



REAFFIRMATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WASHINGTON, D.C.

AND

BANGKOK, THAILAND

In recognition of the close and cordial ties of friendship between the Kingdom of Thailand and the United States of America that date back to 1833 when the Treaty of Amity and Commerce was signed between both nations, and in celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Resolution Sister Cities Affiliation to further the traditional links of friendship between Bangkok, Thailand and Washington, D.C., His Excellency Samak Sundaravej, Governor of Bangkok, and the Honorable Anthony A. Williams, Mayor of the District of Columbia, do hereby reaffirm to the following:

#### Article 1

Both Cities shall continue to support activities at the people-to-people level and to promote cultural exchanges and economic cooperation between the two cities.

#### Article 2

Both Cities shall explore and promote new business relations and investment opportunities through the exchange of information and ideas. In addition, both cities will facilitate support to business representatives in their commercial and business ventures between Bangkok and Washington, D.C., with a view to developing business and commercial collaboration, and will offer their services and expertise to entrepreneurs in both cities and countries.

#### Article 3

Both Cities shall endeavor to consolidate the friendship and relationship between the two cities through promoting and exchanging cultural activities. Annual events in both cities will help to increase the knowledge and understanding of both cultures and people.

#### Article 4

Both Cities shall encourage and promote various exchange activities in the fields of education by establishing contacts with institutions in the field of science and technology, sports, health, youth and other areas that will contribute to the further development of friendship between the people of our two cities.

#### Article 5

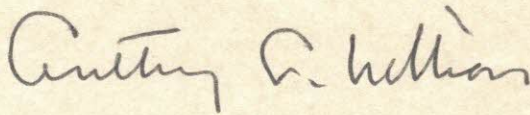
The two cities agree to establish a joint and working Steering Committee that will promote and monitor the exchange of ideas and strategies; and will facilitate all planned and anticipated actions between both cities. To the extent possible, representatives from both cities will meet annually and alternately in Bangkok, Thailand and Washington, D.C. To facilitate communication between each city, representatives will participate in regularly scheduled video teleconferences between the respective parties; and will report on progress and set new timetables and goals for the future years.

## Article 6

Both cities shall designate offices and appoint Coordinators who will monitor the exchange of ideas and strategies; and who will help to facilitate timely communication between both cities. Both Coordinators will report to an office or division head that has direct communication to the Executive Office of the Governor of Bangkok and to the Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia. For the District of Columbia, the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) of the District of Columbia is designated as the office having oversight responsibility for the Agreement. For the City of Bangkok, Thailand, the Permanent Secretary for the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration is the designated individual for this oversight responsibility. Both offices will report to the Executive Office of the Mayor and the Governor of Bangkok, respectively.

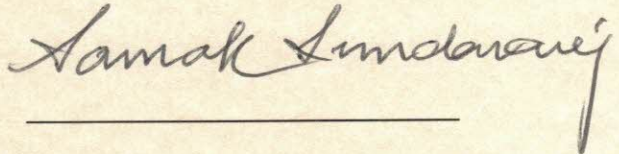
This Agreement will be implemented for a period not to exceed five-years and will take effect on the date of its signature. This Agreement will be drawn up in two original copies in the English language.

Signed in Washington, D.C. on July 15, 2002.



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Anthony A. Williams  
Mayor  
District of Columbia



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His Excellency Samak Sundaravej  
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