in organizing familiarization trips for experts and mass media specialized in the field of tourism;

2.2 The Parties will exchange statistics and other information related to tourism, including the information on tourism infrastructure development;

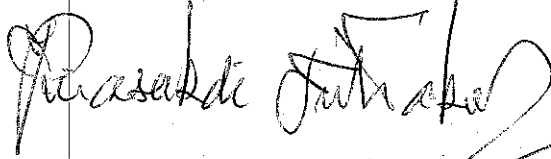
3. In the field of tourism education and training in the sphere of tourism:

3.1 The Parties will exchange the information and experts between the tourist organizations of both countries to further educate and upgrade professional skills of the tourism industry professional.

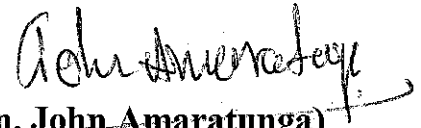
This Joint Action Program is not an international treaty and does not create any rights or obligations regulated by international law, and will be implemented in accordance with the legal regulations of both countries.

This Joint Action Program will be effective from the date of its signing till December 31, 2018.

Done at Colombo on the 09th March 2016 in duplicate, in the English language.



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